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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.

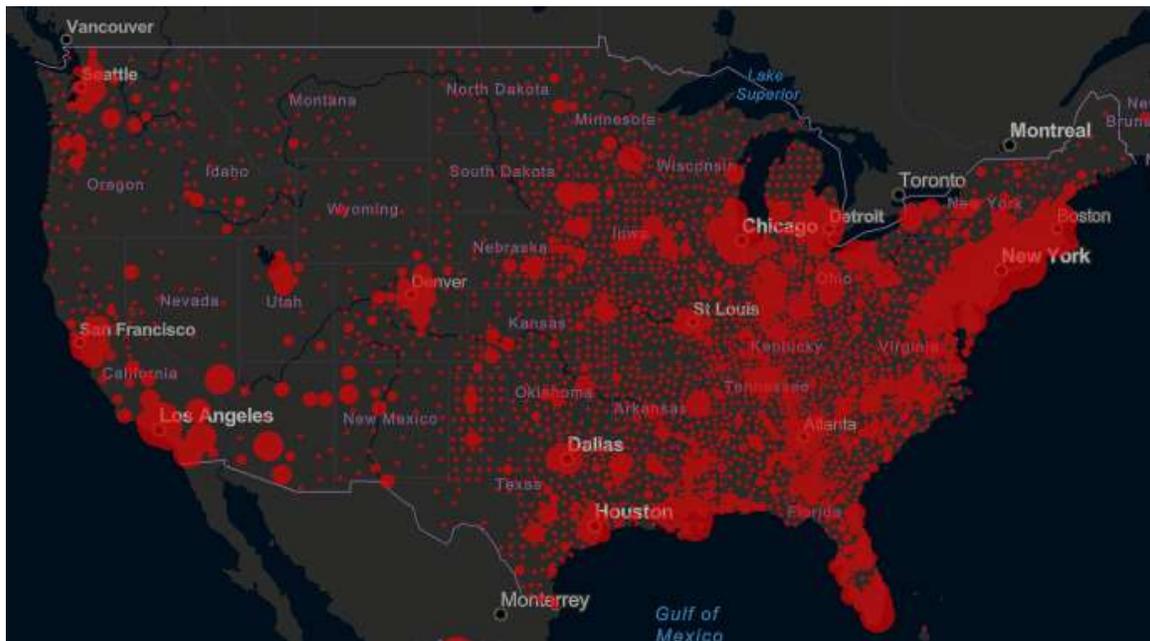
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COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	3,585,357	251,595	1,168,030	No Data
United States	1,180,634	68,934	187,180	7,285,178
New Jersey	128,269	7,910	15,642	277,220
New York	318,953	24,999	58,950	1,007,310
Connecticut	29,973	2,556	4,346	102,493

Information as of 5/5/20 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued updated guidance with regard to discontinuing isolation for persons with COVID-19. In the context of community transmission where continued testing is impractical, available evidence at this time indicates that an interim strategy based on time-since-illness-onset and time-since-recovery can be implemented to establish the end of isolation. Practical application of a symptom-based strategy cannot prevent all infections.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/strategy-discontinue-isolation.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM27395

- The CDC has released a sample contact tracing training plan in an effort to educate those who may be responsible for doing so in the near future. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/index.html>
- The CDC has issued guidance with considerations for those whose pets may have tested positive for the virus causing COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/positive-pet.html>
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced approval of 30 states and the District of Columbia for its Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program. <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/05/02/fema-administrator-approves-30-states-crisis-counseling>
- FEMA announced \$200 million in supplemental funding allocations to local jurisdictions across the country to supplement local service organizations that provide critical resources to people with economic emergencies, which include our hungry and homeless populations. <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/05/04/fema-announces-supplemental-funding-through-cares-act>

The White House

- 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. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

NIH announces study to determine incidence of novel coronavirus infection in U.S. children begins

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/study-determine-incidence-novel-coronavirus-infection-us-children-begins>

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 Issues Emergency Use Authorization for Potential COVID-19 Treatment

- <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-issues-emergency-use-authorization-potential-covid-19-treatment>
- FDA issues Recommendations for Investigational COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma
<https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/investigational-new-drug-ind-or-device-exemption-ide-process-cber/recommendations-investigational-covid-19-convalescent-plasma>
- FDA issues At-a-Glance FDA COVID-19 Response as of April 30, 2020
<https://www.fda.gov/media/137005/download>
- FDA issues 12 tips for grocery shopping during pandemic
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TtHg5XgZzI&feature=youtu.be>

