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During this COVID-19 pandemic and other future events, the CDM will continue to be a source of reliable information, education and models for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.



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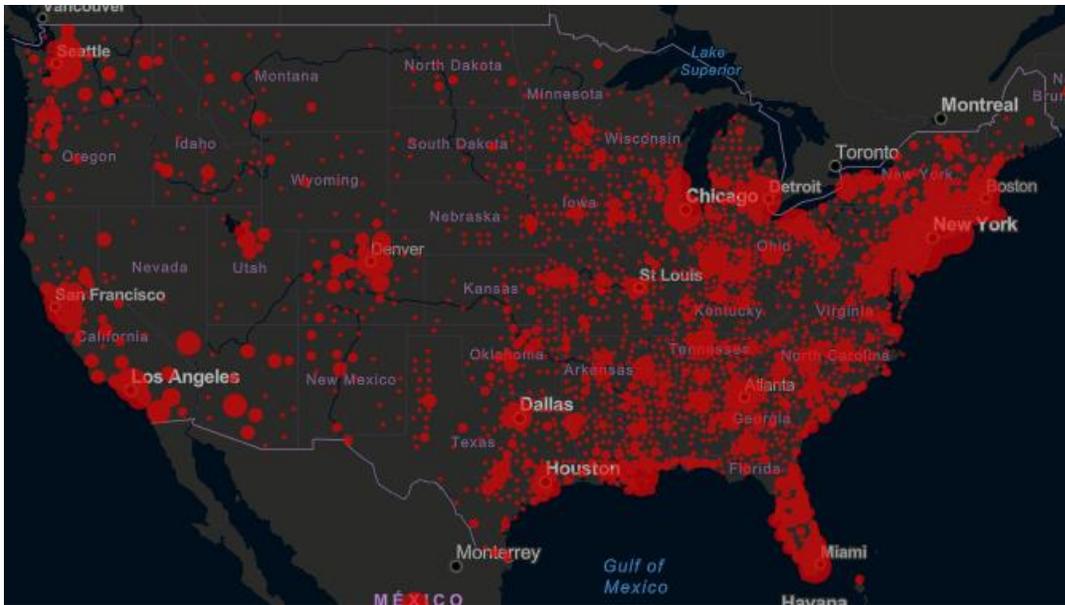
COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered
Worldwide	787,631	37,840	166,214
United States	164,610	3,170	5,945
New Jersey	16,636	198	No Data
New York	67,384	1,342	No Data
Connecticut	2,571	36	No Data

Information as of 3/31/20 at 0500 EDT. Source:

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

United States COVID-19 Case Map / GIS



Federal Updates

CDC and COVID-19 Task Force

- Due to extensive community transmission of COVID19 in the area, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a travel advisory, urging residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from all non-essential domestic travel for 14 days, effective immediately. This Domestic Travel Advisory does not apply to employees of critical infrastructure industries, including but not limited to trucking, public health professionals, financial services and food supply.
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s038-travel-advisory.html>
- The CDC issued updated guidance and information on two approved drugs for therapeutic treatment of COVID-19 and one under investigation.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/therapeutic-options.html>
- Updated information has been released regarding the lack of correlation of ACE inhibitors or ARBs to worse clinical outcomes in patients with COVID-19. Patients currently taking ACE inhibitors or ARBs for their respective ailments should continue to do so.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html#Medications>
- The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at JHU is tracking the COVID-19 spread in real time.
<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

- The FDA has created a Daily Update, which provides a summary to the public regarding the latest information.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-march-26-2020>

- The FDA expedites review of diagnostic tests to combat COVID-19.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-expedites-review-diagnostic-tests-combat-covid-19>

- The FDA provides additional funding to continue COVID-19 response efforts including countermeasures and vaccines, promoting the advanced manufacturing of medical product supply chain.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-signing-covid-19-emergency-relief-bill-including-landmark-over-counter-drug-reform-and-user-fee>

- The FDA allows use of Chloroquine Phosphate and Hydroxychloroquine Sulfate from the Strategic National Stockpile for treatment of 2019 Coronavirus patients.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/136534/download>

Health and Human Services (HHS)

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/coronavirus/index.html>

- HHS Secretary Azar provides statement on FDA authorization of mask sterilization procedure.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/03/30/secretary-azar-statement-on-fda-authorization-of-mask-sterilization-procedure.html>

- HHS Secretary Azar's remarks at White House Coronavirus Press Briefing on March 30, 2020.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/leadership/secretary/speeches/2020-speeches/remarks-white-house-coronavirus-press-briefing-3-30-20.html>

- HHS accelerates clinical trials and prepares for manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/03/30/hhs-accelerates-clinical-trials-prepares-manufacturing-covid-19-vaccines.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/index.html>

