

6-30-2020

COVID-19 Newsletter (vol. 26)

Center for Disaster Medicine, New York Medical College



NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

A MEMBER OF THE Touro College and University System

Center for Disaster Medicine



Tuesday, June 30, 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. As the pace of new information and changes has slowed and out of respect for the volume of everyone's communications, we will be changing the frequency of our newsletter to once per week.

David Markenson, M.D., M.B.A.
Director
Center for Disaster Medicine

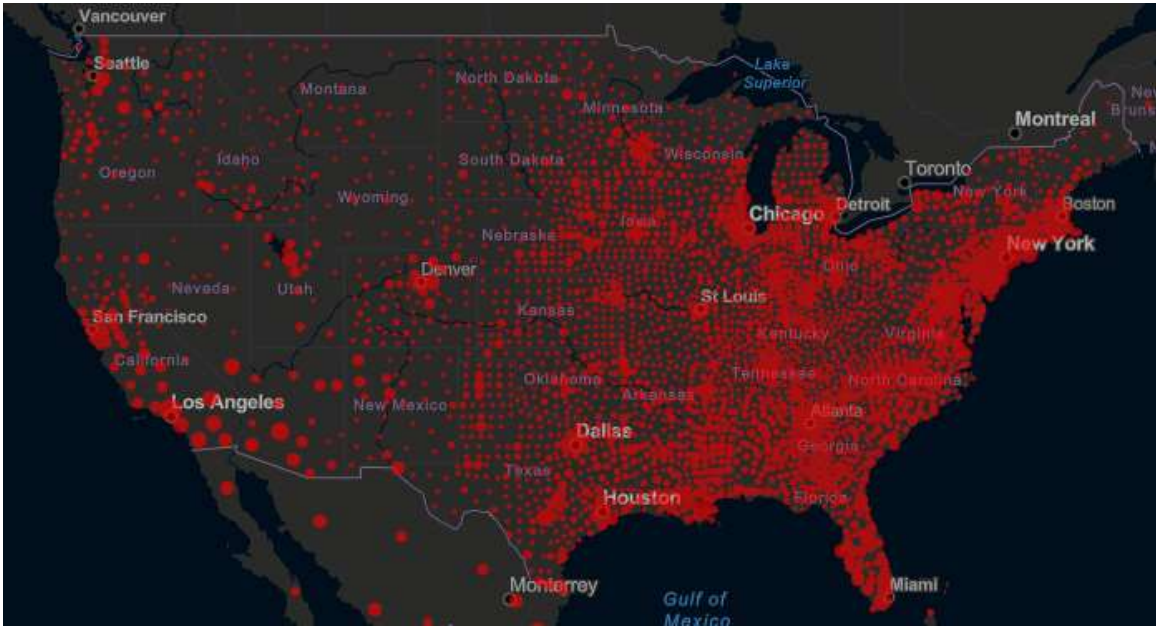
COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	10,278,458	504,936	5,219,513	No Data
United States	2,588,582	126,133	705,203	31,557,407
New Jersey	171,272	14,992	30,163	1,403,984
New York	393,197	31,403	70,435	3,862,913

Connecticut	46,362	4,320	8,053	444,976
-------------	--------	-------	-------	---------

Information as of 6/30/20 at 0000 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

- FEMA Region 3 has awarded nearly \$2 million to help fund crisis counseling services for people struggling with mental health issues stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/06/25/fema-awards-nearly-2-million-help-people-cope-covid-19-related-stress>
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today the launching of a digital COVID-19 screening tool to streamline Veteran access to medical care during the coronavirus pandemic. The tool, designed with Veteran and staff input, enables the screening of more than 10,000 people each day. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5479>

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. View 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>

Trump Administration Secures New Supplies of Remdesivir for the United States

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/29/trump-administration-secures-new-supplies-remdesivir-united-states.html>

For the latest information from Administration for Community Living:

<https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/acls-covid-19-resources-whats-new-9>

HHS Announces Partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine to Fight COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority and Vulnerable Communities

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/23/hhs-announces-partnership-morehouse-school-medicine-fight-covid-19-racial-ethnic-minority.html>

HHS Announces MENTAL Health Innovation Challenge

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/23/hhs-announces-mental-health-innovation-challenge.html>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Experts identify steps to expand and improve antibody tests in COVID-19 response

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/experts-identify-steps-expand-improve-antibody-tests-covid-19-response>

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 29, 2020, including FDA-authorized 155 tests under EUAs, which include 130 molecular tests, 24 antibody tests, and 1 antigen test.
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-june-29-2020>
- FDA issues Effects of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on Formal Meetings and User Fee Applications for Medical Devices - Questions and Answers
<https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/effects-covid-19-public-health-emergency-formal-meetings-and-user-fee-applications-medical-devices>
- FDA issues updated list of ventilators and accessories list with emergency use authorizations
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/ventilators-and-ventilator-accessories-euas#appendixb>
- FDA issues lists Fraudulent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Products
<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/health-fraud-scams/fraudulent-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-products>
- FDA announces COVID-19: Update on Progress Toward Safely Getting Back to Work and Back to School Full Committee Hearing on June 30 at 10AM
<https://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/covid-19-update-on-progress-toward-safely-getting-back-to-work-and-back-to-school>
- FDA announces Partnering with the European Union and Global Regulators on COVID-19
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/partnering-european-union-and-global-regulators-covid-19>
- FDA announces Joint Statement from USDA and FDA on Food Export Restrictions Pertaining to COVID-19
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-joint-statement-usda-and-fda-food-export-restrictions-pertaining-covid>

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>

To view the latest CDC updates, expands list of people at risk of severe COVID-19 illness:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0625-update-expands-covid-19.html>

CDC's updated list of COVID symptoms:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Clinical Trials

To view the latest information on clinical trials regarding COVID-19:

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

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

CMS Announces Relief for Clinicians, Providers, Hospitals and Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs in Response to COVID-19

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-relief-clinicians-providers-hospitals-and-facilities-participating-quality-reporting>

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 New York will offer to assist states with high infection rates, as several states begin to see spikes in COVID-19.
- Governor Cuomo announced the New York State Department of Health's contact tracing program has identified and is investigating two clusters related to COVID-19 in Upstate New York. The clusters are being tracked by the New York State Department of Health in conjunction with local health departments.
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-details-nys-department-healths-investigation-two-covid-19-clusters-upstate-new>
- On June 27, Governor Cuomo directed the State Department of Health to investigate the potential COVID-19 exposure at a high school graduation ceremony in Westchester County after an individual who had recently traveled to Florida and attended the ceremony subsequently began showing symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19. Since then, four more individuals who attended the ceremony and had contact with the first positive case have also tested positive. The Governor also issued a new executive order that makes New York employees who voluntarily travel to high-risk states after June 25 ineligible for COVID-19 paid sick leave. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-directs-state-doh-investigation-potential-covid-19-exposure-high-school>
- Governor Cuomo announced the state will decide on Wednesday whether to slow down the reopening of indoor dining in New York City as part of Phase 3 of reopening. Indoor dining has been shown to pose risks in other states, and outdoor dining has been proceeding well. New York State will review data, consult with stakeholders and make a final decision.
- The Western New York Region has been cleared to enter Phase 4 on June 30, 2020. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-state-decide-wednesday-whether-slow-reopening-indoor-dining-new-york>

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>

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>

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>

Governor Cuomo Directs State DOH Investigation of Potential COVID-19 Exposure at High School Graduation in Westchester from Student Who Returned from Florida

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-directs-state-doh-investigation-potential-covid-19-exposure-high-school>

Governor Cuomo Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress During COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-updates-new-yorkers-states-progress-during-covid-19-pandemic-0>

