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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.

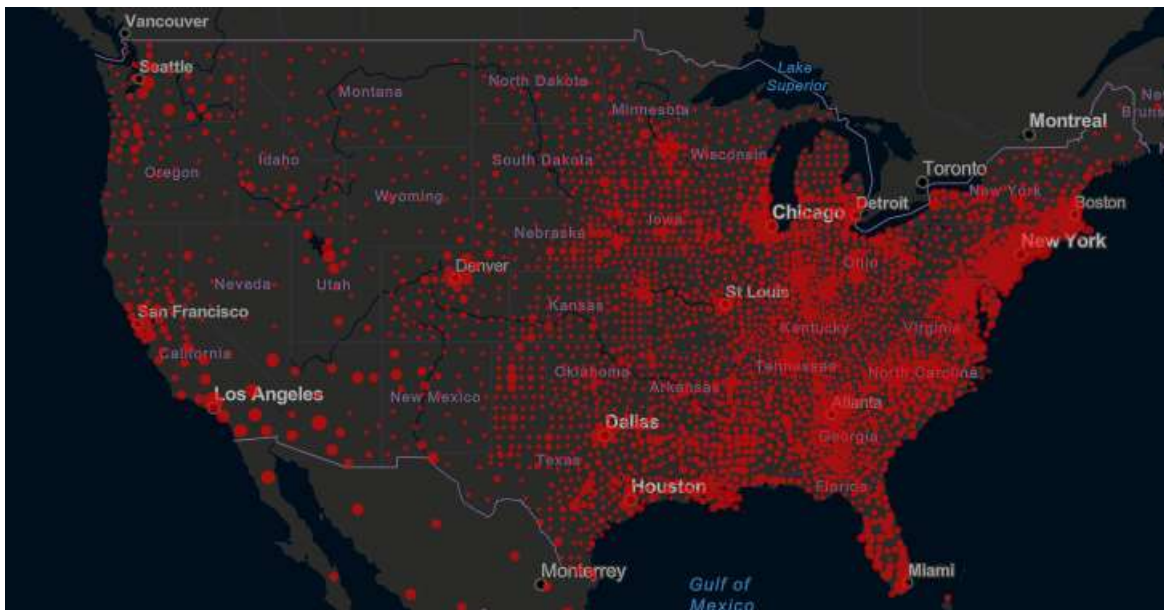
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COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	8,034,461	436,406	3,857,338	No Data
United States	2,114,026	116,127	576,334	23,984,592
New Jersey	167,103	12,708	28,819	1,116,083
New York	383,944	30,856	68,851	2,991,210
Connecticut	45,235	4,204	7,611	356,377

Information as of 6/16/20 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 Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today telehealth video appointments using VA Video Connect increased from approximately 10,000 to 120,000 appointments a week between February and May of 2020. This increase of 1000% is attributed to VA providers and Veterans taking precautions against COVID-19. VA Video Connect allows Veterans and their caregivers to meet virtually with their VA care teams on any computer, tablet, or mobile device with an internet connection. It is one of the largest and most successful digital health platforms in the nation and currently enables

more than 25,000 virtual appointments, including mental health appointments each day. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5467>

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) added a new calculator to their online tools today to estimate the natural decay of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) in the air under various environmental conditions. Using the results of ongoing research being conducted at S&T's National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) in Maryland, the tool is designed to assist response efforts and minimize person-to-person transmission by analyzing environmental factors that may impact the ability of the virus to spread. <https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/sars-airborne-calculator>

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>

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Issues Guidance on How Health Care Providers Can Contact Former COVID-19 Patients About Blood and Plasma Donation Opportunities

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/12/guidance-on-hipaa-and-contacting-former-covid-19-patients-about-blood-and-plasma-donation.html>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

NIH launches analytics platform to harness nationwide COVID-19 patient data to speed treatments

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-launches-analytics-platform-harness-nationwide-covid-19-patient-data-speed-treatments>

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 15, including FDA-authorized 138 tests under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), which include 117 molecular tests, 120 antibody tests, and 1 antigen test. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-june-15-2020>

- FDA Warns of Newly Discovered Potential Drug Interaction That May Reduce Effectiveness of a COVID-19 Treatment Authorized for Emergency Use
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-warns-newly-discovered-potential-drug-interaction-may-reduce>
- FDA Revokes Emergency Use Authorization for Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-revokes-emergency-use-authorization-chloroquine-and>

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>

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

CDC's latest consolidated COVID-19 testing recommendations:
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0613-covid19-testing-recommendations.html>

CDC's Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19:
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/a0612-covid-19-update.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 Residents' Right to retain Federal Economic Incentive Payments

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/nursing-home-residents-right-retain-federal-economic-incentive-payments>

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 Western New York is expected to enter Phase 3 of reopening June 16 and the Capital Region is expected to enter Phase 3 of reopening on June 17 following a review of regional data by global public health experts.
- The Governor signed legislation (S.8415/A.10446-A) repealing criminalization of wearing a mask in public. The Governor previously issued an Executive Order requiring that New Yorkers wear face coverings while in public to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and this new law will remove any legal conflicts with the outdated provision banning the wearing of masks in public and the Governor's Executive Order. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/video-audio-photos-rush-transcript-governor-cuomo-announces-western-new-york-expected-enter-0>
- Governor Cuomo announced low-risk youth sports for regions in phase three of reopening can begin on July 6 with up to two spectators allowed per child.
- The Governor signed legislation (S.8245-A/A.10517) requiring the State Department of Health to conduct a study on the health impacts of COVID-19 on minorities in New York State. The state previously conducted an antibody testing survey at churches in lower-income New York City communities and communities of color, which showed higher infection rates among individuals in these communities compared to the overall population. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-low-risk-youth-sports-regions-phase-three-can-begin-july-6th>
- Governor Cuomo announced gatherings of up to 25 people will be allowed in Phase Three of reopening, up from the limit of 10. Five regions have already entered Phase Three - Central New York, the Finger Lakes, the Mohawk Valley, the North Country, the Southern Tier. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-gatherings-25-people-will-be-allowed-phase-three-reopening-0>

