

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
May 19, 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
- 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 18, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	1,655	Niagara County	845
Allegany County	44	Oneida County	785
Bronx County	43,270	Onondaga County	1,665
Broome County	429	Ontario County	152
Cattaraugus County	69	Orange County	9,988
Cayuga County	68	Orleans County	168
Chautauqua County	49	Oswego County	89
Chemung County	134	Otsego County	67
Chenango County	118	Putnam County	1,159
Clinton County	94	Queens County	59,508
Columbia County	350	Rensselaer County	444
Cortland County	36	Richmond County	13,069
Delaware County	69	Rockland County	12,798
Dutchess County	3,710	Saratoga County	436
Erie County	5,037	Schenectady County	631
Essex County	34	Schoharie County	48
Franklin County	18	Schuyler County	10
Fulton County	182	Seneca County	51
Genesee County	182	St. Lawrence County	192
Greene County	214	Steuben County	236
Hamilton County	5	Suffolk County	38,327
Herkimer County	92	Sullivan County	1,258
Jefferson County	71	Tioga County	113
Kings County	52,681	Tompkins County	142
Lewis County	18	Ulster County	1,565
Livingston County	111	Warren County	235
Madison County	260	Washington County	220
Manhattan	25,293	Wayne County	98
Monroe County	2,376	Westchester County	32,402
Montgomery County	75	Wyoming County	79
Nassau County	39,295	Yates County	26

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 352,845

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

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- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 12:00 PM and announced the following:**
 - Total hospitalizations at 5,818 on May 18.
 - Total deaths increased by 105 on May 18.
 - The Capital Region has identified its army of tracers, 430 have been identified. Tracers are being trained today in preparation for the Capital Region entering Phase 1 tomorrow.
 - Long Island has shown progress as the average rate of deaths is down to 13, from an average of 100.
 - Nassau County is now eligible for elective surgery and ambulatory care.
 - GNYHA and HANYS are implementing a two-week pilot program in 16 hospitals across the State to allow increased visitations for family members and loved ones.
 - Visits will be time-limited and visitors are provided with and must wear PPE and are subject to symptom and temperature checks.
 - Now taking steps to safely restart specific, crowd-less activities statewide:
 - Governor is encouraging sports teams to start and operate without fans.
 - Memorial Day: State will allow ceremonies with 10 people or less, up to local governments.
 - Vehicle parades in honor of veterans will be allowed as well.
 - New York State is doing everything it can, but the Governor believes a SMART federal response is needed to accelerate the path forward.
 - Pass the Americans First Law: If government bails out corporations, they cannot pocket the money and layoff workers.
 - Washington funded business and corporations, now must fund state and local governments.
 - This will fund hospitals, police, firefighters, school teachers, food banks.
 - Federal aid to states is not a red vs. blue issue, and Governor Hogan of Maryland joined the Governor in calling for \$500 billion in state fiscal relief.
 - The House of Representatives passed a bill that includes \$500 billion for states, \$375 billion for locals, Medicaid funding for the most vulnerable, increased SNAP food assistance, 100% FEMA federal assistance, testing funding, and repealed SALT.
 - The Governor believes the Senate must act on this bill.
 - Vaccine:
 - Encouraging news on a vaccine, but the Governor is calling on pharmaceutical corporations to release rights to provide for immediate widespread distribution so it is available to all people.

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- [Regional Status as of May 18](#)

	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	0.46	38%	54%	Y	Expected	6/7
Central NY	Y	Y	0.82	43%	50%	Y	Y	7/7
Finger Lakes	Y	Y	1.39	42%	53%	Y	Y	7/7
Long Island	Y	N	1.67	31%	37%	Y	Expected	5/7
Mid-Hudson	Y	N	1.74	32%	50%	Y	Expected	5/7
Mohawk Valley	Y	Y	1.03	47%	59%	Y	Y	7/7
NYC	Y	Y	1.80	27%	26%	Y	Expected	4/7
North Country	Y	Y	0.00	46%	68%	Y	Y	7/7
Southern Tier	Y	Y	0.21	47%	41%	Y	Y	7/7
Western NY	Y	Y	1.33	40%	56%	Y	Y	7/7