Governor Cuomo Announces State to Decide Wednesday Whether to Slow Reopening of Indoor Dining in New York City

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-state-decide-wednesday-whether-slow-reopening-indoor-dining-new-york>

Governor Cuomo Announces Lowest COVID-19 Deaths and Hospitalizations in New York Since the Pandemic Began

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-lowest-covid-19-deaths-and-hospitalizations-new-york-pandemic-began>

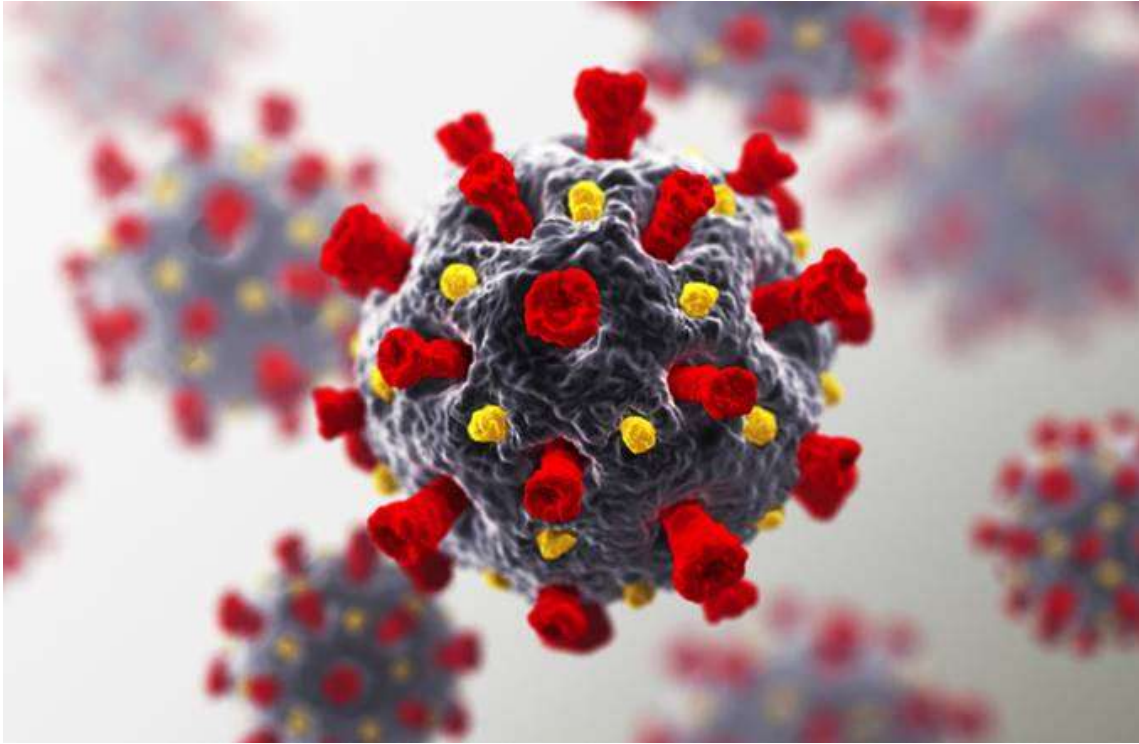
New Jersey

- The Motor Vehicle Commission announced that most in-person transactions scheduled to start on June 29 will be delayed until July 7, while the text notification system undergoes final testing.
- Governor Phil Murphy and Department of Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet announced the release of "The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education" to assist schools with reopening in the fall. The guidance announces that, absent a change in public health data, public schools will open for in-person instruction and operations in some capacity at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. <https://www.nj.gov/education/reopening/NJDOETheRoadBack.pdf>
- Governor Murphy signed legislation (S2437) which places limits on service fees charged to restaurants by third-party delivery applications and websites during state of emergencies declared by the Governor in response to COVID-19. The legislation provides much needed relief to restaurants across New Jersey that have faced excessive fees while being limited to takeout and delivery service. <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200626d.shtml>
- Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 157, which implements the reopenings announced earlier this week that will take effect on Thursday, July 2. Specifically, the Order contains several requirements for indoor dining, which can resume on July 2 but will be limited to 25 percent capacity and patrons will be required to order and consume food or beverages while seated. The Order also contains the baseline requirements for indoor recreational and entertainment businesses, which can open on July 2 at 25 percent capacity, with the exceptions of

