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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.

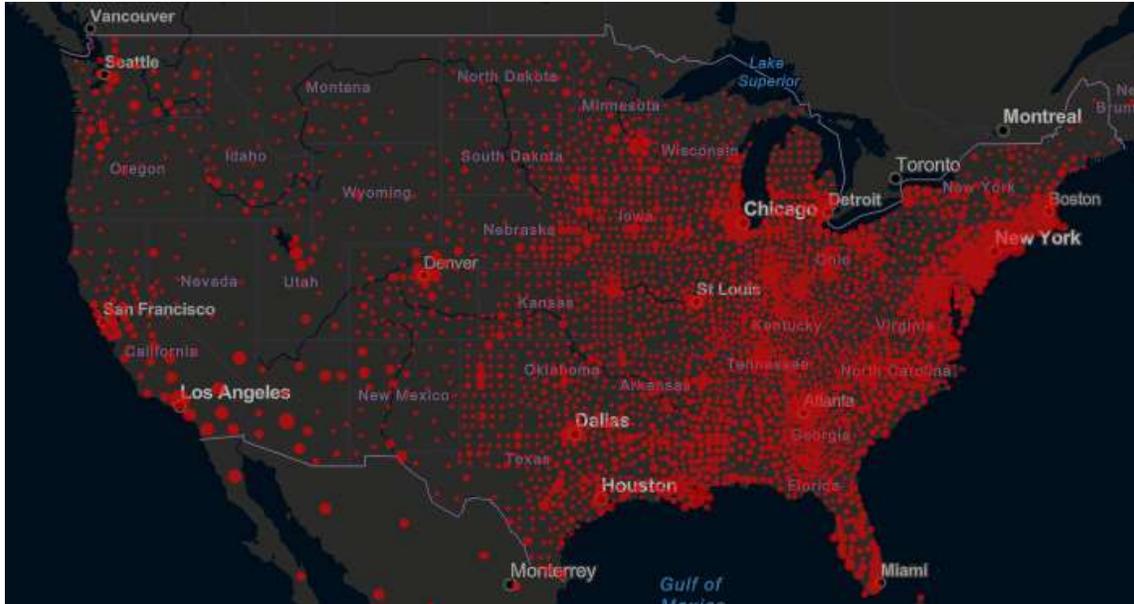
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COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	6,639,092	391,249	2,695,829	No Data
United States	1,872,660	108,211	485,002	18,680,529
New Jersey	162,530	11,970	27,231	857,729
New York	375,133	30,174	66,756	2,293,032
Connecticut	43,239	4,007	7,284	281,525

Information as of 6/5/20 at 0200 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced new **E**guidance that specifies what additional data must be reported to HHS by laboratories along with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) test results. The **E**guidance standardizes reporting to ensure that public health officials have access to comprehensive and nearly real-time data to inform decision making in their response to COVID-19. As the country

begins to reopen, access to clear and accurate data is essential to communities and leadership for making decisions critical to a phased reopening.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0604-new-lab-data-reporting.html>

- An Executive Order was issued on accelerating the Nation's economic recovery from the COVID-19 emergency by expediting infrastructure investments and other activities.
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/eo-accelerating-nations-economic-recovery-covid-19-emergency-expediting-infrastructure-investments-activities/>

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. Guidelines and additional information regarding Opening Up America Again: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

Health and Human Services (HHS)

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

HHS Announces New Laboratory Data Reporting Guidance for COVID-19 Testing

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/04/hhs-announces-new-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance-for-covid-19-testing.html>

HHS Provides an Additional \$250 Million to Help U.S. Health Care Systems Respond to COVID-19

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/02/hhs-provides-additional-250-million-help-us-health-care-systems-respond-covid-19.html>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Will Warm Weather Slow Spread of Novel Coronavirus?

<https://directorsblog.nih.gov/2020/06/02/will-warm-weather-slow-spread-of-novel-coronavirus/>

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 June 4, 2020, including news about 120 FDA-authorized tests under Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA), which include 104 molecular tests, 15 antibody tests, and 1 antigen test.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-june-4-2020>

- FDA announces Webinar Series - Respirators for Health Care Personnel Use during COVID-19 Pandemic on June 9
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/webinar-series-respirators-health-care-personnel-use-during-covid-19-pandemic-06092020-06092020>
- FDA Publicly Shares Antibody Test Performance Data from Kits as Part of Validation Study
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-publicly-shares-antibody-test-performance-data-kits-part-validation>

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>

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

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

Latest regarding COVID-19 guidance in racial and ethnic minority groups:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/racial-ethnic-minorities.html>

CDC's Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>

CDC's Guidance for Handlers of Service and Therapy Animals:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/service-therapy-animals.html>

Clinical Trials

Latest information on clinical trials regarding COVID-19:

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

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The latest CMS update:

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-news-alert-may-19-2020>

Nursing Home COVID-19 Data and Inspections Results Available on Nursing Home Compare:

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/nursing-home-covid-19-data-and-inspections-results-available-nursing-home-compare>

American Red Cross

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

State Updates

New York

- New York City is still on track to enter Phase 1 on June 8.
- Summer day camps statewide can open on June 29. The state will make a decision on sleep-away camps in the coming weeks.
- Additional low-risk outdoor recreational activities can resume in some parts of the state. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued an Executive Order allowing low-risk, outdoor recreational activities and businesses providing such activities to open in regions that have met the public health and safety metrics required for Phase 1. These include tennis, non-motorized boat use and rentals (such as kayaks and rowboats), and golf and driving ranges. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20236-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- Outdoor dining at restaurants will be permitted in Phase 2 of reopening. Restaurants in the seven regions that have already entered Phase 2 — the Capital Region, Central New York, the Finger Lakes, the Mohawk Valley, the North Country, the Southern Tier and Western New York — were able to reopen for outdoor dining on June 4. Outdoor tables must be spaced six feet apart, all staff must wear face coverings and customers must also wear face coverings when not seated.

- Erie County is now eligible to resume elective surgeries and ambulatory care. The state will allow elective outpatient treatments to resume in counties and hospitals without significant risk of COVID-19 surge in the near term, and a total of 52 counties can now resume elective surgeries (4 counties do not have hospitals). <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/video-audio-photos-rush-transcript-governor-cuomo-holds-briefing-george-floyd-protests-provides>
- Medical schools statewide will be allowed to reopen on June 22. Medical schools are following appropriate precautions in order to safely prepare for and welcome new cohorts of medical students this summer and fall.
- Two regions are on track to begin Phase 2 of reopening next week. The Mid-Hudson Valley is on track to enter Phase 2 on Tuesday, June 9, and Long Island is on track to enter Phase 2 on Wednesday, June 10, following a review of regional data by global public health experts. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-state-expanding-covid-19-testing-criteria-include-anyone-who-attended>

New York State Department of Health (DOH)

The latest COVID-19 information:

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

The 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-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>

New York State's Free Antibody testing for restaurant workers and food delivery personnel:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/06/nys-antibody-testing-food-delivery-restaurant-workers-6.16.6.pdf>

New Jersey

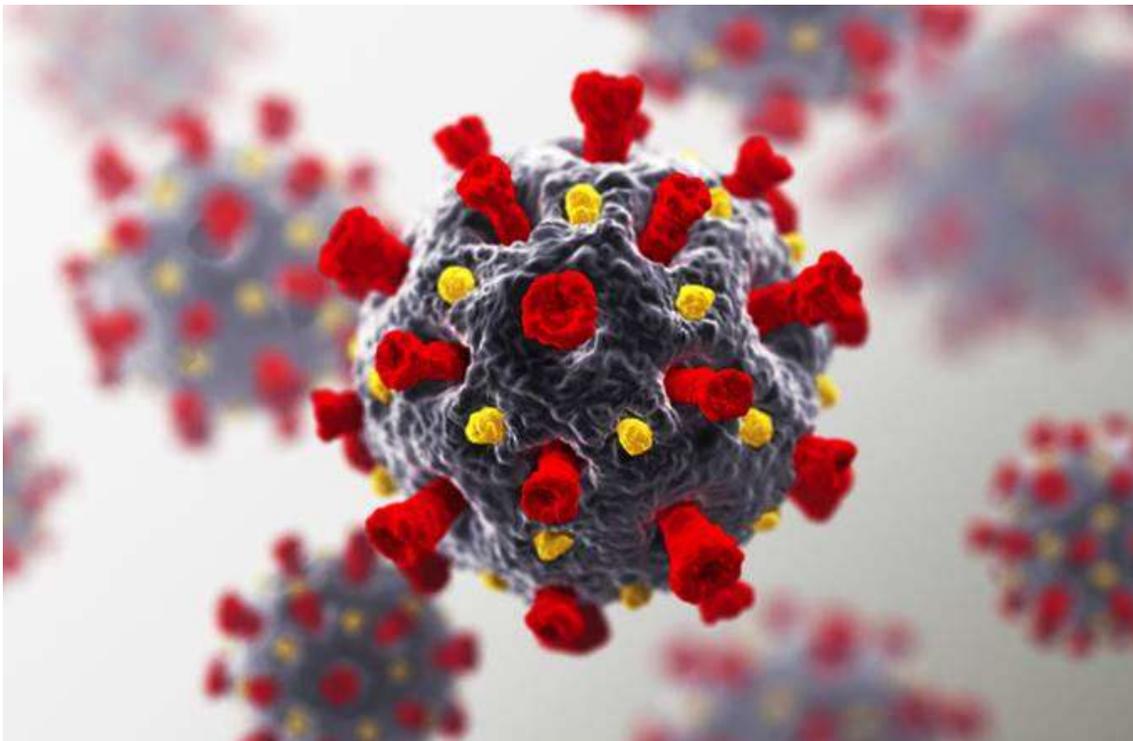
- Governor Phil Murphy announced a series of recommendations and actions from Manatt Health's rapid review of New Jersey's long-term care facilities to address systemic challenges in long-term care and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and reduce impacts of future outbreaks.
http://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200603/ca/d9/da/fc/201e7410ca8c06560498e758/Manatt_Recommendations_New_Jersey_LTC_Resilience_6-2-2020_final_2.pdf
- Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 150, permitting outdoor dining starting on Monday, June 15, with an accompanying Executive Directive from the New Jersey Department of Health that lays out health and safety standards that food or beverage establishments are required to follow. In addition, the Governor announced a special ruling by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control creating a pathway for liquor license holders to expand the premises on which they may serve alcohol. <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-150.pdf>
- Governor Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 151. The Order extends the Public Health Emergency that was declared on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order No. 103, extended on April 7, 2020 through Executive Order No. 119, and extended again on May 6, 2020 through Executive Order No. 138. Under the Emergency Health Powers Act, a declared public health emergency expires after 30 days unless renewed. Executive Order No. 151 extends all Executive Orders issued under the Governor's authority under the Emergency Health Powers Act. It also extends all actions taken by any Executive Branch departments and agencies in response to the Public Health Emergency presented by the COVID-19 outbreak. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-151.pdf>