Health and Human Services (HHS)

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

- HHS begins Distribution of Payments to Hospitals with High COVID-19 Admissions, Rural Providers
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/01/hhs-begins-distribution-of-payments-to-hospitals-with-high-covid-19-admissions-rural-providers.html>
- HHS announces COVID-19 Funding Available to Minority, Rural and Socially Vulnerable Communities for Linkages to Services, Information and Education
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/01/covid-19-funding-available-to-minority-rural-and-socially-vulnerable-communities-for-linkages-to-services-information-and-education.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 Contact Tracing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/contact-tracing.html>

CDC launches national viral genomics consortium to better map SARS-CoV-2 transmission
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0501-SARS-CoV-2-transmission-map.html>

CDC adds new symptoms for COVID-19

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fsymptoms.html

Clinical Trials

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?cond=COVID-19>

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Latest CMS update:

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-news-alert-may-1-2020>

American Red Cross

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

State Updates

New York

- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that schools will remain closed for the duration of the 2019-2020 school year. Schools will continue to provide distance learning during that time and be required to continue meal programs and child-care services for essential workers. The state will decide about summer school programming by the end of May. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/01/nyregion/coronavirus-new-york-update.html>
- Governor Cuomo announced the State is partnering with the Kate Spade New York Foundation and Crisis Text Line to provide a 24/7 emotional support service for frontline health care workers. Those workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access these emotional support services.
- Starting May 6, New York City will be closing the subway system for four hours at night from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. when the ridership is lowest to clean and disinfect subway cars.
- Governor Cuomo issued an executive order delaying school board elections and budget votes statewide until June 9, 2020. The school board elections and budget votes will all be conducted by mail and all qualified voters will be sent an absentee ballot with return postage paid. The Executive Order also delays local special district and village elections until September 15, 2020. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-issues-executive-order-delaying-school-board>
- Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Cuomo outlined additional guidelines for when regions can re-open. The state will monitor four core factors to determine if a region can re-open:
 - New Infections
 - Health Care Capacity
 - Diagnostic Testing Capacity
 - Contact Tracing Capacity

- <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-outlines-additional-guidelines-when-regions-can>

New York State Department of Health (DOH)

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

Latest information about COVID-19 testing:

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

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>

NYS DOH Weekly healthcare provider update:

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

Governor Cuomo's Plan to Reopen New York:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/programs/new-york-forward>

NYS DOH latest Health Advisory regarding serology antibody testing:

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/doh_covid19_serologytestingadvisory_rev_043020.pdf

New Jersey

- Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order 137, further addressing the ongoing fiscal disruption and uncertainties caused by the pandemic.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-137.pdf>
- Citing the need to protect the health of New Jersey's 1.6 million public and private school students as well as thousands of educators and support staff, Governor Phil Murphy announced that statewide school closures will be extended through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. Private schools with longer academic years will remain closed until at least June 30. <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200504a.shtml>
- Governor Murphy signed A1104, also known as the Hunger Free Students' Bill of Rights Act. The bill seeks to prevent school districts from taking adverse action, such as denial of meals or public identification measures, known as "lunch shaming," against students who have school meal bills that are in arrears.
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200504d.shtml>
- New Jersey Governor Murphy, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Delaware Governor John