The CDC statement of COVID-19 Apple App:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0327-statement-covid-19-apple-app.html>

Daily updates of cases in United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

State Updates

New York

- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has directed the State's nonessential workforce to continue to work from home for an additional two weeks through April 15, 2020.
- In-person workforce restrictions, implemented through various executive orders, are also extended until April 15.
- Statewide school closures are extended by two weeks until April 15.
- The first 1,000-bed temporary hospital at the Javits Center in New York City, is open and accepting patients.
- The federal government has approved four new sites for temporary hospitals - the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, the Aqueduct Racetrack facility in Queens, CUNY Staten Island and the New York Expo Center in the Bronx, adding an additional 4,000 beds.
- U.S. Naval Ship Comfort has arrived in New York Harbor and will offer 1,000 beds and 1,200 personnel to help bolster the response to COVID-19.

NYS Department of Health

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing#overview>

For a detailed list of positive cases by county in New York State, please visit:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/county-county-breakdown-positive-cases>

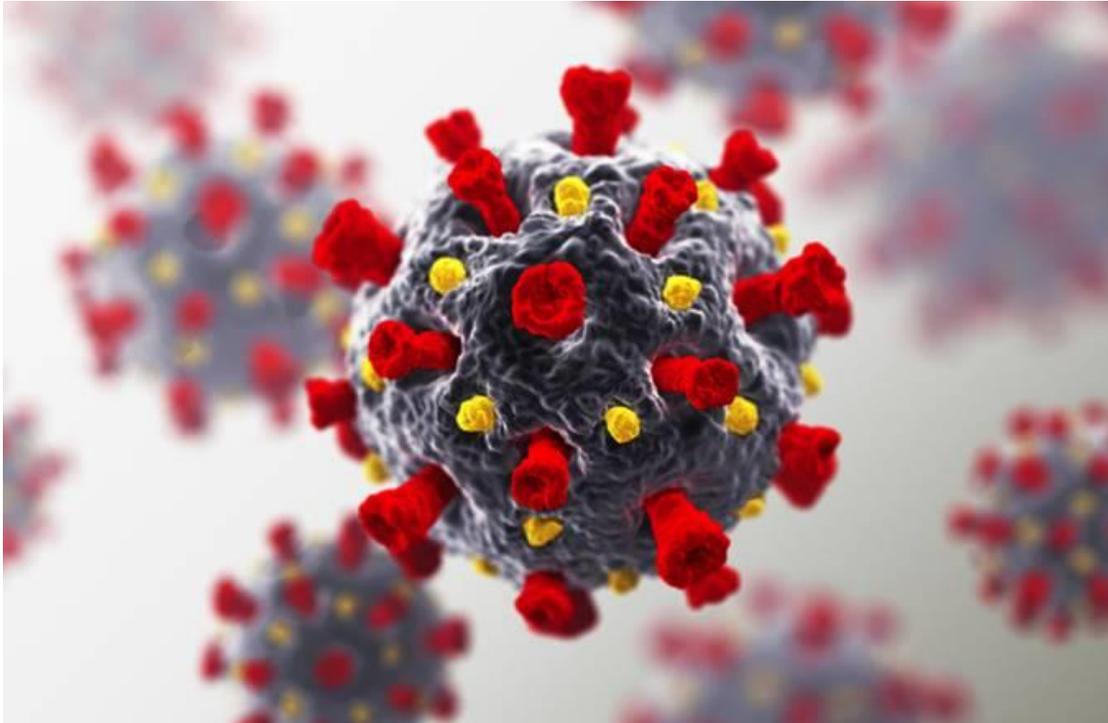
New Jersey

- On March 28, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 111, which was issued to ensure that the State has complete data on the health care system's existing capacity to prepare for and respond to the outbreak of COVID-19. The Order requires that covered facilities must report data to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) concerning their capacity and supplies on a daily basis beginning on March 29, 2020. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-111.pdf>
 - The State created a website for personal protective equipment donations. Please check back periodically for updates. <https://covid19.nj.gov/ppedonations>
 - The State has issued guidance on social distancing for essential retail businesses. https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/Social_Distancing_Guidance_for_Essential_Retail_Business.pdf
 - New Jersey to New York, NY Waterway ferry service is suspended until further notice. <https://www.nywaterway.com/AdvisoryDetails.aspx?aid=655>
 - The State is requesting volunteers with a background in healthcare. Anyone interested can fill out the form at <https://covid19.nj.gov/volunteer>
 - The Governor's Office, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the New Jersey State Police have identified three locations where field medical stations can be established to activate 1,000 additional hospital beds. Work began on the first site, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, with the New Jersey Convention Center in Edison and the Atlantic City Convention Center to follow.
 - The NJ Hospital Association is currently tracking all relevant waivers that have been issued within the healthcare sector. <http://www.njha.com/Coronavirus/Waiver-Tracker>
 - A new website was created to address any COVID-19 related information and concerns. <https://covid19.nj.gov/>
 - NJ 2-1-1 is live. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. This will increase call capacity and reduce wait time.
 - Text "NJCOVID" to 898211 to subscribe to updates for NJ.
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Connecticut

