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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.

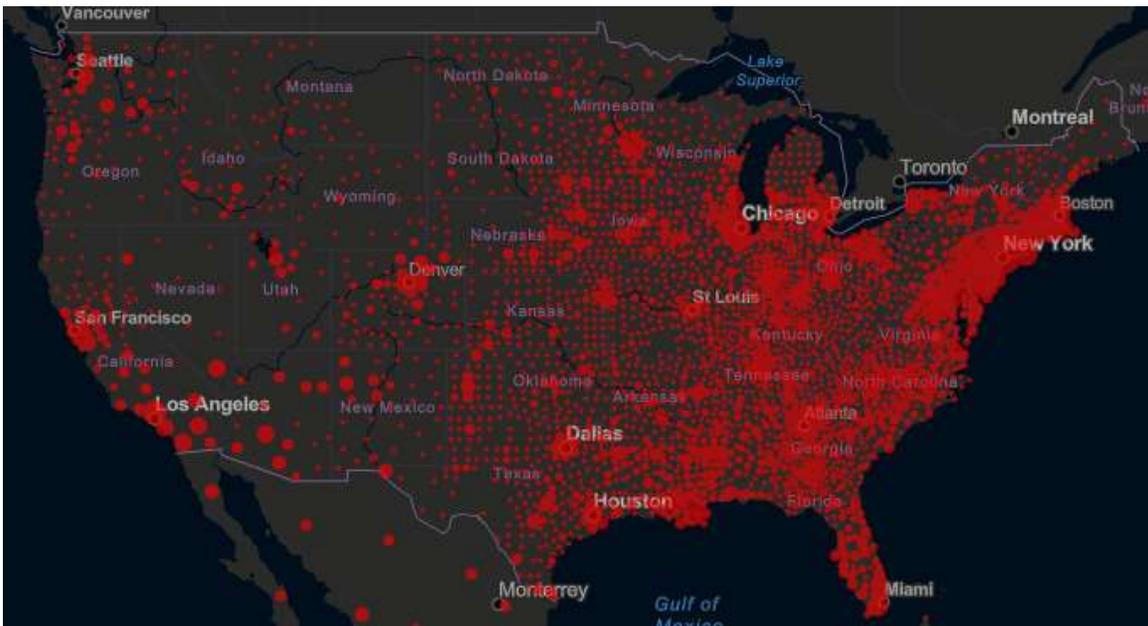
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COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	5,593,148	350,509	2,288,034	No Data
United States	1,681,418	98,929	384,902	14,907,041
New Jersey	155,764	11,194	25,384	635,892
New York	363,836	29,302	64,443	1,774,128
Connecticut	41,303	3,769	7,127	225,362

Information as of 5/27/20 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 updated their contact tracing recommendations and guidelines for those who may be responsible for organizing or participating in the effort. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/contact-tracing.html>
- The CDC has updated their recommendations for when persons can end their home isolation and be able to make contact with other individuals after a confirmed or

suspected COVID-19 diagnosis. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>

- The White House has now imposed travel restrictions to those individuals traveling from or have been present in Brazil within the 14 days preceding attempted entry into the United States, as Brazil's incidence of COVID-19 accelerates. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-suspension-entry-immigrants-nonimmigrants-certain-additional-persons-pose-risk-transmitting-novel-coronavirus/>

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)

Peer-reviewed data shows remdesivir for COVID-19 improves time to recovery

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/peer-reviewed-data-shows-remdesivir-covid-19-improves-time-recovery>

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 Daily Update for May 26, 2020, including FDA-authorized 113 tests under EUAs, which include 100 molecular tests, 12 antibody tests, and 1 antigen test. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-may-26-2020>
- Frequently Asked Questions on the Emergency Use Authorization for Remdesivir for Certain Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients <https://www.fda.gov/media/137574/download>
- FDA COVID-19 Response At-a-Glance Summary <https://www.fda.gov/media/137005/download>

- FDA and USDA Release Recommendations for those in the Food and Agriculture Sector Experiencing Shortages of PPE, Cloth Face Coverings, Disinfectants, and Sanitation Supplies
<https://www.fda.gov/food/cfsan-constituent-updates/fda-and-usda-release-recommendations-those-food-and-agriculture-sector-experiencing-shortages-ppe>
- The FDA updated the [FAQs on Testing for SARS-CoV-2](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/faqs-testing-sars-cov-2) to clarify information about at-home self-collection and what tests should no longer be distributed for COVID-19
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/faqs-testing-sars-cov-2>
- Medical Devices and the COVID-19 Pandemic
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/medical-devices-and-covid-19-pandemic#IVD>

Health and Human Services (HHS)

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

HHS Announces \$500 Million Distribution to Tribal Hospitals, Clinics, and Urban Health Centers

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/22/hhs-announces-500-million-distribution-to-tribal-hospitals-clinics-and-urban-health-centers.html?CFID=183603242&CFTOKEN=29588114>

