

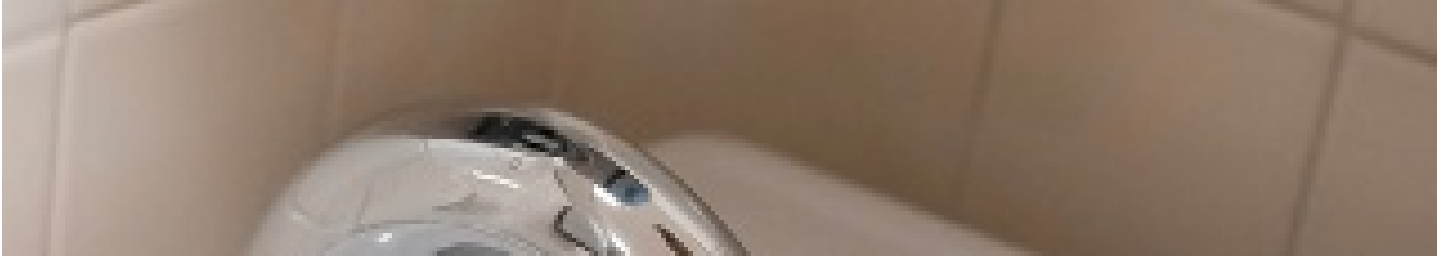


Department of  
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Have a Question? Call the Novel Coronavirus Hotline 24/7 at 1-888-364-3065

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## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)



### Protect Yourself and Your Family

Stay home and Keep a Safe Distance from others in public. It's the only way to help slow the spread of Coronavirus.

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SYMPTOMS

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## What You Need to Know

- Governor Cuomo will issue an executive order directing non-essential businesses to implement work-from-home policies effective Friday, March 20. Businesses that rely on in-office personnel must decrease their in-office workforce by 50 percent.
- Exemptions from the order will include shipping, media, warehousing, grocery and food production, pharmacies, healthcare providers, utilities, banks and related financial institutions.
- Retail shopping malls, amusement parks and bowling alleys to close by 8 PM Thursday in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.
- The USNS Comfort, a 1,000 bed hospital ship, will be deployed to New York harbor to increase New York's hospital surge capacity.
- The Governor and Legislature have an agreement on a bill guaranteeing job protection and pay for New Yorkers who have been quarantined as a result of novel coronavirus.
- Governor Cuomo signed an executive order directing all schools in New York to close by Wednesday, March 18 for two weeks ending April 1.
- Casinos, gyms, theaters are closed until further notice.
- Bars and restaurants are closed, but takeout can be ordered during the period of closure.
- All local governments must reduce their workforce by at least 50%. Non-essential state workers are working from home.
- New York State is waiving all park fees in state, local and county parks.
- Testing is free for all eligible New Yorkers as ordered by a health care provider.
- Your [local health department](#) is your community contact for COVID-19 concerns.

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[Pennsylvania Joins New York, New Jersey and Connecticut's ...](#)

The four governors announced indoor portions of retail shopping malls, amusement parks and bowling alleys in the four states will close by 8 PM Thursday - an expansion of the guidance that the three governors from the tri-state area issued Monday.

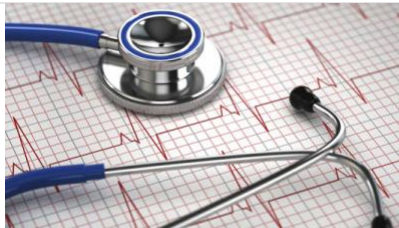
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#### [Deployment of 1,000-Bed Hospital Ship 'USNS Comfort' to New York ...](#)

The USNS Comfort - a 1,000-bed hospital ship - will arrive in the New York harbor in April. The ship has 12 fully-equipped operating rooms and will significantly increase New York's hospital surge capacity.

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#### [Call for Retired Health Professionals](#)

In the event that the COVID-19 crisis worsens, we need the help of qualified retired health professionals to supplement our hospital capacity on a temporary basis.

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HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

## Protect Yourself and Others

### Practice Social Distancing

Even if you feel well, stay at home as much as possible. In public, keep at least 6 feet distance from others. Avoid unnecessary appointments.

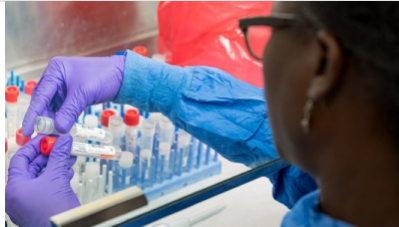
### Wash Your Hands. Cover Your Cough

Cover your cough and sneezes. Use your elbow or a tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

## Take Caution with New Yorkers At-Risk

Take special caution to avoid exposing the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Avoid visiting those most at risk, call instead. Offer help with groceries and other goods.

MAKE A PLAN & BE  
PREPARED



### Symptoms

The 2019 novel coronavirus may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms.

#### ? WHAT TO LOOK FOR



### COVID-19 Testing

Learn more about testing protocol now that the FDA has approved New York to begin its own testing.

#### OVERVIEW



#### MOBILE TESTING



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### Know Your Rights

The health and safety of New Yorkers is the top priority, co-pays for telehealth visits have been waived.

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Large Gatherings

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#### COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BREAKDOWN OF POSITIVE CASES AROUND NEW YORK STATE

Governor confirmed 1,008 additional cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 2,382 confirmed cases in New York State.

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