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## Center for Disaster Medicine



**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

*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.*

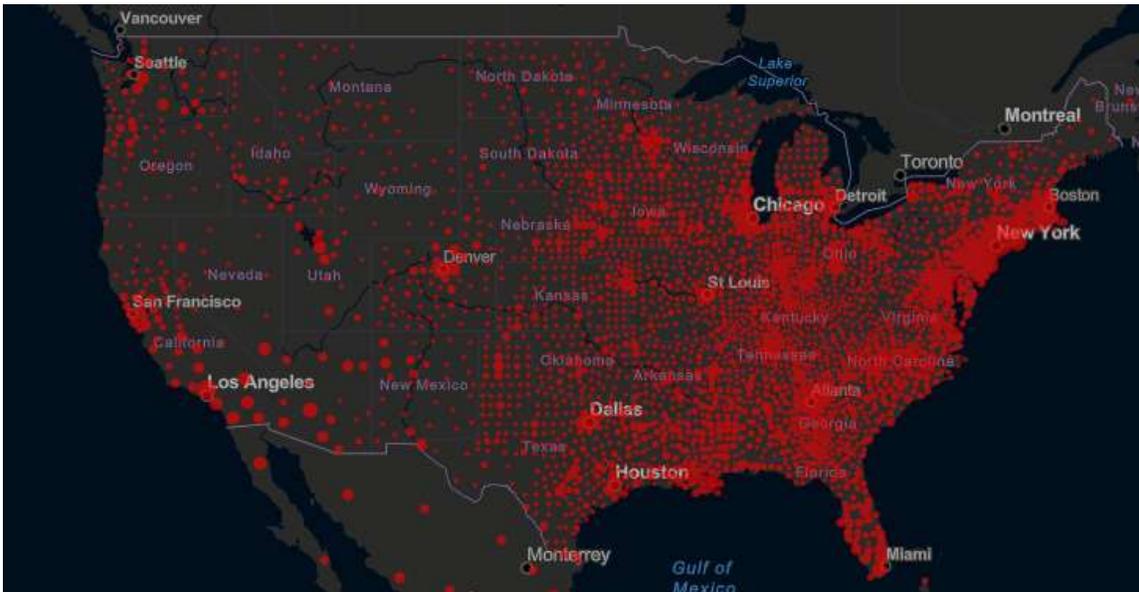
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### COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	7,085,894	405,168	3,180,479	No Data
United States	1,956,499	110,932	506,367	20,235,678
New Jersey	164,497	12,214	27,824	960,425
New York	378,799	30,417	67,544	2,497,842
Connecticut	44,093	4,084	7,284	302,354

Information as of 6/8/20 at 2200 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**

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries will resume committal services starting June 9 in all but two VA national cemeteries. VA national cemeteries will contact families who were unable to hold a committal service due to the COVID-19 pandemic to arrange memorial services for their loved ones beginning in July. While VA is eager to resume normal operations, the department's national cemeteries have remained open for interments and visitation throughout the pandemic. However, as a matter of health and safety, committal services and military funeral honors have been deferred since March 23. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5463>

- The Department of Homeland Security remains vigilant against the COVID-19 virus and continues to lead the national response to mitigate the spread. As most States enter a new phase and start reopening their economy, DHS and its components continue to prove their commitment to ensure a safe, secure, and a prosperous Homeland for the American people. As part of that reopening, DHS is beginning to reopen the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers and bringing back students to ensure they have the most up to date skills and knowledge to bring to their duties. Pilot programs for direct testing will be in place. Read more about it here: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/06/08/weekly-update-dhs-response-covid-19>

### **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. To review the Guidelines and obtain additional information regarding Opening Up America Again: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

### **Health and Human Services (HHS)**

For the latest COVID-19 information: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/coronavirus/index.html>

HHS Initiatives to Address the Disparate Impact of COVID-19 on African Americans and Other Racial and Ethnic Minorities

