

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates  
April 7, 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 6, 2020)

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>
Albany County	333	Niagara County	126
Allegany County	17	Oneida County	118
Bronx County	15,348	Onondaga County	335
Broome County	86	Ontario County	33
Cattaraugus County	13	Orange County	3,599
Cayuga County	14	Orleans County	15
Chautauqua County	16	Oswego County	31
Chemung County	49	Otsego County	34
Chenango County	51	Putnam County	366
Clinton County	37	Queens County	24,840
Columbia County	61	Rensselaer County	67
Cortland County	16	Richmond County	4,797
Delaware County	36	Rockland County	5,990
Dutchess County	1,249	Saratoga County	155
Erie County	1,135	Schenectady County	145
Essex County	7	Schoharie County	12
Franklin County	10	Schuyler County	4
Fulton County	13	Seneca County	10
Genesee County	33	St. Lawrence County	60
Greene County	24	Steuben County	75
Hamilton County	2	Suffolk County	14,517
Herkimer County	27	Sullivan County	270
Jefferson County	39	Tioga County	8
Kings County	20,879	Tompkins County	97
Lewis County	6	Ulster County	398
Livingston County	23	Warren County	31
Madison County	88	Washington County	19
Manhattan (New York County)	11,012	Wayne County	35
Monroe County	596	Westchester County	14,804
Montgomery County	18	Wyoming County	23
Nassau County	16,610	Yates County	1

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 138,863**

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

## State News Updates

April 7, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:00 AM and provided the following information:**
  - Total deaths 5,489, up from 4,758.
  - Trend lines for new hospital cases and new ICU patients, is trending downward.
  - There are 90,000 available hospital beds.
  - Equipment:
    - Governor says every hospital has what they need to date.
  - Working on a Tri-State Cooperative with New Jersey and Connecticut:
    - Regional approach for schools, economy, and health care issues has worked. Now have to start planning to restart life and economy.
      - Will plan restarting with a regional approach with the Governors of New Jersey and Connecticut.
  - The Governor believes success of this will be determined by testing.
    - New York State Department of Health approved anti-body testing. Wadsworth Labs has developed the test.
    - If FDA approves the test, we can begin bringing the test to scale.
    - Rapid testing exists (less than 15-minute test) and need to bring that to scale as well.
    - New York State will invest in testing companies to accelerate capacity, and will work with New Jersey and Connecticut.
      - 212-803-3100/[COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov](mailto:COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov) for interested companies.
  - Need federal assistance to restart the New York economy, and need additional federal legislation to remedy the previous “inequities.”
    - Sending letter to New York’s Congressional delegation on the needs of the State.
  - The Governor announced an agreement with the largest student loan servicers in the State to waive late fees, defer monthly payments for 90 days, and enroll eligible borrowers in long-term assistance programs.
- **State Education Department Issues Guidance on Graduation and Course Requirement Changes Due to COVID-19 and Ongoing Statewide School Closure Highlights Include:**
  - The Board of Regents has formally cancelled the June 2020 Regents Examinations.
  - The Department has yet to make a decision about the August 2020 Regents Exams and will issue a separate announcement when a decision is made.
  - Students who were enrolled in classes which required Regents Exams will be exempt from passing the exam in order to be issued a diploma if they meet one of the following criteria:
    - If the student is currently enrolled in a course culminating in a Regents Exam and will have earned credit in the course by the end of the 2019-20 school year;
    - If the student is in Grade 7, is enrolled in a course culminating with a Regents Exam and will have passed the course by the end of the 2019-20 school year;
    - If the student fails the course by the end of the school year and returns for summer instruction to make up for the failed course; or
    - If the student was previously enrolled in the course of study leading to a Regents Exam; has achieved course credit for it; and hasn’t passed the associated Regents Exam but intended to take the exam this June.
  - The guidelines also exempt students from passing an approved assessment in June who are taking an approved Pathway Assessment for the purposes of meeting the diploma requirements of such Pathway.

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- **Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.14. Highlights include:**
  - Require all medical equipment held in inventory by any entity in the state to be reported to the State Department of Health (DOH).
  - Grant DOH the ability to shift any medical equipment (including ventilators, bi-pap, respirators, and personal protective equipment) from any hospital where it is not currently needed, or needed in the short term, to any facility in urgent need.
    - DOH shall either return the inventory, or ensure compensation is paid.
  - Extend the postponement or cancellation non-essential gatherings, in-person business/workplace restrictions, and school closures through April 29, 2020.
  - Increase the fine for violating directives to \$1,000.