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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.

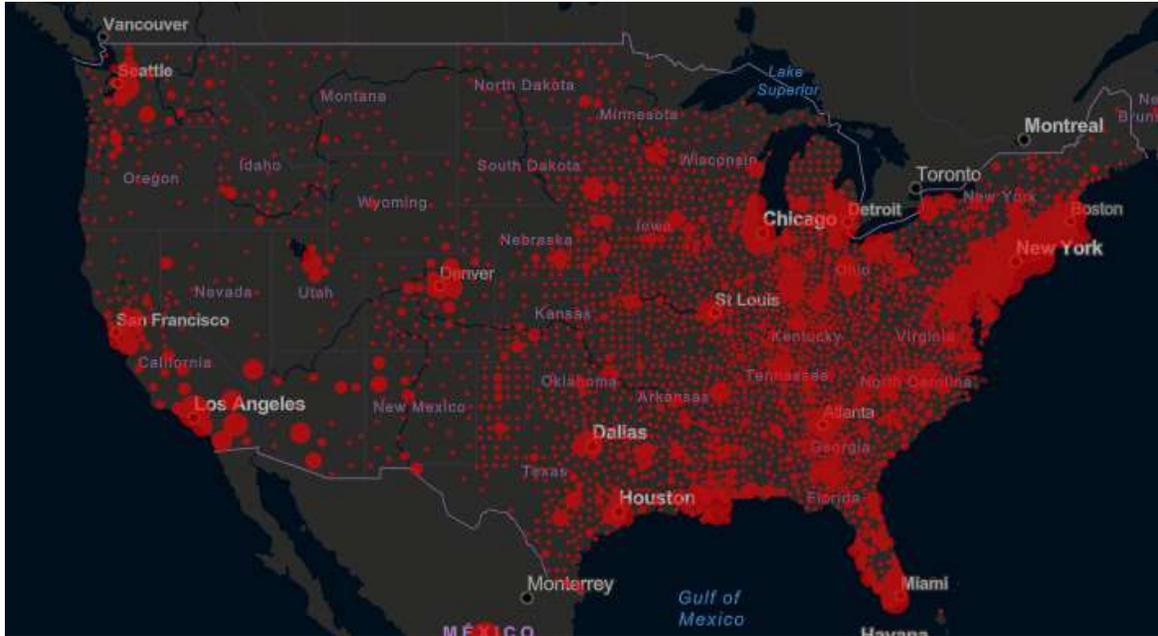
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COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	3,257,996	233,429	1,014,931	No Data
United States	1,070,026	63,019	153,947	6,231,182
New Jersey	118,652	7,228	No Data	247,918
New York	304,372	23,587	No Data	900,636
Connecticut	27,700	2,257	No Data	97,133

Information as of 5/1/20 at 0400 EDT. Source: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

United States COVID-19 Case Map / GIS



Center for Disaster Medicine Updates

- Coordinating volunteers to support local public health response to COVID-19.
- Conducting research and analysis of current events and COVID-19 response to identify strengths and areas for improvement in other regions.
- Updating and developing new programs to provide enhanced education on public health emergencies including pandemics.
- Redesigning summer fellowship in disaster and emergency medicine to better address preparedness skills, lessons learned and highlight the importance of high-fidelity simulation in medical education while finding new focus on pandemic-related research projects.
- Exploring course development opportunities in infection prevention and control for frontline responders in the hospital and in the field.
- Serving as a source of information for COVID-19 related concerns or questions regarding public health, emergency medical service (EMS), public safety and healthcare response.
- Local networking and pandemic response analysis for New York's tri-state area, using first-person experiences to highlight current trends.

Federal Updates

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced last week that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is awarding \$631 million to 64

jurisdictions in support of the COVID-19 response.

