

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
May 1, 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 30, 2020)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	1,204	Niagara County	440
Allegany County	35	Oneida County	451
Bronx County	37,785	Onondaga County	860
Broome County	299	Ontario County	91
Cattaraugus County	49	Orange County	8,751
Cayuga County	51	Orleans County	92
Chautauqua County	35	Oswego County	64
Chemung County	123	Otsego County	67
Chenango County	99	Putnam County	990
Clinton County	61	Queens County	52,274
Columbia County	202	Rensselaer County	298
Cortland County	28	Richmond County	11,937
Delaware County	61	Rockland County	11,812
Dutchess County	3,002	Saratoga County	358
Erie County	3,481	Schenectady County	514
Essex County	28	Schoharie County	43
Franklin County	15	Schuyler County	7
Fulton County	75	Seneca County	41
Genesee County	154	St. Lawrence County	176
Greene County	139	Steuben County	216
Hamilton County	3	Suffolk County	34,037
Herkimer County	60	Sullivan County	880
Jefferson County	61	Tioga County	90
Kings County	45,519	Tompkins County	128
Lewis County	9	Ulster County	1,298
Livingston County	73	Warren County	182
Madison County	139	Washington County	170
Manhattan	22,175	Wayne County	71
Monroe County	1,478	Westchester County	29,232
Montgomery County	54	Wyoming County	68
Nassau County	36,161	Yates County	18

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 308,314

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

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- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:30 AM and announced the following:**
 - Total hospitalizations under 11,000 as of April 30/total deaths increased by 289 on April 30.
 - Must target efforts to reduce new cases, as there were almost 1,000 new hospitalizations for COVID-19 on April 30.

County	3-Day Rolling Average of Gross Hospitalizations	Percent Share of Total
Manhattan	167	17.5%
Kings	166	17.4%
Bronx	122	12.8%
Queens	114	11.9%
Nassau	97	10.1%
Westchester	74	7.8%
Suffolk	71	7.45
Rest of State	62	6.5%
Erie	36	3.7%
Richmond	24	2.5%
Rockland	23	2.4%

- Need to find out more information on cases such as address, how they commute, where they work, where they live, are they at nursing home, demographics.
- **K-12 schools and college facilities will remain closed for the rest of the academic year, and will continue to provide distance learning for the remainder of the academic year.**
 - **Decision on summer school programming will be announced end of May.**
 - Meal programs and child care services for essential employees will continue.
- Schools have high density and transportation issues, and there is great risk of spread unless protective measures are fully in place.
 - 700 public school districts with 4,800 schools and 2.59 million students.
 - 1,800 private schools with 400,000 students.
 - 89 SUNY/CUNY campuses with 700,000 students.
 - Over 100 private colleges with 500,000 students.
 - Total K-12 and College: 4.2 million students.
- State will approve plans to reopen schools and colleges. Plans should consider:
 - How can schools monitor spread of COVID-19?
 - How do we instill parent confidence and reinforce student safety?
 - When and how will extra-curricular activities reopen?
 - Do protocols for special student populations change?
 - On college campuses, how will housing, meals, and gatherings work?
 - What steps need to be taken to ensure student mental health?
 - How can colleges work together to share services and offer opportunities across public/private systems?
 - Would any alternative academic calendars work?
- New York State emotional support hotline: 1-844-863-9314. Additional mental health resources: headspace.com/ny.
 - Frontline healthcare workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 for help. Directing insurers to waive cost sharing/copays/deductibles for mental health services for essential workers.
- Domestic violence: rise in reports of 15% in March, 30% in April.
 - Domestic Violence Help Line: 1-844-997-2121

State News Updates (continued)

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- [Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.26 to allow for voting for school districts, local elections, and provides changes to the June 23 election process. Highlights include:](#)
 - [School Districts and Libraries Elections and Reporting Dates](#)
 - School budget and school board votes for every school district, outside the Big 5 school districts, will be held on June 9.
 - Notices for the meeting will be sent out to the voters 28 days before the election.
 - The notice will be in the form of a postcard highlighting the date of the election, date of the budget hearing, definition of a qualified voter, and an absentee ballot.
 - Votes will be conducted via absentee ballot with a postage paid return envelope sent to each qualified voter.
 - Any library board election will be conducted via absentee ballots mailed to all eligible voters with a postage paid return envelope.
 - School district annual report cards are to be submitted to the State Education Department no later than 18 days prior to the budget vote and will be compiled together no later than June 2.
 - Signature requirements to be on the ballot for school board elections and library board elections are waived, with all other requirements to be on the ballot still necessary.
 - [Local Elections](#)
 - Any village election previously scheduled to be held in March, April, May, or June will be held on September 15.
 - For any village election scheduled to be held on September 15 as directed by this Executive Order, all party nominations shall be made by party caucus.
 - All independent nominations for a village election previously scheduled prior to September 2020, now to be held on September 15, shall be postponed until such time as NY on Pause is suspended.
 - Village officials elected at a rescheduled election held on September 15, shall assume office as soon as the statement of canvass is filed with the village and such terms shall end as if they had been elected at the time of the originally scheduled election.
 - [June 23 Elections](#)
 - Any absentee ballot sent to a voter for a primary or special election to be held on June 23 shall be provided with a postage paid return envelope.
 - Board of Elections will maintain a voting system that is accessible for voters wishing to mark their absentee ballot privately and independently.
 - It shall be permitted that any Justice of the Supreme Court appointed to hear election matters on election day to hear and determine such matters telephonically or by video conference.
 - Inspectors of the board shall not attend and/or visit facilities described in Section 8-407 of the Election Law (Nursing Homes and Care Facilities) and shall instead mail or deliver absentee ballots to voters residing in such facilities.
- [Governor Cuomo announced the opening of five new drive-through testing facilities](#)
 - **Niagara County:** Niagara County Community College, 3111 Saunders Settlement Rd, Sanborn, NY
 - **Erie County:** Buffalo Sabres Lot, 125 Perry Street, Buffalo, NY 14204
 - **Broome County:** Binghamton University - Event Center (Lot F/F3)
 - **Monroe County:** Monroe County Community College, 1000 E Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY, Lot G
 - **Oneida County:** Griffiss International Airport, 592 Hanger Road, Rome NY.
 - Appointments by phone at 1-888-364-3065 or online at covid19screening@health.ny.gov.