

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates  
March 31, 2020

## Federal Resources

For important updates and statistics on what is happening nationally, you may visit the following:

- CDC:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
- USA.GOV:  
<https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>
- White House:  
[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)
- Food and Drug Administration:  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

## State Resources

For updates on what is happening in New York, you may visit the following:

- State Department of Health:  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>
- State Department of Education:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/coronavirus.html>
- Governor:  
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/>

## Overview

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a new Coronavirus (2019 Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19) was first detected in China and is now spreading across the world, including New York State. This document is intended to provide the latest information that is available from **government sources only** in order to allow you to answer questions related to the latest developments regarding COVID-19.

For more information call the New York State Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

## Local Impact

Everyone is encouraged to stay in regular contact with State and local officials for the most up-to-date protocols and announcements on Coronavirus.

## Telehealth Services

Telehealth services may be beneficial to individuals experiencing Coronavirus symptoms and are unsure what to do. Individuals are advised to check with their health insurance providers to see if telehealth services are available. Utilizing telehealth services can reduce ER visits and allow individuals to access the advice of health care professionals from the safety of their own home.

## CDC Important Information (Click on Title)

[How it Spreads](#)

[Symptoms](#)

[Steps to Prevent Illness](#)

[What to Do if You are Sick](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Number of Nationwide Cases](#)

## LATEST POSITIVE CASES IN NEW YORK STATE

(AS OF MARCH 31, 2020 AT 3:28PM)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	226	New York City	43,139
Allegany County	7	Oneida County	40
Broome County	38	Onondaga County	194
Cattaraugus County	6	Ontario County	22
Cayuga County	3	Orange County	1,556
Chautauqua County	6	Orleans County	6
Chemung County	20	Oswego County	15
Chenango County	19	Otsego County	18
Clinton County	21	Putnam County	186
Columbia County	30	Rensselaer County	41
Cortland County	8	Rockland County	2,863
Delaware County	16	Saratoga County	108
Dutchess County	484	Schenectady County	85
Erie County	438	Schoharie County	6
Essex County	4	Schuyler County	2
Franklin County	9	Seneca County	2
Fulton County	1	St. Lawrence County	30
Genesee County	10	Steuben County	24
Greene County	16	Suffolk County	6,713
Hamilton County	2	Sullivan County	109
Herkimer County	12	Tioga County	7
Jefferson County	12	Tompkins County	66
Lewis County	2	Ulster County	211
Livingston County	18*	Warren County	18
Madison County	41	Washington County	10
Monroe County	292	Wayne County	19
Montgomery County	7	Westchester County	9,967
Nassau County	8,544	Wyoming County	9
Niagara County	42		

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 75,795**

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

\*REPORTED BY COUNTY NOT NYS DOH

## State News Updates

March 31, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and provided the following information:**
  - 1,550 deaths up from 1,218 yesterday.
  - How the State is planning for frontline hospitals:
    - Follow projections of experts.
    - Procure equipment based on projections.
    - Identify beds.
    - Ensure there is enough support staff.
  - Governor is tired of being behind the virus, and feels everyone underestimated the virus. Need to plan forward to fight the main battle at the apex of the curve:
    - Plan now with a staffing plan and an equipment stockpile for the apex.
      - Need a social acceptance of the time expectations: this will not end soon.
  - Hospital system:
    - Met with the entire State hospital system yesterday:
      - Plan to function as one system that includes 160+ hospitals and health systems, and 11 public hospitals in New York City.
    - There is an added complexity with the new federal beds that were added by the Army Corps of Engineers.
    - The State knows what hospitals are stressed, and Elmhurst Hospital is being overburdened.
      - According to the Governor, the chain is broken in the hospital system.
  - New Comprehensive Hospital Plan with a central coordinating team consisting of the Department of Health, Westchester, Greater New York Hospital Association, the Health Care Association of New York State, New York City, and Long Island:
    - 1. Facilities:
      - Greatest capacity problem is staff: will bring upstate medical staff to downstate.
      - Transfers from impacted to less impacted hospitals:
        - Balance load among hospitals within systems.
        - Eventually look at transferring patients to VA hospitals, and from downstate to upstate.
        - Transfer to field hospitals built by the Federal Government.
    - 2. Staffing:
      - 78,500 retirees and others signed up.
      - Upstate to downstate sharing.
      - Other states to New York State (online portal live today).
    - 3. Supplies:
      - Ventilators:
        - 6,500 existing downstate.
        - 4,400 Federal.
        - 800 State Stockpile.
        - 17,000 ordered.
        - 2,750 BiPAP machines ordered.
    - 4. PPE
      - Unknown what is on hand and exists within the system. NYS stockpile:
        - 1.5 million N-95 masks, 3.6 million surgical masks, 1.68 million exam gloves, 240,000 gowns, 188,000 face shields.