HHS Announces 45-Day Compliance Deadline Extension for Providers

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/22/hhs-announces-45-day-compliance-deadline-extension-for-providers.html>

HHS Announces Nearly \$4.9 Billion Distribution to Nursing Facilities Impacted by COVID-19

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/22/hhs-announces-nearly-4.9-billion-distribution-to-nursing-facilities-impacted-by-covid19.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 updated weekly COVID-19 surveillance report:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview.html>

CDC's updated information on Testing in the United States:

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

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

Updated CDC's Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

Updated CDC COVID-19 forecasts: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/forecasting-us.html>

Latest CDC information for pediatric healthcare providers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html>

CDC Clinical Care Guidance for Healthcare Professionals about Coronavirus (COVID-19): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care.html>

CDC guidance for college, universities and higher learning: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html>

CDC Releases Recommendations for Communities of Faith: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0522-cdc-releases-recommendations-faith.html>

Clinical Trials

The latest information on clinical trials regarding COVID-19: <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-19-2020>

CMS Fact Sheet for State and Local Governments CMS Programs and Payment for Care in Hospital Alternate Care Sites: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-state-local-government-fact-sheet-hospital-alternate-care-sites.pdf>

American Red Cross

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

State Updates

New York

- Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the Mid-Hudson Region has met all seven metrics to begin phase one of reopening today, joining the Capital Region, Western New York, Central New York, North Country, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley Regions. Long Island is still on track to reopen on May 27 when their contact tracing operation comes online and if deaths continue to decline. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-eighth-region-hits-benchmark-begin>
- The New York Stock Exchange reopened their floor for trading. After two months, many employees can return to the floor after the organization has implemented specific precautions to protect the health of its workers. <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/markets/new-york-s-famed-stock-exchange-prepares-reopen-masks-waiver-n1214561>
- Governor Cuomo announced that state and local governments will provide death benefits for frontline workers who died from COVID-19 during this emergency. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-state-and-local-governments-will>

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>

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>

NYS DOH Weekly healthcare provider update:

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

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Plan to Reopen New York:

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

Information regarding how to become a contact tracer within New York State:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/get-involved-how-you-can-help>

New York State's Regional Monitoring Dashboard regarding the seven metrics needed to reopen:

<https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

NYS DOH Health Advisory: Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Specimen Collection Training for Unlicensed Individuals

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/05/doh_covid19_advisoryswabtrainingunlicensedindividuals_final-5.15.20.pdf

