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## Center for Disaster Medicine



**Friday, June 12, 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.*

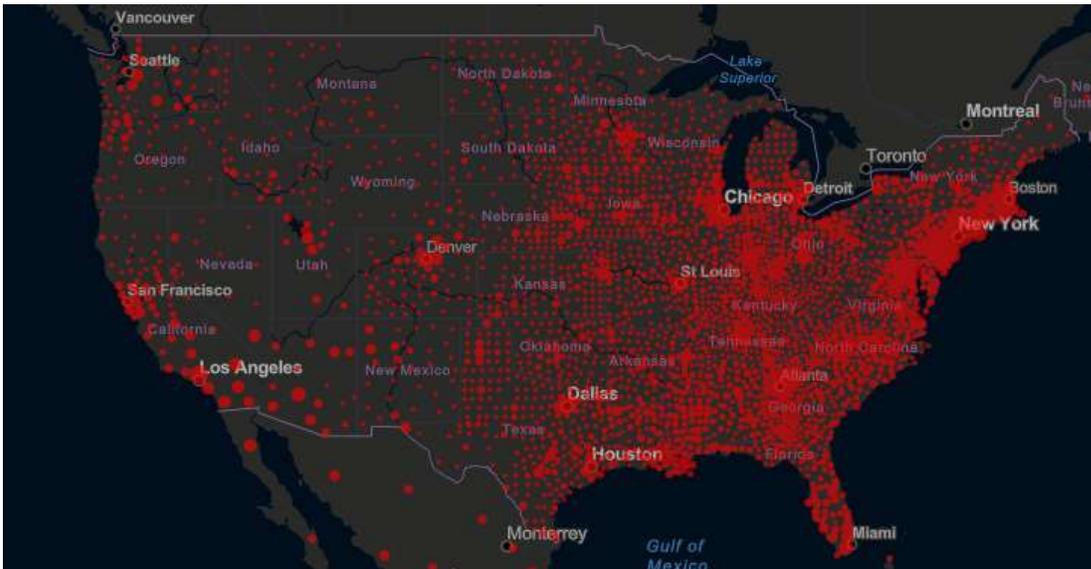
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### COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	7,514,473	421,456	3,540,662	No Data
United States	2,023,385	113,818	540,292	21,933,301
New Jersey	165,816	12,443	28,376	1,030,793
New York	380,892	30,580	68,211	2,729,005
Connecticut	44,461	4,146	7,611	321,948

Information as of 6/12/20 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 CDC has updated guidance intended for health and wildlife professionals who work with free-living wildlife during the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pets-other-animals/wildlife-testing.html>
- The CDC has updated their recommendations for contact tracing efforts, including new checklists. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/contact-tracing-resources.html>
- As FEMA, under the direction of the White House Task Force, has led the whole-of-America response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the past several weeks, billions of essential resources and protective equipment have been delivered throughout the nation. As of June

10, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Project Airbridge combined have coordinated the delivery of, or are currently shipping: 94.7 million N-95 respirators, 149.2 million surgical masks, 14.3 million face shields, 44.6 million surgical gowns and more than 1 billion gloves. Additionally, as of June 10, FEMA has made 14,752 deliveries of medical supplies to nursing homes in 53 states and territories. As of June 9, FEMA has obligated more than \$7 billion to support COVID-19 response efforts.

<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/06/11/fema-releases-latest-state-state-data-ppe>

- Given the unique circumstances presented by a pandemic environment, planning ahead to ensure the resources, facilities and workers needed to provide shelter services and maintain the health and well-being of survivors and workers is critical. To support an effective state-managed, locally executed and federally supported response to disasters occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA developed guidance to assist state, tribal and territorial governments in planning mass care delivery. <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/188597>

### **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)**

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

Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Resolves Complaints after State of Connecticut and Private Hospital Safeguard the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to Have Reasonable Access to Support Persons in Hospital Settings During COVID-19:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/09/ocr-resolves-complaints-after-state-connecticut-private-hospital-safeguard-rights-persons.html>