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-fact-sheet-addressing-disparities-in-covid-19-impact-on-minorities.pdf>

### **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

Study identifies potential approach to treat severe respiratory distress in patients with COVID-19

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-fact-sheet-addressing-disparities-in-covid-19-impact-on-minorities.pdf>

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### **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 8, 2020, including FDA-authorized 125 tests under EUAs, which include 107 molecular tests, 17 antibody tests, and 1 antigen test.  
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-june-8-2020>
- 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 Reissues Emergency Use Authorizations Revising Which Types of Respirators Can Be Decontaminated for Reuse  
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-reissues-emergency-use-authorizations-revising-which-types>
- FDA issues Temporary Policy on Prescription Drug Marketing Act Requirements for Distribution of Drug Samples During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/temporary-policy-prescription-drug-marketing-act-requirements-distribution-drug-samples-during-covid>
- FDA releases new webpage- Innovation to Respond to COVID-19  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/innovation-respond-covid-19>
- FDA releases new webpage- COVID-19 Educational Resources  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-educational-resources>

## **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>

To view the 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>

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

CDC's Guidance on Staffing Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/staffing.html>

CDC's Guidance on Running Essential Errands: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/essential-goods-services.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)**

Nursing home COVID-19 data release FAQs:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-nursing-home-data-release-external-faqs.pdf>

### **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 places of worship will be permitted to reopen with 25 percent occupancy with all social distancing protocols in place during phase two of reopening. Places of worship in the seven regions that have already entered phase two - 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 beginning, June 7. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-lowest-number-hospitalizations-and-deaths-beginning-covid-19-pandemic>
- Governor Cuomo announced he will issue an Executive Order allowing commercial buildings to conduct temperature checks for anyone entering the building as office workers begin to return to the workplace.
- Governor Cuomo announced that in anticipation of New York City's reopening, the State is deploying more than one million masks, as well as 25,000 gallons and 500,000 two oz. bottles of sanitizer to the MTA.
- Governor Cuomo signed legislation (S.8189/A.10270) banning price gouging of personal protective equipment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been countless instances of egregious price gouging, particularly of critical medical supplies - such as masks and hand sanitizer - that are desperately needed by our hospitals and other health care facilities. This legislation will help ensure access to these critical supplies for health care workers and the general public. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-legislation-banning-price-gouging-personal-protective-equipment>
- Governor Cuomo announced outdoor, socially distanced graduations of up to 150 people will be allowed beginning June 26, subject to any outbreaks or significant changes in the

metrics. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-outdoor-graduations-150-people-will-be-allowed-beginning-june-26th>

- Governor Cuomo announced the Mid-Hudson Valley is on track to enter phase two of reopening Tuesday, June 9 and Long Island is on track to enter phase two of reopening on Wednesday, June 10 following a review of regional data by global public health experts.

## **New York State Department of Health (DOH)**

<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, please visit the COVID-19 tracker:

<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 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>

To view New York State's NY Forward Phase 1:

<https://forward.ny.gov/phase-one-industries>

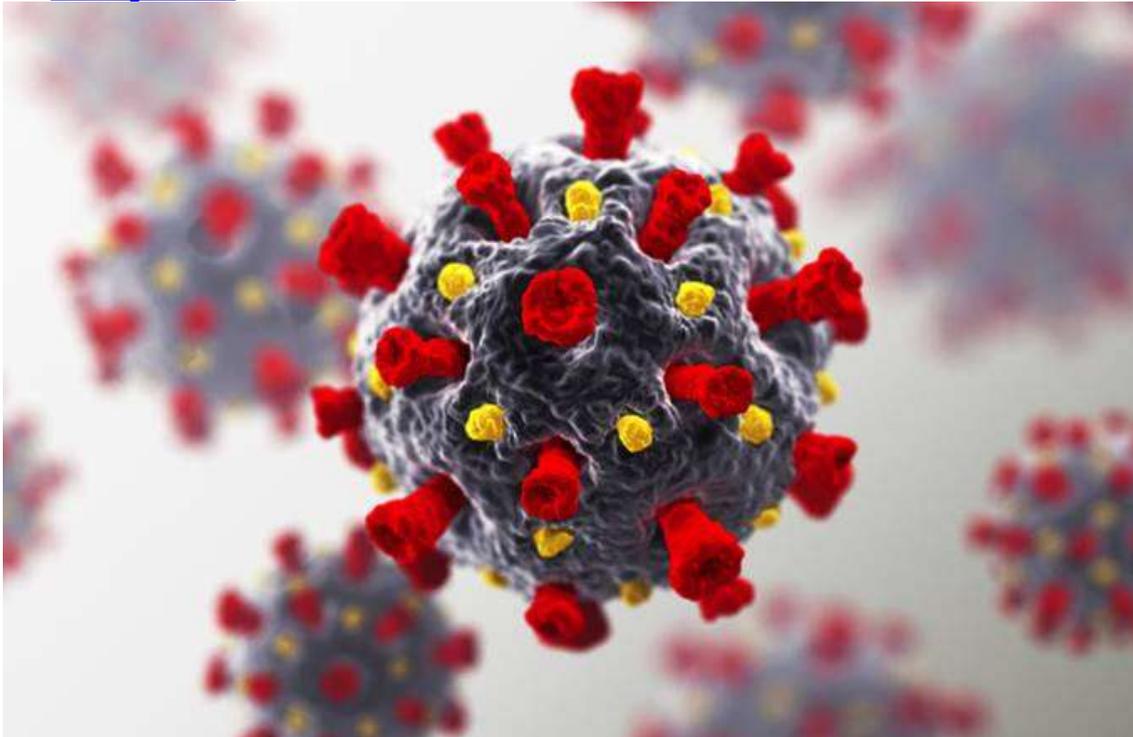
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## **New Jersey**

- Governor Phil Murphy and Chief Administrator Sue Fulton of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) announced plans for a phased reopening of MVC facilities to the public following closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reopening will proceed in a way that safeguards public health and safety, bringing many changes and improved efficiencies to Commission operations. <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/>

## **Connecticut**

- Governor Ned Lamont announced that his administration has released documents detailing specific rules that eligible businesses falling under phase two of Connecticut's reopening plans must follow amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The second phase takes effect Wednesday, June 17. The governor stressed that the decision to reopen during this phase rests with each individual business owner – they are not required to open if they do not choose, however if they do they must follow the rules as prescribed. <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-and-Certification-for-Reopen>
- The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has announced that camping will open for the summer recreation season beginning July 8, 2020. Campers at DEEP campgrounds with recreational vehicles (RVs) will be able to keep their reservations for dates starting July 1, with reopening for both tent and RV camping on July 8.
- Governor Lamont announced that he is ordering an independent, third-party review to be conducted of the preparation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic inside of Connecticut's nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The review will incorporate a top-to-bottom analysis of all elements of the pandemic and how it was addressed in these facilities, which were disproportionately impacted by the virus. The governor said he wants the analysis completed before the start of autumn in order to prepare for a potential second wave of the virus. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/06-2020/Governor-Lamont-Orders-Independent-Analysis-of-COVID19-in-Nursing-Homes>



## Local Updates

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### **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 overview of NYC Trace program hosted on June 5:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Qkfuy1cn-U&feature=youtu.be>

### **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 (June 8) from Westchester County Executive George Latimer:

<https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8505-june-8-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/>

The latest information on agency prevention and treatment guidance:

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

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/>

GNYHA Webinar on Multispecialty Approaches to Treat MIS-C:  
<https://www.gnyha.org/news/gnyha-webinar-highlights-multispecialty-approaches-to-treat-mis-c/>

## Center for Disaster Medicine Media

### **Faculty News:**

#### **Treating TD in the COVID-19 Era: 5 Steps to Success**

Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Learning Network

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<https://www.psychcongress.com/multimedia/treating-td-covid-19-era-5-steps-success>

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