<https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/48148-cdc-to-award-covid-19-assistance-funds/>

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provided an update on its efforts to ensure the availability of alcohol-based sanitizer to help meet the demand for hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the agency's significant flexibility, more than 1,500 additional manufacturers have registered with the agency to produce hand sanitizer. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-continues-ensure-availability-alcohol-based-hand-sanitizer-during>
- Defense Department planners are working on how to resume normal military operations following the coronavirus pandemic. <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2163507/dod-plans-for-resumption-of-normal-operations-after-pandemic/>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is preparing to coordinate with long-term care facilities across the country in an effort ensure adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) is available to them. <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/04/29/politics/fema-nursing-home/index.html>
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) updated guidance on keeping children safe and healthy while school's out. You can read the recommendations here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM26911

The White House

- The White House released the testing blueprint that aligns with President Trump's plan for re-opening the United States. This blueprint is designed to facilitate state development and implementation of the robust testing plans and rapid response programs called for in the President's Guidelines. Having these plans and programs in place will help states prevent and contain local outbreaks that may occur as economic and social activities expand across the country. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Testing-Blueprint.pdf>
- The President's 30 Days to Slow the Spread ended on April 30. President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. To review the Guidelines and obtain additional information regarding Opening Up America Again: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>
- Trump Administration Issues Second Round of Sweeping Changes to Support U.S. Healthcare System During COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-issues-second-round-sweeping-changes-support-us-healthcare-system-during-covid>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

NIH clinical trial shows Remdesivir accelerates recovery from advanced COVID-19:

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-clinical-trial-shows-remdesivir-accelerates-recovery-advanced-covid-19>

NIH mobilizes national innovation initiative for COVID-19 diagnostics:

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-mobilizes-national-innovation-initiative-covid-19-diagnostics>

United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/counterterrorism-and-emerging-threats/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

- FDA Includes Ventilator Developed by NASA in Ventilator Emergency Use Authorization
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-includes-ventilator-developed-nasa-ventilator-emergency-use>
- FDA issues COVID-19 Daily Roundup as of April 29, 2020
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-april-29-2020>

Health and Human Services (HHS)

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

- HHS Awards \$20 Million to Combat COVID-19 Pandemic through Telehealth
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/30/hhs-awards-20-million-to-combat-covid19-pandemic-through-telehealth.html>
- HHS provides update for how Eligible Providers Can Submit Information to Receive Additional Provider Relief Fund Payments
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/28/eligible-providers-can-submit-information-to-receive-additional-provider-relief-fund-payments.html>

- HHS issues op-ed, Trump Administration Putting Boots on the Ground to Help States Combat COVID-19 <https://www.hhs.gov/about/leadership/secretary/oped/hhs-trump-administration-putting-boots-on-the-ground-to-help-states-combat-covid-19.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

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

CDC's new weekly COVID-19 surveillance report:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview.html>

CDC's updated list of Testing in the United States:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/testing-in-us.html>

CDC's travel recommendations by country:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

CDC's guidance on Ten Clinical Tips on COVID-19 for Healthcare Providers Involved in Patient Care:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-tips-for-healthcare-providers.html>

CDC's guidance for First Responders and Law Enforcement:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/first-responders.html>

CDC's latest information on Communication Resources:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html>

CDC's guidance on Contact Tracing:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/contact-tracing.html>

Clinical Trials

View the latest information on clinical trials regarding COVID-19:
<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?cond=COVID-19>

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

To view the latest CMS update:
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-news-alert-april-27-2020>

American Red Cross

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html>

State Updates

New York

- The Javits New York Medical Station is no longer accepting new patients beginning May 1 due to declining referrals and admissions. The USNS Comfort has discharged all patients and is no longer operational.
- Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo outlined additional guidelines for the phased plan to re-open New York on a regional basis. Each region of the state must follow these guidelines as part of the re-opening plan.
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-outlines-additional-guidelines-phased-plan-re>
- Governor Cuomo announced 35 counties have been approved to resume elective outpatient treatments. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-35-counties-approved-resume-elective>
- The COVID-19 Maternity Task Force presented a report and recommendations to Governor Cuomo and have been adopted.
https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/042920_CMTF_Recommendations.pdf
- Governor Cuomo has called upon the MTA to present a plan for cleaning and disinfecting trains within their subway system in an effort to provide a more suitable means of transportation for essential workers and the public.
<https://www.businessinsider.com/coronavirus-cuomo-calls-for-mta-to-clean-trains-every-night-2020-4>

