

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
April 22, 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 APRIL 21, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	737	Niagara County	268
Allegany County	30	Oneida County	301
Bronx County	30,868	Onondaga County	526
Broome County	219	Ontario County	73
Cattaraugus County	37	Orange County	6,690
Cayuga County	36	Orleans County	56
Chautauqua County	26	Oswego County	49
Chemung County	75	Otsego County	49
Chenango County	79	Putnam County	611
Clinton County	51	Queens County	43,713
Columbia County	117	Rensselaer County	186
Cortland County	25	Richmond County	10,345
Delaware County	50	Rockland County	9,699
Dutchess County	2,391	Saratoga County	264
Erie County	2,233	Schenectady County	280
Essex County	22	Schoharie County	20
Franklin County	13	Schuyler County	7
Fulton County	28	Seneca County	18
Genesee County	122	St. Lawrence County	123
Greene County	87	Steuben County	171
Hamilton County	3	Suffolk County	28,854
Herkimer County	53	Sullivan County	561
Jefferson County	54	Tioga County	39
Kings County	38,481	Tompkins County	119
Lewis County	9	Ulster County	913
Livingston County	39	Warren County	108
Madison County	106	Washington County	63
Manhattan	19,025	Wayne County	52
Monroe County	1,112	Westchester County	25,276
Montgomery County	38	Wyoming County	40
Nassau County	31,555	Yates County	11

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 257,216

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

April 22, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
 - Total hospitalizations dropped under 16,000 (15,559).
 - Net change in hospitalizations, new hospitalizations, and intubations all down.
 - Total deaths increased by 474 on April 21.
 - The Governor highlighted his belief that he had a productive visit with the President at the White House yesterday.
 - Testing, tracing, and isolating are the key to reopening.
 - **Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg has volunteered to develop the first-ever testing/tracing/isolation program.**
 - Johns Hopkins University and Vital Strategies will partner in this effort.
 - This will be a tri-state effort coordinated downstate.
 - Will work with SUNY and CUNY to draw from 35,000 students in medical field who can act as tracers.
- **The Department of Financial Services (DFS) will direct health insurers to provide cash flow relief to, and ease administrative burdens on, New York State hospitals in response to COVID -19**
 - DFS will direct insurers to:
 - Immediately process payments for outstanding hospital claims, work with hospitals in insurers' network to provide additional financial assistance if needed and feasible, suspend preauthorization requirements for all services performed at hospitals until June 18, not conduct retrospective reviews of hospital claims until June 18, and not make medical necessity denials related to emergency department and inpatient hospital treatment for COVID-19.

April 21, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 7:15 PM to discuss his meeting with President Trump:**
 - Testing has been a very big task to undertake, and what role the federal and State governments play with regard to testing.
 - Need to go through the steps to determine which level of government is responsible for which steps.
 - State government should be responsible for managing the actual tests in their own laboratories, antibody tests, and contact tracing.
 - National manufacturers of the equipment who make the testing kits say there is a problem with the supply chains, and that is where the federal government can help.
 - States cannot do international supply chains.
 - 50 states should not be competing for international supply chains.
 - The President agreed with the Governor on the above points and will work to help with the supply chain issues.
 - New York does on average about 20,000 tests per day, goal is to double that number to 40,000 diagnostic and antibody tests per day.
 - That is current New York system at maximum capacity.
 - Also talked about funding to the States, and the President expressed his support for this funding in future legislation.
 - The Governor told the President the State would not be able to pay the local share for FEMA funding.
 - The President stated he will work to waive the local funding requirement.

Federal News Updates

April 21, 2020

- [The U.S. Senate passed, and the House of Representatives is expected to pass on Thursday April 23, a \\$498 billion Coronavirus Relief bill](#)