

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Latest Updates
March 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
- 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 23, 2020 AT 3:03PM)

Locality	Positive Cases	Locality	Positive Cases
Albany County	127	New York City	12,305
Allegany County	2	Oneida County	7
Broome County	7	Onondaga County	52
Cayuga County	2	Ontario County	6
Chenango County	3	Orange County	389
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	100	Rockland County	592
Erie County	87	Saratoga County	53
Essex County	3	Schenectady County	44
Fulton County	1	Schoharie County	1
Genesee County	1	St. Lawrence County	1
Greene County	4	Steuben County	4
Hamilton County	2	Suffolk County	1,458
Herkimer County	4	Sullivan County	23
Jefferson County	2	Tioga County	1
Livingston County	3	Tompkins County	15
Madison County	4	Ulster County	35
Monroe County	76	Warren County	2
Montgomery County	3	Washington County	3
Nassau County	2,442	Wayne County	6
Niagara County	10	Westchester County	2,894
		Wyoming County	4

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES STATEWIDE: 20,875

SOURCE: [NYS DOH](#)

State News Updates

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- [The Executive has released information regarding Paid Sick Leave for COVID-19 impacted New Yorkers](#)
 - Guidance for Employers: <https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/covid-19-paid-leave-guidance-employers>
 - Information for impacted individuals and families: <https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/COVID19>

State News Updates (continued)

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- Governor Cuomo held a press conference at 10:45 AM and provided the following information:
 - Density Control; what New York has done.
 - Gyms, theaters, other high-density businesses closed.
 - Non-essential employees from home.
 - Social distancing required.
 - Matilda's law for vulnerable New Yorkers.
 - NYC density control issue:
 - Getting a plan from New York City today.
 - Any legislation necessary for plan passed by NYC council should be done immediately.
 - Testing increase:
 - Since March 13th FDA approval of New York State testing:
 - Went from testing 1,000 to 16,000
 - More per capita than South Korea, which tested 20,000 per day at peak with more than double New York's population.
 - Increasing hospital capacity:
 - Will be issuing the Emergency Order today to increase hospital capacity by 50%. This is a mandatory directive.
 - Still asking hospitals to increase capacity by 100%, but 50% is mandatory.
 - Increasing staffing: 30,000 retired health care professionals have responded to date.
 - Emergency Executive Order will be issued for all nurses to enlist.
 - Department of Financial Services to request health insurers to provide details regarding nurses and doctors on staff.
 - Supplies:
 - Still in the same situation and calling on the federal government to centralized the process, but the federal government has deployed hundreds of thousands of masks, gloves, gowns, and face shields to New York.
 - President Trump delivered:
 - Emergency hospitals.
 - Waiving the 25% state share for FEMA funding.
 - FDA approval for drug trials.
 - Tuesday: will begin hydroxychloroquine.
 - NYS DOH: FDA approved trial to use experimental drug and NYS will institute.
 - Antibody injections will be administered to sick individuals in hopes of relief.
 - Will also test antibodies in individuals believed to have had the virus to see if they are now immune.
 - Total cases now up to 20,875.
 - Hospitalization rate: 2,635 out of 20,875 (13% of cases).
 - 621 ICU patients (24% of hospitalizations).
 - Former Secretaries to the Governor Steve Cohen and Bill Mulrow will be tasked with developing the NYS Forward Plan to restart the economy following NYS on Pause.
 - The State opened a drive-through testing facility in the Bronx.
 - New York has opened six mobile facilities to date.

State News Updates (continued)

Federal News Updates

March 22, 2020

- **The President and the Coronavirus Task Force held a press conference and announced the following:**
 - Today, announcing action to help New York, California, and Washington by funding 100 percent of the costs related to deployed National Guard.
 - Will give Governor's maximum flexibility for deploying the National Guard without worry of cost or liability.
 - Announced details of assistance to states. For New York, the President stated the following:
 - Approved Title 32 National Guard Activation at no cost to the Governor.
 - Will waive the 25 percent cost
 - Directed FEMA to deploy:
 - 4 large federal medical stations to New York with 1,000 total beds.
 - Announced mission assignment of the Army Corps of Engineers to build out alternate care sites in New York.
 - As of March 19, delivered the following supplies to New York out of the Strategic National Stockpile:
 - N95 masks: 186,416
 - O78 surgical masks: 444,000
 - Face shields: 84,560
 - Gowns: 68,944
 - Gloves: 245,486
 - Announced Honeywell increasing their manufacture of personal protective equipment for medical professionals.
 - Will produce millions of additional N95 masks.
 - Announced a public-private consortium to utilize supercomputing technologies to fight the virus:
 - NIH, IBM, Amazon, Google, Microsoft, MIT, RPI, the Department of Energy's National Labor Laboratories, the National Science Foundation, NASA.
 - Steps to protect Veterans:
 - In February, 19 emergency operations Centers set up around the country to help veterans.
 - If a VA hospital is too crowded, veterans have the choice to see a private doctor.
 - Restricted visitor access to 135 veteran community living centers which house 8,000 veterans.