- Recent executive orders from the Office of Governor Ned Lamont's addressed the following:
 - Further reduction of social and recreational gatherings to five people
 - Restrictions on restaurant payment and pickup operations
 - Further restrictions on retail operations
 - Requirement of firearms transactions by appointment only
 - Suspension of tax on single-use checkout bags

- Prohibition of employers from requiring employees to place items in customers' reusable bags
 - Suspension of 21-month limit on Temporary Family Assistance
 - Suspension of school testing assessments for 2019-20 school year
 - Suspension of license renewals and inspections by Department of Public Health (DPH)
 - Modification of health care provider identification badge requirements
 - Waiver of registration requirement for alcohol-based hand sanitizers and medical devices
 - Waiver of Birth-to-Three family cost participation fees
 - Authorization to provide for non-congregant housing for persons at risk
 - Requirement of limited group sizes in childcare
 - Enhancement of health procedures for all operating childcare programs
 - Authorization of remote notarization <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Pages/Emergency-Orders-issued-by-the-Governor-and-State-Agencies>
 - Governor Lamont today announced that he is forming the Governor's Health System Response Team, which will consist of the CEOs from three of Connecticut's largest hospital systems: Hartford HealthCare, Nuvance Health, and Yale New Haven Health. The team, in coordination with the Connecticut Hospital Association and the State's other hospitals, will be responsible for advising the Governor, the Department of Public Health and the rest of the State's Emergency Support Functions in the Unified Command structure on the proper allocation and distribution of needed resources, supplies, and personnel, throughout the duration of the public health emergency. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/03-2020/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Governors-Health-System-Response-Tea>
 - This week, the CT Military Department and National Guard plan to:
 - Deploy the Federal Medical Station with a capacity of 250 beds;
 - Convert large spaces at Southern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University and Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport into medical surge capacity with approximately 300 beds at each site; and
 - Deploy the third Department of Public Health mobile field hospital at Middlesex Hospital.
 - The CT Office of Early Childhood is reminding first responders and healthcare workers that childcare is available for essential workers. Where possible, for those who have to work, first look to trusted friends, neighbors, and family members who are not in a high-risk category to fill in care for children. For healthcare workers and first responders who are not able to find trusted family or friends for childcare, please call the 2-1-1 dedicated number 860-756-0864 for support.
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>
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Local Updates

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page>

Westchester County Department of Health

<https://health.westchestergov.com/2019-novel-coronavirus>

- On March 30, 2020, Westchester County Executive George Latimer provided his daily briefing:

<https://www.facebook.com/westchestergov/videos/2494627740801424/>

- On March 29, 2020, Westchester County DOH Commissioner issues updated isolation order of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases. To see the order, go here:

<https://health.westchestergov.com/images/stories/PDF/03292020StandingOrderIsolation.pdf>

Putnam County Department of Health

<https://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/coronavirus/>

Dutchess County Department of Health

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.htm>

Orange County Department of Health

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/1906/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-Information>

Healthcare

For the latest COVID-19 information for healthcare facilities from the *Greater New York Hospital Association* which covers hospitals in the tri-state area, please visit:

<https://www.gnyha.org/>

For an updated health advisory regarding COVID-19 release from home isolation, please visit:

https://www.gnyha.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DOH_COVID19_ReturnFromIsolation_Notification_102992.pdf

For agency prevention and treatment guidance, please visit:

<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/cdc-doh-and-dohmh-prevention-and-treatment-guidance/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Updates

Media

New York Medical College Leadership News:

Drinking alcohol 'is an unhelpful coping strategy' for self-isolation

Big World Tale

3/26/2020

<https://bigworldtale.com/science/drinking-alcohol-is-an-unhelpful-coping-strategy-for-self-isolation/>

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Millennials are moving back in with parents during the coronavirus quarantine

New York Post

3/26/2020

<https://nypost.com/2020/03/26/millennials-are-moving-back-in-with-parents-during-the-coronavirus-quarantine/>

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Faculty News:

Coronavirus, Quarantine, and Loneliness: The Next Public Health Crisis?

The Globe Post

3/26/2020

<https://theglobepost.com/2020/03/26/coronavirus-loneliness/>

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Coronavirus in New York: Hospitals race to expand bed capacity 50% as COVID-19 cases surge

The Journal News

3/26/2020

<https://www.lohud.com/story/news/coronavirus/2020/03/26/how-nyc-covid-19-surge-affects-hospital-bed-capacity-plans-statewide/5082714002/>

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