gyms and fitness centers, movie theaters, performing arts centers, other concert venues, and indoor amusement and water parks. Further, dance floors at any business must be closed or cordoned off. Gyms and fitness centers can, however, offer individualized indoor instruction by appointment only. <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-157.pdf>

Connecticut

- The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) has approved \$3 million in grants to assist Connecticut health care, education, childcare, and cultural organizations in their response to the COVID-19 crisis. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/06-2020/Governor-Lamont-Coronavirus-Update-June-26>
- Executive Order No. 7DDD enacted with the following provisions:
 - Extended protections for residential renters affected by COVID-19: Extends the moratorium on residential evictions to August 22, and extends opportunities for residential renters to apply money from their security deposits to payment of rent.
 - Authority to extend statutory and regulatory administrative deadlines by an additional 90 days: Expands by an additional 90 days the ability for state agencies to extend any statutory or regulatory deadlines for filings, decisions, and notice in the many permitting and other applications and administrative hearings under their purview, and requires agencies to post any changes on their respective web sites. This is an extension of the order originally issued in Executive Order No. 7M.
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7DDD.pdf>
- The Connecticut State Department of Education today released “Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together,” a comprehensive plan that will serve as a roadmap for districts as they plan to reopen schools at the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year. <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/COVID-19/CTReopeningSchools.pdf>



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 COVID-19: Restart for Businesses:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-businesses-and-facilities.page>

NYC DOHMH's Reopening NYC FAQs:

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

Westchester County Department of Health

The latest COVID-19 information in Westchester:

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

The latest daily briefing on June 29 from County Executive George Latimer and Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler:

<https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8543-june-29-westchester-county-executive-george-latimer-health-commissioner-dr-sherlita-amler-give-covid-19-briefing-from-new-castle-town-hall>

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

<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/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

New York Medical College Leadership News:

With both infection and hospitalization rates from coronavirus going up, why are deaths from the virus going down?

KNX 1070 News Radio

6/30/2020

<https://knx1070.radio.com/media/audio-channel/with-both-infection-and-hospitalization-rates-from-coronavirus-going-up-why-are>

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

Faculty News:

Amid a Historic Pandemic, Public Health Must Take the Lead Even With Other Concurrent Disasters

Healthcare Business Today

6/23/2020

<https://www.healthcarebusinessstoday.com/amid-a-historic-pandemic-public-health-must-take-the-lead-even-with-other-concurrent-disasters/>

George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, FAcEM, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health

Dr. Anthony Fauci and other top health officials testify on COVID-19 response

CBS News

6/24/2020

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/anthony0fauci-top-doctors-testify-on-covid-19-response/>

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

Is It Safe to Go to a Movie Theater Right Now?

Vulture

6/24/2020

<https://www.vulture.com/2020/06/is-it-safe-to-go-to-a-movie-theater-during-coronavirus.html>

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

Every effort is made to provide accurate and complete information in this newsletter. However, New York Medical College cannot guarantee that there will be no errors. NYMC makes no claims, promises or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the contents of the newsletters or the articles linked herein and further expressly disclaims liability for errors and omissions in the contents of this newsletter.

This newsletter is for informational purposes only; it does not constitute medical advice. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health provider with any questions you may have regarding a medical condition.



New York Medical College
Center for Disaster Medicine
7 Dana Road Suite 511
Valhalla, New York 10595
914-594-1750

<https://www.nymc.edu/center-for-disaster-medicine/>