

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates  
April 23, 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 22, 2020)

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Positive Cases</b>
Albany County	758	Niagara County	295
Allegany County	30	Oneida County	317
Bronx County	31,659	Onondaga County	600
Broome County	224	Ontario County	73
Cattaraugus County	37	Orange County	6,816
Cayuga County	37	Orleans County	59
Chautauqua County	26	Oswego County	49
Chemung County	76	Otsego County	50
Chenango County	82	Putnam County	615
Clinton County	52	Queens County	44,904
Columbia County	123	Rensselaer County	191
Cortland County	25	Richmond County	10,590
Delaware County	50	Rockland County	9,828
Dutchess County	2,460	Saratoga County	265
Erie County	2,450	Schenectady County	288
Essex County	22	Schoharie County	21
Franklin County	13	Schuyler County	7
Fulton County	28	Seneca County	18
Genesee County	126	St. Lawrence County	139
Greene County	89	Steuben County	171
Hamilton County	3	Suffolk County	29,567
Herkimer County	54	Sullivan County	580
Jefferson County	56	Tioga County	40
Kings County	39,354	Tompkins County	119
Lewis County	9	Ulster County	942
Livingston County	41	Warren County	119
Madison County	106	Washington County	80
Manhattan	19,348	Wayne County	53
Monroe County	1,152	Westchester County	25,959
Montgomery County	39	Wyoming County	41
Nassau County	32,124	Yates County	11

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 263,460**

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

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- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
  - Total deaths increased by 438 on April 22.
  - By law and regulation nursing homes must:
    - Require PPE as well as temperature checks for staff.
    - Isolate COVID residents in quarantine.
    - Separate staff, transfer COVID residents within a facility, to another long-term care facility, or to another non-certified location.
    - Notify all residents and their family members within 24 hours if any resident tests positive for COVID or suffers a COVID-related death.
    - Readmit COVID positive residents only if they have the ability to provide adequate level of care under DOH and CDC guidelines.
  - DOH is partnering with the Attorney General to investigate violations of Executive Orders requiring communication with families on COVID-19 test results and deaths at nursing homes.
    - Directing nursing homes to immediately report to DOH actions they have taken to comply with DOH and CDC directives.
    - DOH will inspect facilities that have not complied, including separation policies, staffing policies, and inadequate PPE.
    - If DOH determines facilities failed to comply with directives and guidance, DOH will immediately require the facility to submit an action plan, and facilities could be fined up to \$10,000 per violation or lose their operating license.
  - Testing serves several purposes:
    - Test-Trace-Isolate.
    - Those who test positive for antibodies can donate for convalescent plasma.
    - Inform the State's reopening strategy.
  - Antibody study of random 3,000 New Yorkers has Phase I results:
    - Collected over two days in 19 counties and 40 localities across NYS at grocery and other box stores.
    - 13.9% tested positive for having antibodies.
    - Regional results for percentage testing positive:
      - Long Island: 16.7%.
      - NYC: 21.2%.
      - Westchester/Rockland: 11.7%.
      - Rest of State: 3.6%.
    - When looking at racial disparity, minority communities tested positive at a higher rate.
  - If the infection rate is 13.9%, the death rate may be lower than some estimates.
    - Means 2.7 million have been infected statewide.
    - That means the death rate is approximately 0.5% of people infected.
      - This is based on preliminary data, and does not include in-home deaths.
  - The data supports regional analysis and decision-making in a coordinated framework.
  - The State will increase testing in African American and Latino communities.

## State News Updates (continued)

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- Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.6 to provide guidance for determining whether a business enterprise is subject to a workforce reduction. Ways and Means reached out to Empire State Development (ESD) to obtain additional clarity in respect to privately owned golf courses.
  - **Public Golf Courses:**
    - Public golf courses (owned by a municipal government) are exempt under the Executive Order and are subject to safety regulations issued by each locality.
  - **Privately Owned Golf Courses:**
    - *Currently, the language available on the ESD website (updated April 19th) is as follows: "However, golf courses are not essential and cannot have employees working on-premise; notwithstanding this restriction, essential services, such as groundskeeping to avoid hazardous conditions and security, provided by employees, contractors, or vendors are permitted and private operators may permit individuals access to the property so long as there are no gatherings of any kind and appropriate social distancing of six feet between individuals is strictly abided."*
  - According to ESD, the New York State Club Association contacted the State for clarity and confirmation of the meaning of the language provided on the ESD website. To that end, the following provisions were reviewed and approved by the State:
    - There can be no employees working at the recreational component of the golf operation with the exception of security personnel.
    - Security personnel can be delineated by each club (ex. A pro and the head starter) and will be present to enforce social distancing.
    - No access is permitted to club facilities including but not limited to the club house, pro shop, bag room and locker room.
    - No caddies. No golf carts (except pull carts), you must either carry your own bag or use a pull cart.
    - All golfers must maintain proper social distancing at all times, this is mandatory, no exceptions.
    - Allowing guests is to be determined by the security personnel on the golf course.
    - Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course.
    - Clubs are strongly advised to provide a printed copy of the new guidance to security personnel, as local law enforcement may come to a club and may not be aware of the new guidance.
  - Due to the unique COVID-19 precautions taking place at golf courses around the country, the **USGA has provided guidance** on how to use the flexibility provided in the **Rules of Golf** while protecting public health. They also provided temporary guidance on **posting scores to GHIN** (began in upstate New York on April 15), specifically when golfers don't "hole out" for health/safety reasons.
    - <https://www.nysga.org/communications-news/nysga-updates-regarding-covid-19>

## Federal News Updates

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- [President Trump released a fact sheet detailing the Administration's support for New York State](#)

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- [The Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) released guidance on how organizations should manage Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) needs while ensuring protection of their workers](#)