

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates  
May 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](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**

(DATA AS OF MAY 21, 2020)

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>
Albany County	1,756	Niagara County	897
Allegany County	44	Oneida County	828
Bronx County	43,766	Onondaga County	1,828
Broome County	468	Ontario County	180
Cattaraugus County	74	Orange County	10,142
Cayuga County	73	Orleans County	175
Chautauqua County	63	Oswego County	96
Chemung County	135	Otsego County	67
Chenango County	118	Putnam County	1,187
Clinton County	94	Queens County	60,236
Columbia County	356	Rensselaer County	460
Cortland County	37	Richmond County	13,171
Delaware County	72	Rockland County	12,905
Dutchess County	3,767	Saratoga County	448
Erie County	5,397	Schenectady County	645
Essex County	36	Schoharie County	49
Franklin County	19	Schuyler County	11
Fulton County	189	Seneca County	54
Genesee County	189	St. Lawrence County	195
Greene County	215	Steuben County	240
Hamilton County	5	Suffolk County	38,672
Herkimer County	95	Sullivan County	1,287
Jefferson County	72	Tioga County	118
Kings County	53,639	Tompkins County	147
Lewis County	19	Ulster County	1,595
Livingston County	114	Warren County	246
Madison County	297	Washington County	224
Manhattan	25,672	Wayne County	104
Monroe County	2,601	Westchester County	32,767
Montgomery County	77	Wyoming County	79
Nassau County	39,608	Yates County	34

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 358,154**

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

## State News Updates

May 22, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:00 AM and announced the following:**
  - Total hospitalizations at 4,844 on May 21.
  - Total deaths increased by 109 on May 21.
  - Reopening:
    - Long Island and Mid-Hudson:
      - If number of deaths continue to decrease, and they get tracing online, both regions could reopen next week.
      - Construction staging will be permitted in anticipation of Phase One in both regions.
  - Testing:
    - Launching new pilot program with 52 independent pharmacies to conduct 7,000 tests per week.
    - Now more than 750 testing locations in New York, and if you experience any symptoms, can get scheduled for a test by visiting [coronavirus.health.ny.gov](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov).
  - Contact Tracing:
    - Underway in seven regions:
      - Western NY: 586 tracers.
      - Finger Lakes: 482 tracers.
      - Central NY: 220 tracers.
      - Southern Tier: 71 tracers.
      - North Country: 26 tracers.
      - Mohawk Valley: 166 tracers.
      - Capital District: 285 tracers.
    - New York State in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University has developed a comprehensive online curriculum to train potential contact tracers. This will be shared with other states in partnership with the National Governors Association.
  - Small Business is a priority:
    - Represent over 90% of New York businesses.
    - Economists project over 100,000 small businesses have shut permanently since the pandemic escalated in March.
    - Today launching a \$100 million New York Forward Loan Fund, working with private banks, providing flexible loans to help small businesses, focusing on MWBEs, that did not receive COVID-19 assistance.
    - Focusing on businesses with 20 or fewer employees and less than \$3 million in gross revenues.
      - [esd.ny.gov/nyforwardloans](https://esd.ny.gov/nyforwardloans)
  - Facts continue to change with COVID-19:
    - Antibodies don't necessarily mean immunity.
    - Now children may be affected.
    - Infected surfaces may not be a major source of transmission.
    - Main transmission source is airborne.
      - Need to wear a mask.
      - Mandatory to wear on public transportation, using private transportation carriers, all operators of public system, anytime in public when within six feet of another person.

## State News Updates (continued)

May 21, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.32. Highlights include:**
  - Under Section 925-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the Governor has authority during a state disaster emergency to extend the final date for when Real Property Taxes are due without interest or penalties for up to 21 days. Typically, localities request this extension and we have heard from a few localities that were requesting this with the Governor. As a result, in this Executive Order, the Governor granted 21-day extensions for when Real Property Taxes are due for several localities. Please refer to the Executive Order for which localities were granted such extension.
  - Officially extends the authority for the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to abate late filing and payment penalties for quarterly Sales and Use tax filings that had a due date of March 20, 2020 to June 22, 2020. This new date is also the standard deadline for quarterly and monthly Sales Tax filers.
  - Allowing for gatherings of 10 or less for Memorial Day and religious gatherings.
  - Allowing for racetrack operations without fans as of June 1.

## State News Updates (continued)

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- [Regional Status as of May 21](#)

	14-Day decline in hospitalizations OR under 15 new hospitalizations	14-Day decline in hospital deaths OR fewer than 5 deaths	New hospitalizations under 2 per 100,000	Share of total beds available	Share of ICU beds available	30 per 1,000 residents tested monthly	At least 30 contact tracers per 100,000 residents	Metrics Met
Capital Region	Y	Y	0.52	34%	48%	Y	Y	7/7
Central NY	Y	Y	1.16	42%	55%	Y	Y	7/7
Finger Lakes	Y	Y	1.41	40%	55%	Y	Y	7/7
Long Island	Y	N	1.43	30%	36%	Y	Expected	5/7
Mid-Hudson	Y	N	1.62	33%	53%	Y	Expected	5/7
Mohawk Valley	Y	Y	1.03	48%	66%	Y	Y	7/7
NYC	Y	Y	1.92	27%	28%	Y	Expected	4/7
North Country	Y	Y	0.00	48%	67%	Y	Y	7/7
Southern Tier	Y	Y	0.21	46%	46%	Y	Y	7/7
Western NY	Y	Y	1.21	39%	55%	Y	Y	7/7