Connecticut

- Governor Ned Lamont announced that the State of Connecticut is partnering in a first-of-its-kind, statewide project to quantify the spread of COVID-19 within the State by conducting a seroprevalence study of 1,400 randomized, representative Connecticut residents. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases>
- Executive Order No. 7VV enacted with the following provisions:
 - Amended limitation on program sizes in childcare: Modifies the number of children that a childcare program can serve during the civil preparedness and public health emergency from 30 to 50 without needing to obtain approval from the Office of Early Childhood. Any facility caring for more than 50 children will need to obtain approval.
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7VV.pdf?la=en>
- Governor Lamont announced that after consulting with Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona and state public health officials, he has determined that school districts will be permitted to hold in-person graduation ceremonies beginning July 6, 2020, following certain guidelines, including a requirement that they be held outdoors, limited to a maximum of 150 people in attendance (including graduates), and proper social distancing protocols must be followed.
- Governor Lamont announced that his administration is establishing the Connecticut Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund Program, which will set a process by which municipal governments will receive reimbursements from the state using the

federally supported Coronavirus Relief Fund to offset their expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Executive Order No. 7WW enacted with the following provisions:
 - Technical clarifications regarding the ballot petitioning process for the August 2020 primary and November 2020 general election: Makes technical clarifications to the ballot petitioning process of Executive Order No. 7LL to make it clear that individual petitions do not need to be mailed to the registrar of voters.
 - Further clarification of limits on alcohol service and sales related to catering: Permits caterers to provide outdoor service at any location allowed by their license type so long as the event meets the requirements of all executive orders, limits on social and recreational gatherings, and Department of Economic and Community Development sector rules.
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7WW.pdf?la=en>



Local Updates

New York Blood Center (NYBC)

Information regarding NYBC's COVID-19 and blood donation:

<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/>

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

For the latest COVID-19 information:

<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 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>

For NYC DOHMH's 2020 Health Advisory #18: COVID-19 Test and Trace Operations Begin In New York City: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/han/advisory/2020/covid-19-providers-test-trace.pdf>

For NYC DOHMH's Dear Colleague COVID-19 Updates:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/covid-19-providers-dear-colleague-updates-06032020.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>

- Latest daily COVID-19 briefing (June 4) from Westchester County Executive George Latimer:

<https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8501-june-4-county-executive-george-latimer-gives-covid-19-briefing>

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

For the 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 updated GNYHA Public Health Agency Surveillance and Testing Guidance:
<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/cdc-doh-and-dohmh-surveillance-and-testing-treatment-guidance/>

Updated GNYHA information regarding NYC Phase 1 Reopening – Transportation Services:
<https://www.gnyha.org/news/nyc-phase-1-reopening-transportation-services/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

New York Medical College Leadership News:

The COVID-19 pandemic is squeezing women out of science

ASBMB Today

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<https://www.asbmb.org/asbmb-today/careers/060520/the-covid-19-pandemic-is-squeezing-women-out-of-sc>

Marina K. Holz, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences and professor of cell biology and anatomy

Faculty News:

Protests May Lead to Spike in COVID-19 Cases, Doctor Fears

NBC New York

6/3/2020

<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/x/protests-may-lead-to-spike-in-covid-19-cases-doctor-fears/2445644/>

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

Getting ready for the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic

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'Discussing COVID with kids in our new normal'

Patch

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<https://patch.com/new-york/plainview/calendar/event/20200603/835300/discussing-covid-with-kids-in-our-new-normal>

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