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, please visit the COVID-19:

<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>

To view 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>

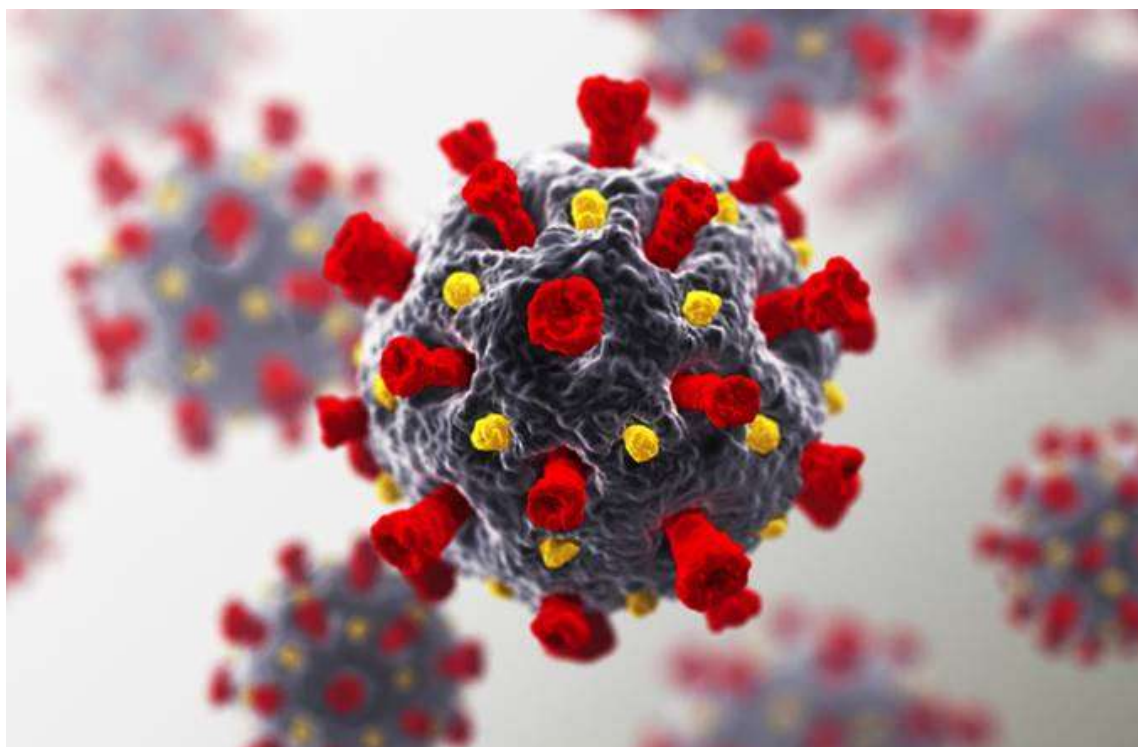
New Jersey

- Recognizing the educational and social-emotional value to students of resuming in-person instruction, the New Jersey Department of Education released guidance for school districts to conduct summer educational programming in-person, including Extended School Year (ESY). In-person programs are permitted to begin on or after July 6 and must follow all applicable health and safety protocols. Districts that have planned for remote learning may still proceed with virtual instruction for both ESY and other summer learning opportunities for students.
https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/boardops/docs/SummerLearningResourceGuide_2020.pdf
- Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 154, allowing personal care service facilities to reopen to the public on Monday, June 22 at 6:00 a.m., provided the facilities comply with standards issued by the Division of Consumer Affairs and Department of Health. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-154.pdf>
- Governor Murphy and Superintendent of the State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan announced an Administrative Order which permits libraries to allow curbside pickup, beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15. The order also clarifies rules affecting a number of different businesses. <https://nj.gov/governor/news/ao/docs/AO2020-15.pdf>

Connecticut

- Connecticut businesses that are eligible to open under Phase 2 of the state's reopening plans, which takes effect on Wednesday, June 17, are reminded to self-certify with the state prior to opening. The self-certification process demonstrates to

the state that businesses understand and will comply with COVID-19 rules and regulations. It can be done quickly online at <http://business.ct.gov/recovery>



Local Updates

New York Blood Center (NYBC)

What Is Convalescent Plasma & What Role Does It Play in the COVID-19 Pandemic?

<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/what-convalescent-plasma-what-role-does-it-play-covid-19-pandemic/>

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>

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 15) from Westchester County Executive George Latimer:

<https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8524-june-15-westchester-county-executive-george-latimer-gives-covid-19-briefing-with-village-of-pleasantville-mayor-peter-scherer>

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

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/>

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 guidance on Public Health Agency Re-Opening:

<https://www.gnyha.org/news/public-health-agency-re-opening-guidance/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

New York Medical College Leadership News:

Here's Exactly Where We Are with Vaccines and Treatments for COVID-19

The Herald

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<https://www.herald.co.zw/heres-exactly-where-we-are-with-vaccines-and-treatments-for-covid-19/>

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