

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
May 8, 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 7, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	1,384	Niagara County	605
Allegany County	35	Oneida County	620
Bronx County	40,533	Onondaga County	1,169
Broome County	364	Ontario County	104
Cattaraugus County	59	Orange County	9,402
Cayuga County	52	Orleans County	121
Chautauqua County	40	Oswego County	72
Chemung County	130	Otsego County	67
Chenango County	105	Putnam County	1,074
Clinton County	74	Queens County	55,944
Columbia County	304	Rensselaer County	380
Cortland County	29	Richmond County	12,578
Delaware County	63	Rockland County	12,349
Dutchess County	3,277	Saratoga County	388
Erie County	4,255	Schenectady County	558
Essex County	31	Schoharie County	45
Franklin County	17	Schuyler County	7
Fulton County	103	Seneca County	46
Genesee County	169	St. Lawrence County	187
Greene County	199	Steuben County	225
Hamilton County	5	Suffolk County	36,223
Herkimer County	76	Sullivan County	1,039
Jefferson County	66	Tioga County	99
Kings County	48,998	Tompkins County	131
Lewis County	10	Ulster County	1,429
Livingston County	100	Warren County	199
Madison County	249	Washington County	201
Manhattan	23,730	Wayne County	79
Monroe County	1,735	Westchester County	30,905
Montgomery County	64	Wyoming County	73
Nassau County	37,812	Yates County	20

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 330,407

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

May 8, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
 - Total hospitalizations approximately 8,196 on May 7.
 - Deaths increased by 216 on May 7.
 - Look back at the timeline of COVID-19
 - Cases in China November/December 2019.
 - First case in Washington: January 21, 2020.
 - China travel ban on February 2.
 - Europe travel ban on March 16.
 - JFK Airport was still open.
 - 3 million Europeans came to America from December through March.
 - **Investigating rare illness in children related to COVID-19:**
 - 73 children reported symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome.
 - On Thursday, 5-year-old boy passed away from these complications and New York is investigating several other child deaths.
 - Seek care immediately if your child has prolonged fever, difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids, severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, or vomiting, change in skin color, trouble breathing or is breathing quickly, racing heart or chest pain, decreased amount or frequency of urine, lethargy, irritability, or confusion.
 - Common thread with this virus is that minority communities suffer the most.
 - Fatalities by race: 34% Hispanic, 28% Black, 27% White, 7% Asian, 4% Other.
 - Where are new COVID cases?
 - Of the 21 zip codes with the highest number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations, 20 have greater than average Black and/or Latino populations.
 - Child Victims Act:
 - While the window to file an expired or time-barred case does not close until August, the COVID-19 pandemic has limited the ability to file claims.
 - The Governor is extending the window for victims to file cases an additional 5 months, until January 14, 2021.

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May 7, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.28. Highlights include:**
 - Continuing the closure of schools for the remainder of the school year.
 - Allowing landlords and tenants to enter into a written agreement to use a security deposit to pay rent.
 - This is allowed to tenants or licensees who are eligible for unemployment under State or federal law or are otherwise facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Landlords cannot compel this agreement.
 - The security deposit would be paid back at a rate of 1/12 the amount used as rent per month, and payments would start no less than 90 days from the usage of the security deposit as rent.
 - Waiving fees for late payment of rent through August 20.
 - Extends the prohibition of eviction of commercial or residential tenants for nonpayment of rent, or foreclosure of any residential or commercial mortgage, for nonpayment of such mortgage, owned or rented by someone eligible for unemployment or facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic for a period of 60 days beginning on June 20, 2020.
 - Ensuring absentee ballot applications apply only to the primary or special elections on June 23, 2020.
 - Requiring all boards of election to provide instruction to voters, and post instructions for completing the application prominently on the website.
 - Allowing for the use of electronic appearances for certain pleas.
 - Modifying Criminal Procedure Law 180.60 to provide that all parties' appearances at the hearing upon a felony complaint may be by means of an electronic appearance; and that the Court may, for good cause shown, withhold or obscure the identity, image, and/or voice of any witness testifying at the hearing pursuant to a motion for Protective Order, provided that the Court is afforded a means to judge the demeanor of a witness.
 - Modifying Criminal Procedure Law 180.80 and 190.80, to the extent that a court must satisfy itself that good cause has been shown that a defendant should continue to be held on a felony complaint due to the inability to empanel a grand jury due to COVID-19:
 - Within six days from May 8, 2020 if the defendant has not been provided a preliminary hearing; or
 - Within forty-five days if the defendant has been provided a preliminary hearing.