Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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 APRIL 28, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	1,067	Niagara County	401
Allegany County	35	Oneida County	422
Bronx County	36,600	Onondaga County	782
Broome County	273	Ontario County	90
Cattaraugus County	47	Orange County	8,488
Cayuga County	48	Orleans County	85
Chautauqua County	31	Oswego County	63
Chemung County	119	Otsego County	66
Chenango County	96	Putnam County	946
Clinton County	59	Queens County	50,741
Columbia County	165	Rensselaer County	262
Cortland County	28	Richmond County	11,660
Delaware County	60	Rockland County	11,586
Dutchess County	2,881	Saratoga County	346
Erie County	3,196	Schenectady County	479
Essex County	27	Schoharie County	39
Franklin County	15	Schuyler County	7
Fulton County	67	Seneca County	38
Genesee County	152	St. Lawrence County	170
Greene County	114	Steuben County	214
Hamilton County	3	Suffolk County	33,265
Herkimer County	58	Sullivan County	811
Jefferson County	60	Tioga County	84
Kings County	44,236	Tompkins County	127
Lewis County	9	Ulster County	1,252
Livingston County	67	Warren County	152
Madison County	126	Washington County	134
Manhattan	21,604	Wayne County	70
Monroe County	1,404	Westchester County	28,626
Montgomery County	51	Wyoming County	65
Nassau County	35,505	Yates County	17

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 299,691

State News Updates

April 29, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 12:15 PM and announced the following:**
  - Total hospitalizations were at 12,159 as of April 28.
  - Total deaths increased by 330 on April 28.
  - Need to heed the caution signs. As other countries opened up, they have seen increased cases:
    - In 10 days, Germany's infection rate went from 0.7 to one after easing restrictions.
  - Reopening decisions will be made on facts.
    - No politics, spin, emotion, conspiracies.
  - 12-step plan will follow the numbers, data, and numerical circuit breaker (details of the plan are on page 4).
  - To reopen:
    - At least 30% of hospital beds and 30% of ICU beds must be available after elective surgeries resume.
    - Hospitalizations and diagnostic testing must show no statistically significant increase.
    - Rate of transmission must be 1.1 or less.
  - Last week, announced goal to double testing capacity from 20,000 over several weeks.
    - Approximately at 30,000 tests yesterday.
  - New York State is testing more per 100,000 per day (154).
  - Elective surgeries:
    - New York State will allow elective outpatient treatment in counties and hospitals without significant risk of a COVID-19 surge (Executive Order anticipated today).
    - **35 Counties eligible for elective surgeries include**: Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chenango, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Putnam, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schuyler, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Sullivan, Tompkins, Ulster, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates.
  - NYPD/FDNY antibody study preliminary positive test summary:
    - FDNY/EMT: 17.1%
    - NYPD: 10.5%
    - Downstate average: 18%.
  - Today beginning testing of transit workers to further determine spread among frontline workers.
  - The Governor focused on the State's need for federal assistance:
    - New York State pays $29 billion more annually to the federal government than it gets back.
      - Kentucky takes $37 billion more annually than they pay to the federal government.
      - Florida takes $30 billion more annually than they pay to the federal government.
    - According to the Governor, the federal government wants to fund hotels, restaurants, airlines, corporations and public airlines.
      - State and local governments fund police, fire, nurses, teachers, foodbanks, social services and the Governor believes they should receive assistance as well.
      - 95,000 American healthcare workers volunteered to help New York during our crisis.

- **The State Education Department (SED) announced they will form a statewide task force made up of educational leaders and stakeholders to guide the reopening of schools**
  - The task force will be formed over the coming weeks, and will share recommendations with the Governor's New York Forward Re-Opening Advisory Board.

State News Updates (continued)

April 28, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo released his 12-point guidelines for the phased plan to re-open New York on a regional basis:**
    o **DC Guidelines:** Based on CDC recommendations, once a region experiences a 14-day decline in the hospitalization rate they may begin a phased re-opening.
    o **Industries:** Businesses in each region will re-open in phases. Phase one will include opening construction and manufacturing functions with low risk. Phase two will open certain industries based on priority and risk level. Businesses considered "more essential" with inherent low risks of infection in the workplace and to customers will be prioritized, followed by other businesses considered "less essential" or those that present a higher risk of infection spread. Regions must not open attractions or businesses that would draw a large number of visitors from outside the local area.
    o **Business Precautions:** Each business and industry must have a plan to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work space safer and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business.
    o **Building Health Care Capacity:** To maintain the phased re-opening plan, each region must have at least 30 percent of hospital beds and ICU beds available after elective surgeries resume.
    o **Testing Regimen:** Regions must implement a testing regimen that prioritizes symptomatic persons and individuals who came into contact with a known COVID-positive person, and conducts frequent tests of frontline and essential workers. Regions must maintain an appropriate number of testing sites to accommodate its population and must fully advertise where and how people can get tested. The region must also use the collected data to track and trace the spread of the virus.
    o **Tracing System:** There must be at least 30 contact tracers for every 100,000 people. The region must also monitor the regional infection rate throughout the re-opening plan.
    o **Isolation Facilities:** Regions must present plans to have rooms available for people who test positive for COVID-19 and who cannot self-isolate.
    o **Regional Coordination:** Regions must coordinate the re-opening of schools, transportation systems, testing and tracing with other surrounding regions.
    o **Re-imagining Tele-Medicine**
    o **Re-imagining Tele-Education**
    o **Regional Control Rooms:** Each region must appoint an oversight institution as its control room to monitor regional indicators during the phased re-opening, including hospital capacity, rate of infection, PPE burn rate and businesses.
    o **Protect and Respect Essential Workers:** Regions must continue to ensure protections are in place for essential workers.
- **The New York State COVID-19 Maternity Task Force released recommendations to the Governor for promoting increased choice and access to safe maternity care during the COVID-19 pandemic**

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- **The Health Resources & Services Administration launched a new website providing telehealth information for patients and providers**