

# CHD Launches Immediate Legal Challenge Against NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio's Forced-Vaccination Order

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**BREAKING: NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio Orders Forced Vaccinations in Brooklyn**

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Just days after the New York Supreme Court [struck down a ban on unvaccinated children in Rockland County](#), New York, after declaring a state of emergency over a measles outbreak, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has taken even more drastic actions in certain Jewish populated neighborhoods in Brooklyn, ordering forced vaccinations for measles.

*"There's no question that vaccines are safe, effective and life-saving," de Blasio said. "I urge everyone, especially those in affected areas, to get their MMR vaccines to protect their children, families and communities."*

There have been no reported deaths due to measles anywhere in the United States this year.

The Mayor's order goes beyond what Rockland County Supervisor Ed Day ordered, and includes EVERYONE who is unvaccinated within zip codes 11205, 11206, 11221 and 11249 which are part of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, to be vaccinated within 48 hours.

From the order:

*IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who lives, works or resides within the 11205, 11206, 11221 and/or 11249 zip codes and who has not received the MMR vaccine within forty eight (48) hours of this Order being signed by me shall be vaccinated against measles unless such person can demonstrate immunity to the disease or document to the satisfaction of the Department that he or she should be medically exempt from this requirement.*

According to WCBS radio in New York:

*Members of the city's Health Department will check the vaccination records of any individual who may have been in contact with infected patients.*

*Those who have not received the vaccine or do not have evidence of immunity may be given a violation and could be fined \$1,000.*

Health Department Banning Unvaccinated Students from School

According to Spectrum News NY1:

*"The school will be held responsible if an unvaccinated child is there. In that case, there can be fines levied," said Mayor Bill de Blasio.*

*Mayor de Blasio says the health department is now issuing what's called Commissioner Orders to force yeshivas and childcare centers in Williamsburg to comply.*

*"If a school does not address this situation in short order, there's even the option for the Health Commissioner to have the school close down," De Blasio said.*

State Sen. David Carlucci is pushing legislation that would

end most exemptions for vaccinations for children going to school.

*“If you have a medical exemption and a doctor signs off on it, then that is totally fine. But we have to stop this practice of allowing people to opt out of the vaccination process,” Carlucci said. ([Source.](#))*

Watch the announcement:

*Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and [Children’s Health Defense](#) have joined the legal response to this order, and issued the following Press Release:*

### **CHD Launches Immediate Legal Challenge Against New York City’s Public Health Emergency Due to Measles**

**In an unprecedented move, the New York City Health Commissioner on April 9, 2019 has imposed an emergency forced vaccination order, requiring ALL people living in four Brooklyn zip codes to receive the MMR vaccine (if they do not have proof of immunity or medical contraindication) within 48 hours or risk criminal and civil penalties. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio made the announcement.**

**New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said today that it’s “legally questionable” whether people can be forced to get vaccinated if it violates their religious beliefs.**

*“Look it’s a serious public health concern, but it’s also a serious First Amendment issue and it is going to be a constitutional, legal question,” Cuomo said.*

*“Do we have the right – does society, government have the right to say ‘you must vaccinate your child because I’m afraid your child is going to infect my child, even if you don’t want it done and even if it violates your religious beliefs?’ So that is, that’s an issue that’s going to be*

*legally questionable and I'm sure it's going to go down that path," Cuomo added.*

Children's Health Defense is supporting a legal effort to restrain this order immediately. Vaccination choice is a human right. While New York City unquestionably has the authority to isolate infectious individuals, and even to quarantine them, and to exclude unvaccinated children from schools during an outbreak in that school, it does not have the authority to require vaccination for all individuals on the basis of zip codes with vaccines that explicitly carry the risk of death. This government overreach requires challenge.

Thank you for your support.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and the CHD Team

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