

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
June 29, 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)

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[Symptoms](#)

[Steps to Prevent Illness](#)

[What to Do if You are Sick](#)

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[Number of Nationwide Cases](#)

LATEST POSITIVE CASES IN NEW YORK STATE

(DATA AS OF JUNE 28, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	2,099	Niagara County	1,228
Allegany County	59	Oneida County	1,616
Bronx County	47,555	Onondaga County	2,822
Broome County	710	Ontario County	257
Cattaraugus County	123	Orange County	10,716
Cayuga County	114	Orleans County	281
Chautauqua County	123	Oswego County	196
Chemung County	140	Otsego County	84
Chenango County	146	Putnam County	1,325
Clinton County	101	Queens County	65,325
Columbia County	463	Rensselaer County	553
Cortland County	47	Richmond County	14,082
Delaware County	91	Rockland County	13,580
Dutchess County	4,201	Saratoga County	549
Erie County	7,249	Schenectady County	799
Essex County	42	Schoharie County	58
Franklin County	30	Schuyler County	12
Fulton County	256	Seneca County	69
Genesee County	238	St. Lawrence County	219
Greene County	260	Steuben County	266
Hamilton County	6	Suffolk County	41,339
Herkimer County	159	Sullivan County	1,451
Jefferson County	86	Tioga County	142
Kings County	59,576	Tompkins County	177
Lewis County	30	Ulster County	1,778
Livingston County	128	Warren County	263
Madison County	353	Washington County	246
Manhattan	28,401	Wayne County	165
Monroe County	3,709	Westchester County	34,798
Montgomery County	118	Wyoming County	95
Nassau County	41,780	Yates County	46

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 392,930

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

June 29, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
 - Total hospitalizations at 853 on June 28.
 - Total deaths increased by 7 on June 28.
 - Total positive percentage of tests was 0.84%.
 - There have been four COVID clusters in New York State:
 - Westchester County graduation (13 positive cases), Montgomery County aluminum factory (74 positive cases), Washington County/Vermont Slate Quarry (12 cases), Oswego Apple Factory (82 positive cases).
 - Western New York will enter Phase Four tomorrow.
 - Two New York City complications heading toward Phase Three:
 - Lack of compliance with social distancing, large congregations, local government enforcement
 - Spread from other states.
 - Indoor dining has been shown in other states to pose risks, outdoor dining has been going well. State will review data and consult with stakeholders in New York City about risk/reward of indoor dining. Final decision by Wednesday.
 - Increase across the nation is problematic for New York due to travelers, and New York will help any state.
 - 2020 Video Music Awards will return to New York City on Sunday, August 30 at the Barclay’s Center.
 - Air filters with a high Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV), such as High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters, have been shown to reduce presence of COVID-19 in air filtration systems.
 - Filters with MERV rating capable of filtering COVID-19 particles (or similar air exchange measures) will be mandatory for large mall re-openings.
 - State recommends all businesses and offices consider installing filters with MERV rating capable of filtering COVID-19.
 - Directing New York State Police to launch a fireworks enforcement detail to prevent illegal fireworks from being brought into New York and Pennsylvania, and the State will provide local governments with additional enforcement tools to help put an end to the use of illegal fireworks in our communities.
- **Percentage Positive Test Results by Region**

Test Results on June 28	# of Tests	Positive	% Positive
Capital Region	2,268	12	0.5%
Central New York	2,031	10	0.5%
Finger Lakes	3,431	24	0.7%
Long Island	8,337	59	0.7%
Mid-Hudson	5,080	30	0.6%
Mohawk Valley	1,488	32	2.2%
New York City	18,691	189	1.0%
North Country	917	4	0.4%
Southern Tier	1,293	8	0.6%
Western New York	2,892	23	0.8%

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June 26, 2020

- **Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.45. Highlights include:**
 - Prohibiting employees from receiving paid sick leave benefits or any other paid benefits if, beginning after June 25, such employee voluntarily travels to a state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10 percent positivity rate, over a seven-day rolling average, or travels to a country for which the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a level two or three travel health notice.
 - The travel must not be part of the employee's employment or at the direction of the employee's employer.
 - Allowing the Mayor of Buffalo to waive the additions prescribed in Section 28-66 of the Charter of the City of Buffalo on unpaid city taxes for the months of April, May, and June 2020, and to require the payments made after June 30, 2020 to be made without the additions.
 - Modifying the non-essential gathering limit to allow for gatherings of fifty or fewer individuals (provided indoor events do not exceed 50 percent of the maximum occupancy) for Phase Four regions.
 - Removing the restrictions on in-person workforce at non-essential businesses for Phase Four industries.
 - Phase Four industries must be operated in compliance with Department of Health (DOH) guidance.
 - Authorizing general hospitals to perform elective surgeries and procedures so long as the established criteria are currently met, regardless if the criteria were met on the dates set forth by the directive of the Commissioner of Health, and as modified by the June 14 DOH guidance.
 - Continuing the closure of schools statewide for in-person instruction, except for the purpose of special education services.
 - Schools districts must ensure the availability of meals, and child care, with an emphasis on serving children of essential workers.
 - Meals may be provided by an alternative party, but the school district is responsible for ensuring access to free meals.
- A federal judge (Hon. Gary L. Sharpe) blocked New York State from enforcing coronavirus restrictions on indoor religious gatherings that are greater than other phase 2 industries, provided social distancing requirements are followed.