

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
May 21, 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
- 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

(DATA AS OF MAY 20, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	1,700	Niagara County	880
Allegany County	44	Oneida County	817
Bronx County	43,603	Onondaga County	1,771
Broome County	451	Ontario County	176
Cattaraugus County	71	Orange County	10,092
Cayuga County	72	Orleans County	174
Chautauqua County	58	Oswego County	92
Chemung County	134	Otsego County	67
Chenango County	118	Putnam County	1,175
Clinton County	94	Queens County	60,025
Columbia County	355	Rensselaer County	456
Cortland County	36	Richmond County	13,140
Delaware County	71	Rockland County	12,877
Dutchess County	3,745	Saratoga County	440
Erie County	5,270	Schenectady County	638
Essex County	36	Schoharie County	49
Franklin County	19	Schuyler County	10
Fulton County	186	Seneca County	52
Genesee County	188	St. Lawrence County	195
Greene County	215	Steuben County	238
Hamilton County	5	Suffolk County	38,553
Herkimer County	93	Sullivan County	1,281
Jefferson County	71	Tioga County	117
Kings County	53,385	Tompkins County	145
Lewis County	18	Ulster County	1,584
Livingston County	114	Warren County	241
Madison County	294	Washington County	222
Manhattan	25,522	Wayne County	103
Monroe County	2,530	Westchester County	32,673
Montgomery County	77	Wyoming County	79
Nassau County	39,487	Yates County	34

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 356,458

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

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- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
 - Total hospitalizations at 5,187 on May 20.
 - Total deaths increased by 105 on May 20.
 - Reopening:
 - Rockland County is now eligible for elective surgery and ambulatory care.
 - Increased activity only leads to increased cases if precautions are not taken.
 - Shopkeepers, employees, employers, and individuals all have a role to play.
 - Essential workers generally have a lower positive antibody test percentage than the general population, which shows masks and other PPE work.
 - If you believe your employer is not following PPE, hygiene, and social distancing guidelines, call the New York Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065.
 - If you get a call from “NYS Contact Tracing” answer that call as that is an official message that you may have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Small Businesses need help:
 - State is extending the sales tax filing deadline to June 22.
 - Schools:
 - Adopted a statewide policy for schools and closed them all for the rest of the academic year.
 - Schools have high density and transportation issues, and there is greater risk of spread unless protective measures are fully in place.
 - New York State is also investigating 157 cases of what may be a COVID-related illness in children.
 - Last Thursday reported 7 countries have cases, and 17 states and Washington D.C. have reported cases. Now, 13 countries and 25 states and Washington D.C. have reported cases.
 - Summer school this year will be conducted through distance learning.
 - Meal programs and child care services for essential workers will continue.
 - It remains too early to make a determination on the fall semester.
 - State will issue guidelines in June so schools and colleges can start to plan for a number of scenarios.
 - Plans to be submitted to the State for approval in July.
 - Downstate beaches open tomorrow:
 - Jones Beach, Sunken Meadow, Hither Hills, Robert Moses. Open at 6 AM, close at 9 PM. Swimming from 9 AM to 5 PM.
 - Lake Welch Beach (Harriman State Park): swimming open 10 AM to 6 PM.
 - Beaches are limited to 50% capacity, no group activities including sports, areas of social gatherings will be closed, social distancing measures will be enforced, masks will be required of all employees and visitors where social distancing is not possible, no concessions.
 - It is national EMS Week, and must thank EMS workers who are on the frontlines.

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- [Regional Status as of May 20](#)

	14-Day decline in hospitalizations OR under 15 new hospitalizations	14-Day decline in hospital deaths OR fewer than 5 deaths	New hospitalizations under 2 per 100,000	Share of total beds available	Share of ICU beds available	30 per 1,000 residents tested monthly	At least 30 contact tracers per 100,000 residents	Metrics Met
Capital Region	Y	Y	0.58	33%	46%	Y	Y	7/7
Central NY	Y	Y	1.20	39%	54%	Y	Y	7/7
Finger Lakes	Y	Y	1.47	39%	50%	Y	Y	7/7
Long Island	Y	N	1.43	27%	33%	Y	Expected	4/7
Mid-Hudson	Y	N	1.79	33%	51%	Y	Expected	5/7
Mohawk Valley	Y	Y	0.96	47%	61%	Y	Y	7/7
NYC	Y	Y	1.85	27%	26%	Y	Expected	4/7
North Country	Y	Y	0.00	49%	59%	Y	Y	7/7
Southern Tier	Y	Y	0.16	45%	46%	Y	Y	7/7
Western NY	Y	Y	1.21	38%	54%	Y	Y	7/7