HHS Announces Enhanced Provider Portal, Relief Fund Payments for Safety Net Hospitals, Medicaid & CHIP Providers: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/09/hhs-announces-enhanced-provider-portal-relief-fund-payments-for-safety-net-hospitals-medicaid-chip-providers.html>

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

NIH-funded study to evaluate drugs prescribed to children with COVID-19

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-funded-study-evaluate-drugs-prescribed-children-covid-19>

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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 11, including FDA-authorized 135 tests under EUAs, which include 114 molecular tests, 120 antibody tests, and 1 antigen test.  
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-june-11-2020>
- FDA announces Rare Disease Therapy Development and Access Remain Top FDA Priorities During COVID-19  
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/rare-disease-therapy-development-and-access-remain-top-fda-priorities-during-covid-19>
- FDA announces update regarding Hospital Beds, Stretchers, and Mattresses During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency  
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/hospital-beds-stretchers-and-mattresses-during-covid-19-public-health-emergency>
- FDA Authorizes First Next Generation Sequence Test for Diagnosing COVID-19  
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-first-next-generation-sequence-test-diagnosing-covid-19>

## **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>

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

The 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 Using Telehealth to Expand Access to Essential Health Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/telehealth.html>

CDC's latest guidance on Healthcare Facilities and Managing Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-hcf.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)**

Trump Administration Encourages Reopening of Healthcare Facilities

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-encourages-reopening-healthcare-facilities>

### **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 the Mid-Hudson Valley has entered phase two of reopening on June 9. Long Island has entered phase two of reopening on June 10. The State of New York forward guidance for phase two reopening: <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-two-industries>
- Governor Cuomo announced that five regions—Central New York, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North Country and Southern Tier - will enter phase three of reopening on June 12. The team of global public health experts advising New York State on its reopening strategy has thoroughly reviewed the data for the five regions and cleared them to enter phase three. Phase three allows indoor restaurant and food services and personal care services to resume. Each industry is subject to specific state guidelines to maximize safety and social distancing. Business guidance for phase three of the state's reopening plan is available at <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-three-industries>
- New York State is allowing localities to open public pools and playgrounds at their discretion while following state guidance beginning June 11.
- Secretary to the Governor Melissa DeRosa issued a report to Governor Cuomo outlining the COVID-19 Domestic Violence Task Force's initial recommendations to reimagine New York's approach to services for domestic violence survivors. Governor Cuomo has accepted these recommendations in full and is directing the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, along with other sister agencies of the Office of Children and Family Services, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Office of Victim Services, the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Department of Health, to use these recommendations to update and improve domestic violence services in New York State.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/DVTF-Report-FINAL.pdf>

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

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

For 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>

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>

New York State's NY Forward Phase 1:

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

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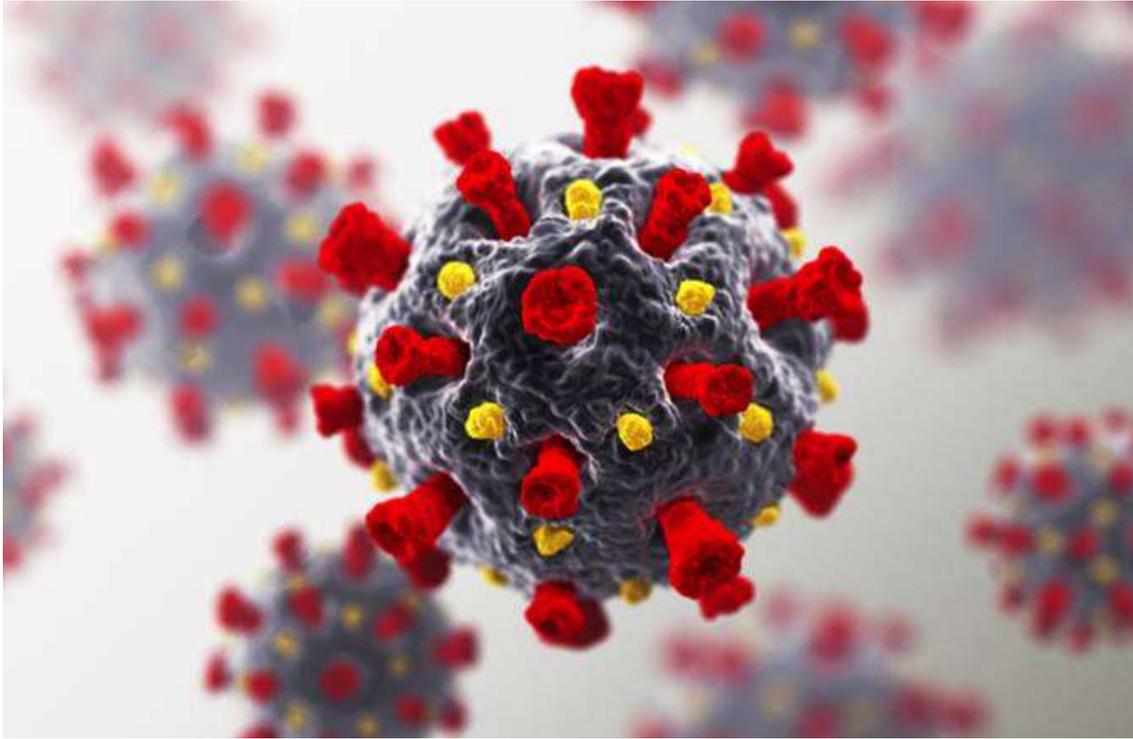
## **New Jersey**

- Governor Phil Murphy signed two executive orders 1) raising limits on outdoor and indoor gatherings and 2) opening pools effective June 22 and additional outdoor recreational businesses effective immediately.
  - <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-152.pdf>
  - <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-153.pdf>
- The Administration of Governor Murphy released results of an online survey conducted in conjunction with Rutgers University's Heldrich Center for Workforce Development earlier this month that drew responses from nearly 4,000 businesses and non-profits across the state. Results of the survey demonstrate overwhelmingly that while the business and non-profit community is eager to get back to work, owners understand and take seriously the public health risks posed by COVID-19 and the responsibility to provide a safe experience for employees and

customers. Many worry about the effect of a possible second wave of the virus. [https://static.business.nj.gov/public/covid19/covid\\_business\\_survey\\_topline.pdf](https://static.business.nj.gov/public/covid19/covid_business_survey_topline.pdf)

## Connecticut

- The Connecticut Department of Transportation announced that the state's two ferries that provide service across the Connecticut River – one between Rocky Hill and Glastonbury and the other between Chester and Hadlyme – will resume operations beginning Saturday, June 20. <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/News-from-the-Connecticut-Department-of-Transportation/2020/Connecticut-River-Ferries-Resume-Operations>
- Executive Order No. 7YY enacted with the following provisions:
  - Resumption of court filing deadlines: Amends Executive Order No. 7G, Section 2 to provide that the suspension of requirements or deadlines related to Supreme or Appellate Court filings in cases pending before those courts to assist the Judicial Branch in its plans to resume more court business.
  - Modifications to DMV functions: Makes several adjustments to the functions administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles to allow customers to conduct more business remotely and reduce the need for in-person visits to DMV branches and affiliates.
  - Modifications to Executive Order No. 7E: Repeals Executive Order No. 7E, Section 2 effective June 15.
  - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7YY.pdf>
- Governor Lamont announced that as the state prepares to enter phase 2 of its reopening efforts resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, he is launching a new resource – the “*CT Back to Work Initiative*” – that will provide workers and businesses in Connecticut with high-quality, user-friendly career tools to assist those who have been impacted by the economic fallout from the public health emergency. <https://portal.ct.gov/Business/Jobs-and-Resources>



## Local Updates

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### **New York Blood Center (NYBC)**

New York Blood Center study finds wide range of antibody levels in recovered COVID-19 patients, suggesting varying levels of immunity

<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/new-york-blood-center-study-finds-wide-range-antibody-levels-recovered-covid-19-patients-suggesting-varying-levels-immunity/>