New York State Department of Health

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

Latest information about COVID-19 testing:

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

For a list of positive cases by county in New York State:

<https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker-Map?%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no&%3Atabs=n>

For the NYS DOH Weekly healthcare provider update:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/weekly-healthcare-provider-update>

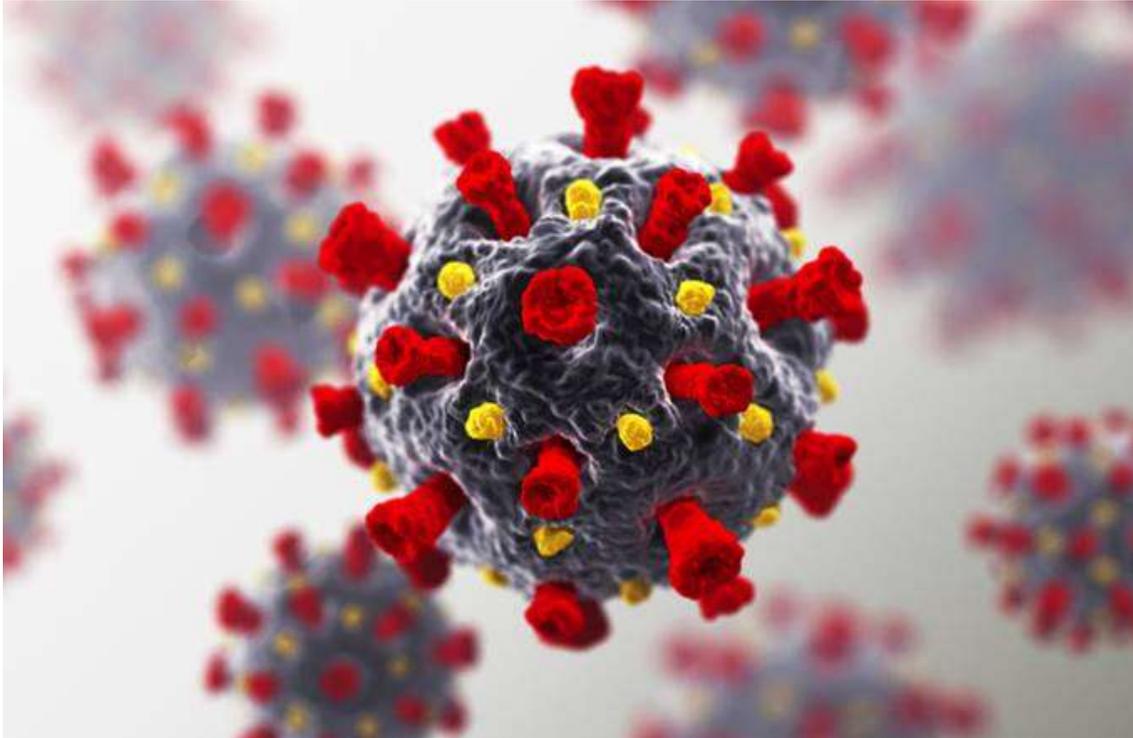
New Jersey

- Governor Phil Murphy signed an executive order No. 131 creating a commission charged with advising the administration on the timing and preparation for New Jersey's recovery from the COVID-19 shutdown. <http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200428/d8/4c/0d/49/21db18ec06b53cb8590ea320/EO-131.pdf>
- Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 130, which allows municipalities to extend the grace period for property tax payments due on May 1 to June. Such an extension would provide much-needed relief to homeowners struggling financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-130.pdf>
- Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 129, which extends Retired Officer Carry Permits by a period of 90 days until after the ongoing Public Health Emergency ends. The order also creates a process for individuals seeking to obtain or renew a Carry Permit to demonstrate the ability to safely handle and use a handgun as required by existing law. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-129.pdf>

