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Information on Novel Coronavirus

Governor Cuomo is urging all New Yorkers to stay at home as much as possible and to keep a safe distance of 6 feet from others in public spaces to reduce the spread of Coronavirus.

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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950 Positive Cases in New York State

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hotline:

1-888-364-3065

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Latest Updates

- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed an executive order directing all schools in New York to close by Wednesday, March 18 for two weeks ending April 1
- No gatherings of 50 people or more in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey
- Casinos, gyms, theaters will be closed as of 8:00 pm on Monday, March 16 until further notice
- Bars and restaurants will be closed as of 8:00 pm on Monday, March 16, but takeout can be ordered during the period of closure
- Strongly advise only services and businesses that are essential stay open after 8:00 pm
 - Groceries
 - Gas stations
 - Pharmacies
 - Medical facilities
- Non essential state workers will work from home
- All local governments must reduce their workforce by at least 50%
- New York State will waive all park fees in state, local and county parks

County	Positive Cases
Westchester	220
Nassau	109
Suffolk	63
Rockland	16
Albany	12
Orange	11
Dutchess	10
Monroe	10
Ulster	7
Saratoga	5
Erie	6
Schenectady	4

Greene	2
Putnam	2
Allegany	2
Broome	1
Delaware	1
Herkimer	1
Tioga	1
Tompkins	1
Montgomery	1
Onondaga	1
Ontario	1
New York State (Outside of NYC)	487
New York City:	463
Total Positive Cases (Statewide)	950

What You Need to Know

- Coronavirus was first detected in China is now spreading worldwide.
- The symptoms may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms like
 - cough
 - fever
 - trouble breathing and/or
 - pneumonia
- The 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.
- 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.
- Most cases are now likely to be spread from person to person by droplets when coughing.
- The status for required mandatory quarantine is a person that has been in close contact (6 ft.) with someone who is positive, but is not displaying symptoms for COVID-19; or person has traveled to China, Iran, Japan, South Korea or Italy and is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- The status for required mandatory isolation is a person that has tested positive for COVID-19, whether or not displaying symptoms for COVID-19.

Help Stop the Spread of This and Other Respiratory Viruses

Prevention

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 face 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 garbage.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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Additional Information

- Protect yourself from COVID-19 and stop the spread of germs: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Bengali](#), [Chinese](#), [Haitian](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#) (PDF)
- [Interim Guidance for Large Gatherings and Public Spaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#) (PDF)
- [Interim Guidance for Procedures When Identifying an Employee with Concerns for COVID-19 Exposures](#) (PDF)
- Cleaning and Disinfection Guidance
 - [Food Manufacturing Facilities or Food Retail Stores](#)
 - [Houses of Worship](#)
 - [Public and Private Facilities](#)
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 - [Non-Healthcare Settings](#)
 - [Public Transportation](#)
 - [DEC List of Products to Disinfect COVID-19](#)
- [A message from New York State's Health Commissioner](#)
 - Also available in: [Chinese](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Korean](#)
- [New York State is Ready](#)
 - available in: [English](#), [Cantonese](#), [Mandarin](#), [Korean](#)
- [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

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Guidance for P-12 Schools \(March 9, 2020\)](#) (PDF)
- [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)

- [Governor Cuomo Calls on President Trump to Take Comprehensive Federal Action to Combat Novel Coronavirus Now - March 15, 2020](#)
- [During Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Announces Department of Financial Services Will Require Insurance Companies to Waive Co-payments for Tele-health Visits - March 14, 2020](#)
- [After Weeks of Demanding Approval, Governor Cuomo Announces FDA Gives New York State Authority to Conduct All Covid-19 Testing at Public and Private Labs - March 13, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Opens the State's First Drive-through COVID-19 Mobile Testing Center in New Rochelle - March 13, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Accepts Recommendation of State Health Commissioner for New Emergency Measures to Contain Novel Coronavirus Cluster in New Rochelle - March 10, 2020](#)
- [At Novel Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Announces State Will Provide Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer to New Yorkers Free of Charge - March 9, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Confirms 16 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 105 - March 8, 2020](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Confirms 13 Additional Coronaviruses Cases In New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 89 - March 7, 2020](#)
- [At Novel Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Declares State of Emergency to Contain Spread of Virus - March 7, 2020](#)
- [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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