

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates  
April 26, 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)

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[Symptoms](#)

[Steps to Prevent Illness](#)

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

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**LATEST POSITIVE CASES IN NEW YORK STATE**

(DATA AS OF APRIL 25, 2020)

| <b>Locality</b>    | <b>Positive Cases</b> | <b>Locality</b>     | <b>Positive Cases</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Albany County      | 945                   | Niagara County      | 368                   |
| Allegany County    | 35                    | Oneida County       | 384                   |
| Bronx County       | 34,970                | Onondaga County     | 692                   |
| Broome County      | 257                   | Ontario County      | 84                    |
| Cattaraugus County | 45                    | Orange County       | 8,106                 |
| Cayuga County      | 47                    | Orleans County      | 80                    |
| Chautauqua County  | 29                    | Oswego County       | 61                    |
| Chemung County     | 106                   | Otsego County       | 60                    |
| Chenango County    | 93                    | Putnam County       | 904                   |
| Clinton County     | 57                    | Queens County       | 48,745                |
| Columbia County    | 143                   | Rensselaer County   | 242                   |
| Cortland County    | 28                    | Richmond County     | 11,283                |
| Delaware County    | 58                    | Rockland County     | 11,256                |
| Dutchess County    | 2,729                 | Saratoga County     | 330                   |
| Erie County        | 2,954                 | Schenectady County  | 449                   |
| Essex County       | 24                    | Schoharie County    | 35                    |
| Franklin County    | 14                    | Schuyler County     | 7                     |
| Fulton County      | 62                    | Seneca County       | 38                    |
| Genesee County     | 144                   | St. Lawrence County | 167                   |
| Greene County      | 110                   | Steuben County      | 207                   |
| Hamilton County    | 3                     | Suffolk County      | 32,059                |
| Herkimer County    | 57                    | Sullivan County     | 724                   |
| Jefferson County   | 60                    | Tioga County        | 71                    |
| Kings County       | 42,487                | Tompkins County     | 126                   |
| Lewis County       | 9                     | Ulster County       | 1,190                 |
| Livingston County  | 60                    | Warren County       | 135                   |
| Madison County     | 123                   | Washington County   | 127                   |
| Manhattan          | 20,773                | Wayne County        | 65                    |
| Monroe County      | 1,316                 | Westchester County  | 27,664                |
| Montgomery County  | 47                    | Wyoming County      | 59                    |
| Nassau County      | 34,522                | Yates County        | 17                    |

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 288,045**

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

## State News Updates

April 26, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference and announced the following:**
  - The State will reopen regionally and in phases (no dates were given for when the reopening will actually start):
    - Phase I: Construction and manufacturing with low risk.
    - Phase II: Matrix: More essential and lower risk. Asking businesses to give ideas to the State.
      - Two weeks will be allowed between phases to monitor effects.
      - Caveat: No attractions/openings that would draw a large number of visitors from outside the local area.
      - This will be done in a multi-state context, especially downstate.
  - Downstate region most problematic:
    - Multi-state coordination: Transportation, parks, schools, beaches, and businesses are all coordinated.
    - NYC, Suffolk, and Westchester all coordinated, work with local officials and businesses.
    - Phased reopening dependent on individual business plans:
      - Business by business: sports without an audience, drive-ins, need to be creative and possibly develop new economic models.
    - Need summer activities in downstate.
    - Special attention on public housing and low-income communities.
    - Focus on food banks and childcare.
    - Include philanthropic partnership.
  - The State is consulting with local leaders in the region to formulate a plan: Healthcare professionals, business leaders, etc.
  - Businesses need to design a “new normal”
    - People, physical spaces, processes to lower risk.
  - Monitor the public health impact.
    - Determining how fast the virus will spread is key.
      - Right now, the State is at an infection rate of 0.8 (one person infects less than one other person).
        - At this rate, you see the virus declining.
      - Upstate, it is 0.9, and downstate it is 0.75.
    - If infection rate stays below 1.0, the curve will drop.
    - Monitor the rate by looking at number of hospitalizations, number of positive antibody tests, number of positive diagnostic tests.
      - Very small margin of error, as the infection rate cannot go to 1.2, or there will be an increased hospital rate.
- **Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.24. Highlights include:**
  - Allowing licensed pharmacists to order COVID-19 tests to detect SARS-CoV-2 or its antibodies.
  - Cancelling the special election for the office of City Council in the 37<sup>th</sup> district until the general election.