Connecticut

- Governor Ned Lamont announced that the Connecticut Department of Labor (CTDOL) has successfully programmed its computer system and begun issuing the first round of weekly federal stimulus payments to filers receiving state unemployment benefits, with the first batch of payments having been issued this past weekend. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases>
- Governor Lamont is urging community stakeholders throughout the State of Connecticut – including municipal officials, community-based organizations, nonprofit providers, and philanthropic partners – to establish local long-term recovery committees that will help meet urgent needs, accelerate recovery, and expedite coordination with the state's emergency management structure in the ongoing response and recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases> and <https://portal.ct.gov/ctrecovers>
- The Connecticut Department of Labor launched a website containing spreadsheets that breaks down information on people who have filed for unemployment in the state by age, industry, gender, and town. The public release of the information will provide a valuable insight to municipal and state governments for planning and budgeting purposes, and for developing responsible strategies for re-opening the state during the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/claimsdata.asp>
- During his daily news briefing on Thursday, Governor Lamont presented an approach his administration is considering to reopen Connecticut's economy in phases beginning May 20, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyWrtXsHEcY&feature=youtu.be>
- Governor Lamont signed another executive order that builds upon his efforts to encourage mitigation strategies that slow down transmission of the virus. Executive Order No. 7GG enacts the following provisions:
 - Extension of payment time for sealed ticket revenue due to the State.
 - Waiver of notarization requirement for embalmer's affidavit accompanying death certificates.
 - Temporary suspension of controlled substance registration.
 - Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services.
 - Modification of state contracting authorities to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services.

- Modification of state construction requirements to facilitate the emergency provision of construction and construction-related services.
- Extension of existing contracts to prevent gaps in necessary services.
- <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7GG.pdf?la=en>



Local Updates

New York Blood Center (NYBC)

- NYBC Enterprises' (NYBCe) Statement on Updated FDA Guidance Addressing Urgent Need for Blood During COVID-19 Pandemic
<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/statement-updated-fda-guidance-addressing-urgent-need-blood-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

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

For NYC DOHMH's COVID-19 information for providers:

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

For the latest information regarding Agency Suspensions and Reductions: <https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page>

Westchester County Department of Health

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

- Latest daily COVID-19 briefing (April 30) from Westchester County Executive Latimer: <https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8427-april-30-westchester-county-executive-george-latimer-gives-covid-19-update>

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>

Rockland County Department of Health

<https://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Healthcare

COVID-19 information for healthcare facilities from the *Greater New York Hospital Association* that covers hospitals in the tri-state area: <https://www.gnyha.org/>

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

Financial Resources for Hospitals During the COVID-19 Emergency: <https://www.gnyha.org/tool/financial-resources-for-hospitals-during-the-covid-19-emergency/>

Feeding Frontline Health Care Workers: <https://www.gnyha.org/tool/feeding-frontline-health-care-workers/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

New York Medical College Leadership News:

Seeking a cure: Regeneron and NYMC in COVID-19 study

Westchester County Business Journal

4/29/2020

<https://westfaironline.com/124075/seeking-a-cure-regeneron-and-nymc-in-covid-19-study/>

Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D., vice president of research, NYMC, and provost for biomedical research and chief biomedical research officer for Touro College and University System

Faculty News:

Goldfeder and Bedzow: Coronavirus nursing home crisis – 4 things they need right now

Fox News

4/29/2020

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/coronavirus-nursing-home-crisis-4-things-need-now-mark-goldfeder-ira-bedzow>

Ira J. Bedzow, Ph.D., associate professor of medicine and director of the Biomedical Ethics and Humanities Program

NYC paramedic describes holding 'ad hoc wake' in ambulance for coronavirus victim; 'I've never seen so many people die in one shift'

Daily News

4/28/2020

<https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-coronavirus-20200428-ezcw5j1zq5eackfhjhy5xke-story.html>

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