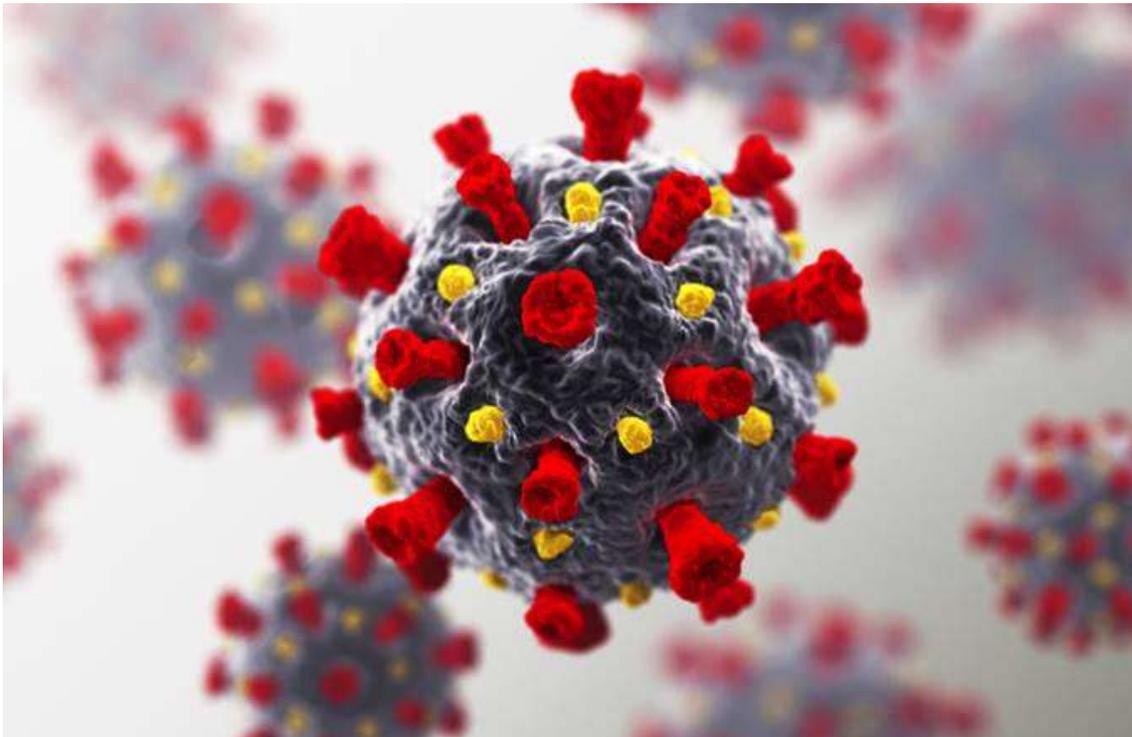
Carney, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced a joint multi-state agreement to develop a regional supply chain for personal protective equipment, other medical equipment and testing.

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200503a.shtml>

- Governor Murphy and Superintendent of the State Police Patrick Callahan announced an Administrative Order declaring construction of new religious facilities or involving existing religious facilities to be essential construction projects. http://d31hzlkh6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200502/9c/ef/ba/e1/586fd0d68b83d432a4950420/AO_2020-11.pdf

Connecticut

- Executive Order No. 7HH enacted with the following provisions:
 - Mandatory suspension of annual town meeting or referendum to adopt budget.
 - Authorization for common-interest communities to hold meetings remotely.
 - The full order can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7HH.pdf?la=en>
- Governor Ned Lamont announced the statewide expansion of a program that will make free online learning licenses available to recipients of unemployment insurance, including those who have been impacted by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 public health crisis. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases>



Local Updates

New York Blood Center (NYBC)

- NYBC Investigators Cheryl Lobo, Ph.D., and Karina Yazdanbakhsh, Ph.D., Receive BNY Mellon Funding for COVID-19 Study
<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/lfkri-drs-lobo-yazdanbakhsh-receive-bny-mellon-funding-covid-19-study/>

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

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

NYC DOHMH's COVID-19 information for providers:

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

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>

- For the latest daily COVID-19 briefing (May 4) from Westchester County Executive Latimer, please visit: <https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8437-may-4-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/>

Latest information on 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/>

Latest information regarding Guide to New York City alternate care sites:
<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/guide-to-new-york-city-alternate-care-sites/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

When Will a Second Wave of Coronavirus Hit the U.S.? Here's What You Can Do to Prepare

Prevention

5/4/2020

<https://www.prevention.com/health/a32368635/coronavirus-second-wave/>

Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., vice president for government affairs and dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice

COVID-19: In the race for a vaccine, biopharmaceutical companies showing moral imperative

The Journal News

5/4/2020

<https://www.lohud.com/story/opinion/2020/05/04/covid-19-race-vaccine-biopharma-shows-moral-imperative/3068830001/>

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

Nursing homes are running out of time

Washington Examiner

5/5/2020

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/nursing-homes-are-running-out-of-time>

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What we know — and don't know — about immunity to the coronavirus

CBS news

5/1/2020

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-immunity-antibody-covid-19/>

Robert G. Lahita, M.D., Ph.D., professor of medicine

How a low-cost ventilator was created, FDA-approved for emergency use, and placed in New York hospitals in 30 days

Business Insider

5/2/2020

<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-low-cost-ventilator-got-fda-approved-in-30-days-2020-4>

Albert H. Kwon, M.D., assistant professor of anesthesiology

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