

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates  
March 27, 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)

[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**

(AS OF MARCH 26, 2020 AT 1:49PM)

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>
Albany County	187	Niagara County	23
Allegany County	2	New York City	25,398
Broome County	18	Oneida County	13
Cayuga County	2	Onondaga County	115
Chautauqua County	1	Ontario County	14
Chemung County	11	Orange County	910
Chenango County	4	Orleans County	3
Clinton County	11	Oswego County	4
Columbia County	20	Otsego County	5
Cortland County	4	Putnam County	111
Delaware County	8	Rensselaer County	35
Dutchess County	225	Rockland County	1,457
Erie County	219	Saratoga County	82
Essex County	4	Schenectady County	66
Franklin County	2	Schoharie County	3
Fulton County	1	St. Lawrence County	3
Genesee County	6	Steuben County	12
Greene County	6	Suffolk County	3,385
Hamilton County	2	Sullivan County	64
Herkimer County	9	Tioga County	2
Jefferson County	3	Tompkins County	26
Livingston County	7*	Ulster County	98
Madison County	17	Warren County	8
Monroe County	160	Washington County	6
Montgomery County	5	Wayne County	11
Nassau County	4,657	Westchester County	7,187
		Wyoming County	7

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 44,635**

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

\*REPORTED BY COUNTY NOT NYS DOH

## State News Updates (continued)

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- Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and provided the following information:
  - There is a risk v. reward aspect to flattening the curve:
    - Education v. Public Health. Decided to close the public schools through April 1.
      - Every district had to develop plans to provide child care, school meals, and distance learning to students.
      - **Schools will remain closed for at least another two weeks to April 15<sup>th</sup>.**
        - Must continue child care, meal, and distance learning programs.
        - Will reassess again at the end of the additional two weeks.
  - Went through hospital capacity plan, and provided the following update for equipment:

ITEM	Stockpile	From Federal Government	Total Needed
N95 Mask	1.2 million	340,000	20 million
Surgical Masks	4.6 million	860,000	30 million
Exam Gloves	1.5 million	350,000	45 million
Protective Gowns & Coveralls	15,000	145,000	20 million
Ventilators	3,000	4,400 (2,000 in stockpile, 2,400 distributed)	30,000

- Seeking to build another 4 temporary hospitals to provide an additional 4,000 beds:
  - Bronx: New York Expo Center.
  - Queens: Aqueduct Racetrack.
  - Brooklyn: Brooklyn Cruise Terminal.
  - Staten Island: College of Staten Island (CUNY).
- Provided an outline for a plan to increase hospital capacity.

All hospitals increase 50%	+27,000	80,000
Some hospitals increase 100%	+5,000	85,000
FEMA & Army Corps Phase 1	+4,000	89,000
Temporary Hospital Phase II	+4,000	93,000
USNS Comfort	+1,000	94,000
Dormitories Downstate	+29,164	123,164

- Deaths are up to 519, and the expectation is it will increase.
- 44,635 positive cases, 6,481 hospitalized, 1,583 ICU, 2,045 discharged.
- The Governor announced consumers experiencing financial hardship may defer paying life insurance premiums for a 90-day period.
  - Consumers and small businesses may defer paying premiums for property and casualty insurance (including auto, homeowners, renters, workers comp, medical malpractice, livery and taxi) for a 60-day period.
- Since yesterday, an additional 10,000 health care workers have signed up to volunteer to work as part of the surge workforce, for a total of 62,000.
  - Additionally, more than 10,000 mental health professionals have signed up to provide free online mental health services, with 1,400 signing up over the last day.
    - New Yorkers can call the State's hotline at 1-844-863-9314 to schedule a free appointment.

## State News Updates (continued)

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- [Empire State Development continues to update their guidance for determining whether a business enterprise is subject to a workforce reduction](#)
- [Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.11. Highlights include:](#)
  - Continuing the closure of schools until April 15, 2020, at which time the closures will be re-evaluated.
  - Suspending the pension earning limitation for public retirees (Section 212 of the Retirement and Social Security Law) for any income earned during the period of the emergency.
  - Allowing vehicles to continue to be lawfully operated after the expiration of inspection certificates that were valid as of today, but that expire hereafter.
  - Allowing manufacturers, retailers, installers, and mechanics currently certified to continue to renew their existing certifications.
  - Allowing individuals and businesses licensed by the Department of State to extend the expiration date of their license.
  - Making numerous changes to address staff shortages in the healthcare field.
    - Additional changes can be viewed at the above link.

## Federal News Updates

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- [The House of Representatives passed the \\$2 trillion stimulus bill](#)
  - [The National Conference of State Legislatures has provided their summary of the legislation in PDF format.](#)

March 26, 2020

- [President Trump and the Coronavirus Task Force held a press conference and announce the following:](#)
  - The USNS Comfort will be on its way to New York Saturday.
  - The National Institute of Health, along with the private sector and the FDA, are actively looking for treatments to reduce the duration and symptoms of the virus and help people recover.
  - With the increase in testing in the U.S., can deploy more data-driven and targeted approaches to slow the virus.
    - According to the President, the U.S. has done more tests in eight days than South Korea did in eight weeks.
  - President Trump held a call with all of the governors in the U.S. to discuss the \$2 trillion federal stimulus package.
- [President Trump sent a letter to America's Governor providing an update on potential changes to Coronavirus guidelines](#)