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Information on Novel Coronavirus

New York's healthcare system is the best in the world, and our agencies are prioritizing testing, containment tracking and quarantine protocols to keep New Yorkers safe during this period.

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Information for Health Care Providers

Preparing for COVID-19

Recently, a new coronavirus - 2019 Novel (New) Coronavirus – that was first detected in China is now spreading worldwide. This virus causes a disease called COVID-19 and can lead to fever, cough and shortness of breath. There are thousands of confirmed cases in a growing number of countries internationally and the virus is now spreading in the United States. There are ongoing investigations to learn more about this virus.

Individuals who are experiencing symptoms and may have traveled to [areas of concern](#), or have been in contact with somebody who has traveled to these areas, should call ahead to their health care provider before seeking treatment in person.

This is a rapidly changing situation. Please regularly check this site and the [CDC's Novel Coronavirus webpage](#) for updates.

Data last updated 5:30pm March 6, 2020

	New York State (Outside of NYC)	New York City (NYC)	Total Positive Cases

Positive Cases	40	4	44
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Important Health Information For Those Who Have Recently Traveled Internationally

If you recently traveled internationally to these [areas of concern](#) and feel sick with fever, cough or trouble breathing, you should:

- Seek medical care right away. Call ahead and tell them about your travel and symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others. Stay home, except for seeking medical care.
- Avoid further travel until the illness resolves.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Symptoms

The 2019 novel coronavirus may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms like:

- cough
- fever
- trouble breathing and
- pneumonia

CDC believes at this time that symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus.

How Does Novel Coronavirus Spread?

Most of the early reported cases had contact with a seafood and live animal market, suggesting an animal source of the outbreak. However, most cases are now likely to be spread from person to person by droplets when coughing. Since this virus is very new, health authorities continue to carefully watch how this virus spreads.

Prevention

While there is currently no vaccine to prevent this virus, these simple steps can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Additional Information

- [Protect yourself from COVID-19 and stop the spread of germs](#) (PDF)
- Cleaning and Disinfection Guidance [March, 5, 2020](#)
 - [Schools](#) (PDF)
 - [Non-Healthcare Settings](#) (PDF)
 - [Public Transportation](#) (PDF)
 - [DEC List of Products to Disinfect COVID-19](#) (PDF)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Monitoring and Movement Restrictions](#) - February 17, 2020 (PDF)
- [CDC: 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
- [World Health Organization: Coronavirus](#)
- [Local NYS County Health Departments](#)

Child Care Providers and Schools

- [Update on COVID-19 for New York State Schools \(Pre-K – 12\) \(March 3, 2020\)](#) (PDF)
- [Update on COVID-19 for Higher Education Institutions in New York State \(March 2, 2020\)](#)
 - [Presentation](#) (PDF)
- [Webinar: Update on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) for Schools \(February 7, 2020\)](#)
 - [Presentation](#) (PDF)
- [Dear Child Care Provider Letter \(February 6, 2020\)](#) (ocfs.ny.gov)
- [Joint NYSDOH NYSED Letter \(February 5, 2020\)](#) (PDF)

- [Statement from New York State Department of Health Commissioner Doctor Howard Zucker - March 6, 2020](#)
- [At Novel Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Confirms 11 Additional Cases - Bringing Statewide Total to 44 - March 6, 2020](#)
- [At Novel Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Confirms 11 Additional Cases - Bringing Statewide Total to 33 - March 6, 2020](#)
- [Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: At Novel Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Confirms 11 Additional Cases - Bringing New York State Total to 22 - March 5, 2020](#)
- [At Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Announces SUNY and CUNY Study Abroad Programs in China, Italy, Japan, Iran, South Korea Suspended Effective Immediately in Response to Novel Coronavirus Concerns - March 4, 2020](#)
- [During Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Signs \\$40 Million Emergency Management Authorization for Coronavirus Response - March 3, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Issues Statement Regarding Novel Coronavirus in New York - March 1, 2020](#)
- [Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on Coronavirus - February 29, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Announces \\$40 Million Emergency Appropriation to Support DOH Staffing and Equipment to Respond to Potential Novel Coronavirus Pandemic - February 26, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Updates New Yorkers on Novel Coronavirus - February 10, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Updates New Yorkers on Novel Coronavirus and Urges Continued Awareness While Flu is Still Prevalent - February 7, 2020](#)
- [Statement from New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker on Coronavirus Testing - February 5, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Issues Update on Novel Coronavirus - February 4, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Issues Update on Novel Coronavirus and Announces New Hotline Staffed by State Health Department Experts - February 2, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Provides Update on Novel Coronavirus While Reminding New Yorkers Flu is Still Prevalent - January 30, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Issues Update on Novel Coronavirus as One More New Yorker is Identified for Testing Bringing Total to 10 - January 28, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Issues Update on Novel Coronavirus as Two More New Yorkers Identified for Testing Bringing Total to Nine - January 27, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Announces State's Continued Response to Novel Coronavirus as Three More Individuals are Identified for Testing in New York State - January 26, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Outlines State Response to First Two Confirmed Cases of Novel Coronavirus in United States - January 24, 2020](#)

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