

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates  
April 30, 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 APRIL 29, 2020)

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>
Albany County	1,165	Niagara County	420
Allegany County	35	Oneida County	439
Bronx County	37,244	Onondaga County	832
Broome County	284	Ontario County	90
Cattaraugus County	47	Orange County	8,650
Cayuga County	48	Orleans County	89
Chautauqua County	33	Oswego County	63
Chemung County	122	Otsego County	67
Chenango County	98	Putnam County	970
Clinton County	59	Queens County	51,631
Columbia County	170	Rensselaer County	287
Cortland County	28	Richmond County	11,811
Delaware County	61	Rockland County	11,708
Dutchess County	2,954	Saratoga County	354
Erie County	3,319	Schenectady County	501
Essex County	28	Schoharie County	42
Franklin County	15	Schuyler County	7
Fulton County	71	Seneca County	39
Genesee County	153	St. Lawrence County	173
Greene County	131	Steuben County	216
Hamilton County	3	Suffolk County	33,664
Herkimer County	58	Sullivan County	838
Jefferson County	61	Tioga County	88
Kings County	44,872	Tompkins County	128
Lewis County	9	Ulster County	1,279
Livingston County	69	Warren County	176
Madison County	131	Washington County	148
Manhattan	21,920	Wayne County	71
Monroe County	1,441	Westchester County	28,970
Montgomery County	53	Wyoming County	67
Nassau County	35,854	Yates County	18

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 304,372**

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

## State News Updates

April 30, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
  - Total hospitalizations dropped under 12,000.
  - Total deaths increased by 306 on April 29.
  - Reopening needs to be based on science and data:
  - Test, Trace, Isolate remains the key to controlling the infection rate.
    - Rapidly expand testing to a goal of 40,000 per day.
  - Tracing:
    - Find positives, then trace, then isolate.
    - Contact tracing finds cases quickly so they can be isolated to reduce the spread.
  - Four key steps to contact tracing:
    - Case reporting: Labs report positive cases immediately to contact tracers on a daily basis.
    - Case interview: Interview positive patient about contacts over the past 14 days.
    - Contact notification: Notify and interview contacts (isolate/quarantine for 14 days).
    - Contact follow-up: Monitor contacts by text. Test if showing symptoms.
  - **Last week, announced Mayor Michael Bloomberg would lead a first-ever testing/tracing/isolation program.**
    - Must have a baseline of 30 contact tracers for every 100,000, and additional tracers based on projected number of cases in the region.
      - Statewide estimate of 6,400 to 17,000 tracers depending on projected cases.
    - Building a “tracing army” to meet the scope and scale of this, and Mayor Bloomberg and Johns Hopkins University will carry out recruitment, interviewing, and training of the tracers in consultation with the Department of Health.
      - State, City, and County health departments and other employees can be used as tracers.
      - There will be an online curriculum consisting of a training program and online exam that must be passed to complete the program.
    - Will work with tri-state neighbors (New Jersey and Connecticut) to do contact tracing on a regional basis.
    - Contact tracing teams will work remotely to develop a secure database of information on the spread of the infection.
  - **New York City Subway:**
    - MTA employees and the NYPD have become sick and some have lost their lives.
    - Greater need to disinfect all stations/trains/buses/ADA vehicles.
    - Fewer people to monitor and maintain the system, and all of this in the midst of a public health emergency.
      - Trains and buses should be disinfected every 24 hours, and requires new process, methods and cleaning agents.
      - MTA has come up with a plan by stopping train service from 1 AM to 5 AM every night.
        - MTA will still provide transportation at no cost to essential workers with buses, for-hire-vehicles, compliant “dollar vans.”
      - Will be a joint MTA/State/City partnership requiring an extraordinary effort.
- **The State Education Department announced the cancellation of the August 2020 Regents examinations**

## State News Updates (continued)

- [Assembly Republicans urged President Trump and the New York Congressional Delegation to provide financial aid to volunteer firefighters and EMS workers reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

April 29, 2020

- [Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.25. Highlights include:](#)
  - Authorizes general hospitals to perform elective surgeries as long as the following criteria is met:
    - Within a county, total available inpatient capacity is over 30%, the total available hospital ICU capacity is over 30 percent, and the total change in the number of hospitalized patients positive for COVID-19 is fewer than 10 from April 17 to April 20.
    - For each hospital within a county that has met the eligibility criteria, total available inpatient capacity is over 30%, the total available hospital ICU capacity is over 30 percent, and the total change in the number of hospitalized patients positive for COVID-19 is fewer than 10 from April 17 to April 20.
      - The Commissioner of Health can issue guidance to implement the above criteria.
    - General hospitals that do not meet the criteria to perform elective surgeries may seek a waiver from the prohibition, submitting a plan that includes their facility capacity, physical configuration, infectious disease protocols, and staffing capacity, including any employment hardship information that includes reduction in workforce, including furloughs that have taken, or may have to, take place.
    - Patients must be tested for COVID-19 through a diagnostic test prior to any elective surgery or procedure.
  - Modifies Executive Orders 202.12 and 202.13 to allow a support person or doula to be present with any patient giving birth during labor, delivery, and the duration of a patient's stay if the support person does not have symptoms of COVID-19.