

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
March 24, 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

(AS OF MARCH 24, 2020 AT 2:49PM)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	146	New York City	14,904
Allegany County	2	Oneida County	7
Broome County	7	Onondaga County	52
Cayuga County	2	Ontario County	6
Chenango County	3	Orange County	498
Clinton County	6	Oswego County	1
Columbia County	10	Otsego County	1
Cortland County	2	Putnam County	45
Delaware County	3	Rensselaer County	29
Dutchess County	124	Rockland County	671
Erie County	107	Saratoga County	53
Essex County	3	Schenectady County	44
Fulton County	1	Schoharie County	1
Genesee County	1	Steuben County	4
Greene County	4	Suffolk County	1,880
Hamilton County	2	Sullivan County	23
Herkimer County	4	Tioga County	1
Jefferson County	2	Tompkins County	15
Livingston County	3	Ulster County	35
Madison County	4	Warren County	2
Monroe County	96	Washington County	3
Montgomery County	3	Wayne County	6
Nassau County	2,869	Westchester County	3,891
Niagara County	10	Wyoming County	4

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 25,665

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

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- [The Governor announced medical Supplies will be delivered throughout the State:](#)

Location	N-95 Masks	Surgical Masks	Gloves	Gowns	Face Shields
New York City	169,000	430,850	176,750	72,561	39,384
Westchester County	16,988	301,595	17,675	72,561	3,926
Long Island	33,976	86,170	35,350	14,512	7,853
Rest of State	118,916	301,595	123,735	50,793	27,485

State News Updates (continued)

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- **Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 11:00 AM and provided the following information:**
 - Rate of increase in cases in New York has been doubling every three days.
 - Projections have now changed, and New York State may need 140,000 hospital beds, and approximately 40,000 ICU beds.
 - This apex in cases may be 14 to 21 days away.
 - Exercising all options to slow the spread and flatten the curve.
 - Closed businesses.
 - Reduced street density.
 - Increased testing.
 - Trying new drug therapies
 - Hydroxychloroquine and Zithromax.
 - Department of Health Plasma Injection.
 - Antibody tests to see if people have antibodies.
 - Must increase hospital capacity dramatically quicker than anticipated:
 - Need additional beds.
 - Hospitals must increase capacity by 50% (with goal of 100%), emergency hospitals, hotels, dorms.
 - Need additional staff.
 - Need additional equipment.
 - The State has procured 7,000 ventilators, FEMA is sending 400, need 30,000.
 - Experimental ventilator option of splitting ventilators to put two people on one.
 - Need federal help to get the additional ventilators.
 - Use the federal Defense Production Act.
 - Secretary of Health and Human Services Azar should use the federal stockpile of 20,000 ventilators to help New York.
 - Prioritize the resources based on need. New York has over 25,000 cases, ten times the cases than any other state at the moment.
 - Deploy ventilators around the country as needed. Different regions have different curve rates of infection.
 - After the apex in New York, deploy the ventilators to where they are needed.
 - Develop a refined public health strategy that is also an economic strategy.
 - Lower risk individuals have less of an isolation need.
 - Recovered, younger, and tested workers can return.

State News Updates (continued)

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- [Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.10 to do the following:](#)
 - Temporarily suspend laws and regulations to increase the available pool of health care professionals to help fight the Coronavirus epidemic.
 - Authorize the Commissioner of Health to direct all general hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery practices, and diagnostic and treatment centers to increase the number of beds, and require general hospitals to comply with such order.
 - Prohibits pharmacists from dispensing hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine except when written as prescribed for an FDA-approved indication, or as part of a State-approved clinical trial related to COVID-19.
 - Requires licensed health insurance companies to provide a list of all persons with a professional licensure or degree, or a recently expired license as a physician's assistant, medical doctor, licensed registered nurse, licensed nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse.
 - Cancel or postpone all non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations, or social events) at this time.

Federal News Updates

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- [President Trump and members of the Coronavirus Task Force held a press conference and announced the following:](#)
 - The President signed an [executive order](#) invoking the Defense Production Act to prohibit the hoarding of vital medical equipment such as hand sanitizer, face masks, and personal protective equipment.
 - Announced New York will begin trials of hydroxychloroquine and zithromycin on Tuesday.
 - The President stated he, along with medical experts, will be looking to recommend new protocols to allow local economies to cautiously resume activity at the appropriate time.