Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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 5, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	319	Niagara County	120
Allegany County	17	Oneida County	100
Bronx County	14,327	Onondaga County	271
Broome County	76	Ontario County	32
Cattaraugus County	12	Orange County	3,397
Cayuga County	11	Orleans County	13
Chautauqua County	15	Oswego County	29
Chemung County	47	Otsego County	34
Chenango County	46	Putnam County	345
Clinton County	36	Queens County	23,133
Columbia County	59	Rensselaer County	62
Cortland County	13	Richmond County	4,579
Delaware County	29	Rockland County	5,703
Dutchess County	1,189	Saratoga County	153
Erie County	1,023	Schenectady County	138
Essex County	7	Schoharie County	11
Franklin County	10	Schuyler County	4
Fulton County	11	Seneca County	9
Genesee County	23	St. Lawrence County	59
Greene County	24	Steuben County	75
Hamilton County	2	Suffolk County	13,487
Herkimer County	25	Sullivan County	253
Jefferson County	33	Tioga County	8
Kings County	19,702	Tompkins County	94
Lewis County	6	Ulster County	372
Livingston County	22	Warren County	26
Madison County	82	Washington County	19
Manhattan (New York County)	10,440	Wayne County	34
Monroe County	574	Westchester County	14,294
Montgomery County	15	Wyoming County	23
Nassau County	15,616	Yates County	1

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 130,689

SOURCE: **NYS DOH**

State News Updates

April 6, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 12:00 PM and provided the following information:**
  - **Extending NY PAUSE: schools and non-essential businesses are now closed until April 29**:
    - Increasing maximum fine for violations of State social distancing protocol from $500 to $1,000.
  - New York State will set up the COVID-19 First Responders Fund:
    - State Department of Health is accepting donations to be used for expenses associated with coronavirus first responders.
      - Blackstone is making a $10 million contribution to the fund.
      - Donations can be made at https://www.healthresearch.org/donation-form/.
  - New York State is partnering with Headspace to provide mindfulness and mental health resources to New Yorkers:
    - www.headspace.com/ny.
  - NYS Emotional Support Hotline: 1-844-863-9314.
  - Total cases 130,689:
    - 16,837 currently hospitalized.
    - 4,504 ICU patients.
    - 13,366 patents discharged.
  - Total deaths 4,758, up from 4,159.
  - Number of new hospitalizations are down, number of ICU admissions are down, and change in daily intubations is down. Governor states these are all good signs.
  - The big question now is "where is the curve?"
    - Is it a plateau effect, or is it more of a peak with a precipitous drop?
      - Nobody knows
    - Projection models:
      - Initial projections stated we may need as many as 110,000 COVID beds towards the end of April.
      - Now models suggest we may be at the beginning of the apex at this moment, with needed beds well below that number.
    - Governor states if we are plateauing, we are plateauing at a high level, but we are plateauing because social distancing is working.
    - Continue to "surge and flex" the hospital system:
      - Moving 802 ventilators to needed locations (38 to Rockland County, 36 to Westchester County, 505 to New York City, and 223 to Long Island).
      - Relieve pressure by:
        - Javits Center: 2,500 COVID beds.
        - South Beach Psychiatric Center in Staten Island & Brooklyn Center Temporary Hospital will open this week specifically for COVID patients.
        - USNS Comfort: 1,000 beds, initially intended for non-COVID patients, but the Governor will request COVID use from the President.
        - These 3,500 beds would serve as a relief valve for downstate.
      - Northwell Health and US Military personnel will staff these beds.
  - Federal Government is going to increase the supply of hydroxychloroquine which would allow NYS to lift the 14-day limit on prescriptions.
    - No official data from a study on effectiveness, but there is anecdotal evidence that it is promising.

State News Updates (continued)
April 6, 2020

- **The Board of Regents adopted emergency regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic designed to provide flexibility for educators, students, professionals, and others. Highlights include:**
  - New York State received a one-year waiver from the provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) pertaining to State assessments, and the Commissioner of Education will not conduct a review of school and district performance using 2019-20 school year data.
    - The accountability status of public schools and districts for the 2020-21 school year will remain the same as for the 2019-20 school year.
  - The State Department of Education will amend regulations to provide that an alternative form of evaluation for students receiving home instruction, in lieu of annual assessment, will be permitted for all grades in the 2019-20 school year.
  - Amends regulations to ensure public and private schools will not be penalized if they are unable to provide instruction for 180 days if schools were closed pursuant to an Executive Order of the Governor.
    - *For full details of the Board of Regents actions, visit:* https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/420bra6.pdf
    - *For a summary of the Board of Regents actions, visit:* http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/board-regents-acts-series-emergency-regulations-ease-burdens-educators-students-and-0