

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
May 18, 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 17, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	1,610	Niagara County	818
Allegany County	44	Oneida County	772
Bronx County	43,158	Onondaga County	1,520
Broome County	423	Ontario County	148
Cattaraugus County	67	Orange County	9,965
Cayuga County	65	Orleans County	167
Chautauqua County	49	Oswego County	84
Chemung County	134	Otsego County	67
Chenango County	118	Putnam County	1,141
Clinton County	94	Queens County	59,324
Columbia County	346	Rensselaer County	444
Cortland County	35	Richmond County	13,047
Delaware County	69	Rockland County	12,777
Dutchess County	3,552	Saratoga County	434
Erie County	4,993	Schenectady County	629
Essex County	33	Schoharie County	48
Franklin County	18	Schuyler County	10
Fulton County	182	Seneca County	51
Genesee County	180	St. Lawrence County	192
Greene County	213	Steuben County	235
Hamilton County	5	Suffolk County	38,224
Herkimer County	92	Sullivan County	1,246
Jefferson County	71	Tioga County	113
Kings County	52,485	Tompkins County	141
Lewis County	17	Ulster County	1,557
Livingston County	110	Warren County	234
Madison County	258	Washington County	219
Manhattan	25,216	Wayne County	97
Monroe County	2,303	Westchester County	32,323
Montgomery County	75	Wyoming County	79
Nassau County	39,225	Yates County	25

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 351,371

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

May 18, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
 - Total hospitalizations at 5,840 on May 17.
 - Total deaths increased by 106 on May 17.
 - Priority: Protecting nursing home residents and seniors:
 - Last week required nursing home staff to be tested twice per week.
 - To help meet this requirement, the State is connecting facilities with labs that have reserved at least 35,000 tests per day just for this purpose.
 - Also, sending 320,000 test kits to nursing homes statewide this week.
 - Reopening:
 - Need to measure the impact:
 - 30% hospital beds and 30% ICU beds available.
 - 30 tests per 1000 residents/month.
 - 30 tracers per 100,000 residents.
 - Stay below transmission rate or 1.1.
 - Five upstate regions have reopened already.
 - Western New York has now identified their tracing army, 525 have been identified.
 - Tracers are being trained today in preparation for Western New York to enter Phase 1 tomorrow.
 - New York State Department of Health (DOH) has granted Erie County Medical Center a waiver to restart elective procedures.
 - The Governor is encouraging major sports teams to plan reopening without fans.
 - Judges and staff will be returning to courthouses in 30 upstate counties this week.
 - Going to bring in international experts to advise the State as to how progress is going with reopening: Dr. Michael T. Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infections Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Samir Bhatt, Senior Lecturer at Imperial College London.

State News Updates (continued)

May 17, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference and announced the Capital Region and Western New York can open as soon as testing and tracing capacity is finalized**
 - According to the Governor, the regions have to hire more contact tracers and then they can begin Phase 1 reopening.
 - New York has rapidly expanded testing capacity, and is now averaging 40,000 tests per day.
 - Testing will be key to monitoring the virus as the State begins to reopen.
 - CVS Pharmacy will bring testing to more than 60 CVS pharmacies that can conduct 50 or more tests per day at each location.
 - As New York reopens, more New Yorkers need to get tested. New Yorkers now eligible for diagnostic testing:
 - Any individual with COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Any individual who has had contact with a person known to be positive with COVID-19.
 - Any individual subject to a precautionary or mandatory quarantine.
 - Any individual employed as a health care worker, nursing home worker, first responder.
 - Any essential worker who directly interacts with the public while working.
 - Any individual who would return to workplace in Phase 1.
 - Launching a new website to find local testing sites and provide a new self-assessment: coronavirus.health.ny.gov.
 - Can also Google search: “Covid testing near me.”

May 16, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo announced horse racing tracks statewide and Watkins Glen International Racetrack will be allowed to open without fans as of June 1**

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- [Regional Status as of May 17](#)

	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	0.65	41%	54%	Y	Expected	6/7
Central NY	Y	Y	0.86	43%	56%	Y	Y	7/7
Finger Lakes	Y	Y	1.39	43%	54%	Y	Y	7/7
Long Island	Y	N	1.74	32%	37%	Y	Expected	5/7
Mid-Hudson	Y	N	2.02	33%	50%	Y	Expected	4/7
Mohawk Valley	Y	Y	1.51	46%	58%	Y	Y	7/7
NYC	Y	Y	2.09	29%	25%	Y	Expected	3/7
North Country	Y	Y	0.16	51%	70%	Y	Y	7/7
Southern Tier	Y	Y	0.37	51%	48%	Y	Y	7/7
Western NY	Y	Y	1.06	44%	57%	Y	Expected	6/7