

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
April 18, 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 APRIL 17, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	648	Niagara County	234
Allegany County	30	Oneida County	268
Bronx County	28,019	Onondaga County	492
Broome County	186	Ontario County	69
Cattaraugus County	34	Orange County	6,266
Cayuga County	36	Orleans County	41
Chautauqua County	25	Oswego County	45
Chemung County	72	Otsego County	47
Chenango County	77	Putnam County	582
Clinton County	48	Queens County	40,216
Columbia County	105	Rensselaer County	164
Cortland County	25	Richmond County	9,333
Delaware County	49	Rockland County	9,171
Dutchess County	2,201	Saratoga County	244
Erie County	1,997	Schenectady County	259
Essex County	16	Schoharie County	20
Franklin County	13	Schuyler County	6
Fulton County	27	Seneca County	18
Genesee County	87	St. Lawrence County	98
Greene County	82	Steuben County	160
Hamilton County	3	Suffolk County	26,143
Herkimer County	47	Sullivan County	524
Jefferson County	50	Tioga County	32
Kings County	35,763	Tompkins County	117
Lewis County	8	Ulster County	820
Livingston County	37	Warren County	94
Madison County	105	Washington County	52
Manhattan	17,932	Wayne County	49
Monroe County	1,008	Westchester County	23,179
Montgomery County	34	Wyoming County	36
Nassau County	29,180	Yates County	9

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 236,732

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

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- [Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM to provide an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in New York](#)
 - Governor Cuomo will issue an Executive Order allowing New Yorkers to obtain a marriage license remotely, and allowing clerks to perform ceremonies via video conference.
 - The Governor reiterated his support for the National Governor's Association call for \$500 billion in unrestricted aid to the states to help stabilize the economy.

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- [The U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program \(CFAP\)](#)
 - CFAP is designed to assist farmers, ranchers and consumers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - This \$19 billion program uses funding from the CARES Act, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), and other existing authority:
 - **\$16 billion** for direct support to farmers and ranchers for actual losses where prices and market supply chains have been impacted.
 - This funding will also assist producers with additional adjustments and marketing costs from lost demand and short-term oversupply.
 - **\$3 billion** for USDA to partner with regional and local distributors to purchase fresh produce, dairy, and meat.
 - Purchased items will then be provided to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need.
 - Additional programs utilized by USDA to purchase and distribute food to those in need include:
 - \$873 million in Section 32 funding to purchase agricultural products for distribution to food banks.
 - \$850 million for food bank administrative costs and USDA food purchases.