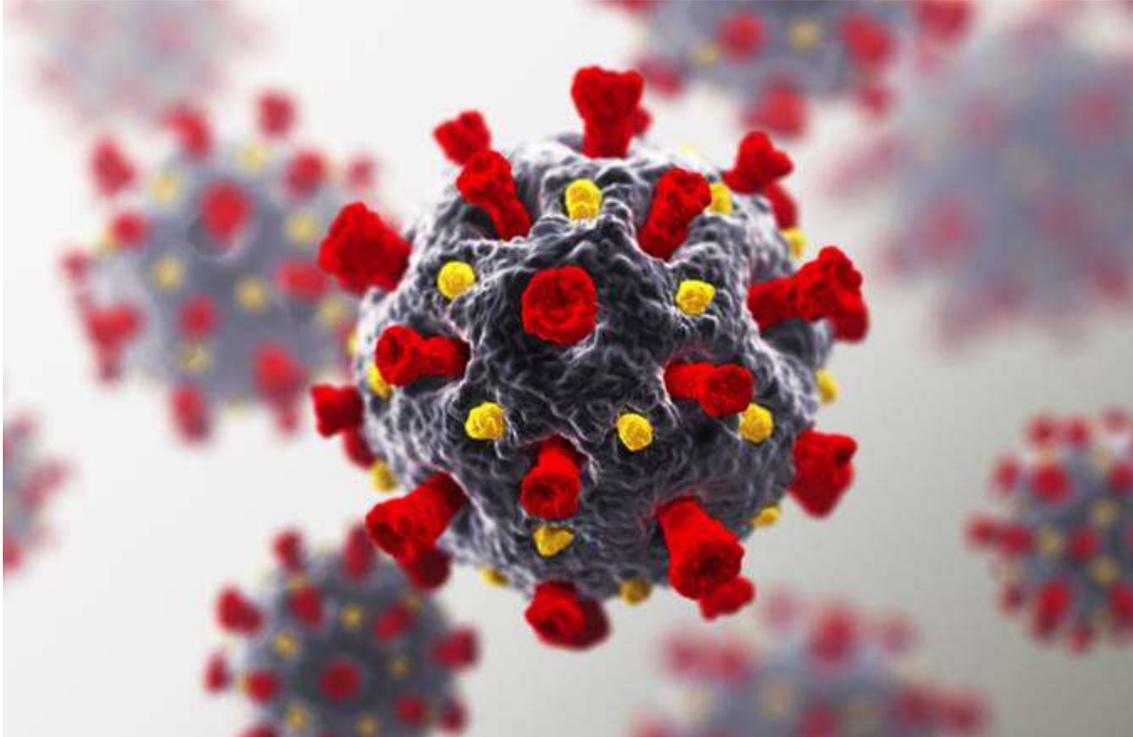
New Jersey

- A total of \$68.8 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds will be available to New Jersey's public colleges and universities to help institutions continue providing high-quality educational services to students amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200522a.shtml>
- New Jersey recently launched the PPE Supplier Registry to connect suppliers of personal protective equipment (PPE) that can prevent the spread of COVID-19 with potential buyers. Wholesale vendors with PPE inventory such as surgical or other protective masks, hospital gowns, hand sanitizer, or COVID-19 test kits can submit details on supplies they have available and hospitals, medical organizations, and private businesses can purchase. <https://forms.business.nj.gov/ppevendor/list/>
- Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 148, increasing the limit on outdoor gatherings from 10 to 25 people and allowing recreational campgrounds to reopen with social distancing measures in place. The limit on indoor gatherings remains at 10 people. The Order takes effect immediately.
<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-148.pdf>
- Pursuant to Executive Order No. 148, Governor Murphy noted that professional sports teams, which train or play in New Jersey are allowed to practice and engage in games or matches, if their leagues resume competition. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-148.pdf>
- Governor Murphy announced that the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) will issue updated guidance allowing school districts and colleges/universities to hold modified in-person graduation ceremonies beginning on July 6. The guidance will include requirements that ceremonies be held outdoors, adhere to social distancing protocols, and observe capacity restrictions in order to protect the health of students and families celebrating these milestones amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200526b.shtml>

Connecticut

- The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) announced that because of the cancellation of in-person, pre-K to grade 12 classes at all schools in the state for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year, the families of approximately 265,631 public school students and 1,748 private school students who participate in the free or reduced-price meals program will soon receive additional, emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits under the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program to ensure that children continue to receive nutritious meals while learning from home during the pandemic.
- The Connecticut Department of Labor has been awarded a \$2.33 million federal grant to create temporary disaster relief jobs for dislocated workers and other eligible individuals, along with employment training services and any necessary supports. The Disaster Recovery National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grant was awarded to assist the state as it continues to respond to the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak. [http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/communic/2020-5/CTDOL%20AWARDED%20\\$2.33%20MILLION%20FEDERAL%20GRANT%20TO%20CREATE%20DISASTER-RELIEF%20JOBS:%20EMPLOYMENT%20AND%20TRAINING%20SERVICES.pdf](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/communic/2020-5/CTDOL%20AWARDED%20$2.33%20MILLION%20FEDERAL%20GRANT%20TO%20CREATE%20DISASTER-RELIEF%20JOBS:%20EMPLOYMENT%20AND%20TRAINING%20SERVICES.pdf)

- Governor Ned Lamont released his Reopen Connecticut report, which contains recommendations from the Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group – the panel of local health, business, workforce, and education experts who provided his administration and legislative leadership with recommendations on the reopening of Connecticut’s economy and education system as the nation emerges from the unprecedented public health emergency caused by COVID-19. <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/News/20200526-Governors-Reopen-Report.pdf?la=en>



Local Updates

New York Blood Center (NYBC)

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray Donate During Blood Emergency
<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/nyc-mayor-bill-de-blasio-first-lady-chirlane-mccray-donate-during-blood-emergency/>

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>

NYC DOHMH's FAQs regarding what New Yorkers need to know about COVID-19:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/coronavirus-factsheet.pdf>

NYC DOHMH's recommendation regarding surge capacity and health care worker protective clothing during COVID-19 care:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/covid-19-surge-clothing.pdf>

Westchester County Department of Health

For the latest COVID-19 information including how to become a contact tracer in Westchester:

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

- For the latest daily COVID-19 briefing (May 26) from Westchester County Executive George Latimer including the plan for Phase 1 reopening: <https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8480-may-26-county-executive-george-latimer-gives-briefing-on-phase-i-reopening>

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

Latest 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/>

For the latest information on agency prevention and treatment guidance:

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

For the upcoming webinar regarding Engineering Resilience: Applying Systems Science to the COVID-19 Pandemic on June 4 at 2PM:

<https://www.gnyha.org/event/engineering-resilience-applying-systems-science-to-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

New York Medical College Leadership News:

How to Safely Lend Your Empty Home to Someone Who Needs It

Vice

5/25/2020

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/pkydzn/how-to-safely-lend-your-empty-home-to-someone-who-needs-it

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

Faculty News:

Leaving the cave

The Times of Israel

5/24/2020

<https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/leaving-the-cave/>

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

After 3 Children Die, a Race to Investigate a Baffling Virus Syndrome

The New York Times

5/22/2020

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/22/nyregion/children-coronavirus-syndrome-new-york.html>

Michael H. Gewitz, M.D., professor of pediatrics and vice chair of the Department of Pediatrics

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