### **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 2020 Health Alert #19: Help Prevent Heat-Related Illness and Death Among Heat-Vulnerable People During the COVID-19 Pandemic:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/han/alert/2020/covid-19-heat-illness-prevention.pdf>

## **Westchester County Department of Health**

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 11) from Westchester County Executive George Latimer:  
<https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8514-june-11-westchester-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/>

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/>

Updated GNYHA information on Nursing Home Executive Order regarding Hospital Discharges and Testing Extended and Modified:

<https://www.gnyha.org/news/nursing-home-executive-order-on-hospital-discharges-and-testing-extended-and-modified/>

## **Center for Disaster Medicine Media**

### **New York Medical College Leadership News:**

**Coronavirus and Face Masks: Everything You Need to Know This Summer**

Good Housekeeping

6/10/2020

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/a32703820/coronavirus-face-mask-guide/>

Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., vice president for government affairs, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice, and professor of public health, pediatrics and environmental health science

**Faculty News:**

**Unspoken and Undone: Caring for Women Dealing with the Emotional Trauma of CV-19**

Healthcare Business Today

6/12/2020

<https://www.healthcarebusinesstoday.com/unspoken-and-undone-caring-for-women-dealing-with-the-emotional-trauma-of-cv-19/>

Angela Rossetti, M.B.E., M.B.A., adjunct assistant professor of medicine

**Coronavirus: How Nottingham firm Sygnature Discovery is helping to find treatment for damage caused by Covid-19**

Nottinghamshire Live

6/12/2020

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/coronavirus-how-nottingham-firm-sygnature-4215966>

Sachin Gupte, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology

**Nottingham drug discovery firm helps New York Medical College in fight against COVID-19**

Business East Midlands Link

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<https://www.eastmidlandsbusinesslink.co.uk/mag/news/nottingham-drug-discovery-firm-helps-new-york-medical-college-in-fight-against-covid-19/>

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**BioCity firm helps in global fight against Covid-19**

The Business Desk

6/12/2020

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/eastmidlands/news/2038680-biocity-firm-helps-in-global-fight-against-covid-19>

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**New York Medical College News:**

**Gov. Cuomo in Valhalla: Focus shifts from COVID-19 hospitalizations to testing metrics**

News 12 Westchester

6/9/2020

<http://westchester.news12.com/story/42228235/gov-cuomo-in-valhalla-focus-shifts-from-covid19-hospitalizations-to-testing-metrics>

**Cuomo: In 'new phase' of reopening, focus shifts to new COVID-19 cases**

Newsday

6/9/2020

<https://www.newsday.com/news/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-developments-1.45507182>

**State unveils dashboard monitoring new COVID-19 cases by county**

NNY360

6/9/2020

[https://www.nny360.com/news/publicservicenews/state-unveils-dashboard-monitoring-new-covid-19-cases-by-county/article\\_234a4d1d-5af9-5149-a076-dc426dedba59.html](https://www.nny360.com/news/publicservicenews/state-unveils-dashboard-monitoring-new-covid-19-cases-by-county/article_234a4d1d-5af9-5149-a076-dc426dedba59.html)

**Cuomo: The number to watch as NY reopens**

Olean Times Herald

6/9/2020

[https://www.oleantimesherald.com/coronavirus/cuomo-the-number-to-watch-as-ny-reopens/article\\_2a348be7-619c-5f92-a563-c0d2de0b3466.html](https://www.oleantimesherald.com/coronavirus/cuomo-the-number-to-watch-as-ny-reopens/article_2a348be7-619c-5f92-a563-c0d2de0b3466.html)

**Cuomo announces new dashboard to follow coronavirus numbers, comments on civil unrest**

Rochester First

6/9/2020

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/cuomo-announces-new-dashboard-to-follow-coronavirus-numbers-comments-on-civil-unrest/>

**NYC coronavirus numbers lowest since beginning of pandemic**

News Brig

6/9/2020

<https://newsbrig.com/nyc-coronavirus-numbers-lowest-since-beginning-of-pandemic/40222/>

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