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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. As the pace of new information and changes has slowed and out of respect for the volume of everyone's communications, we have changed the frequency of our newsletter to once per week.*

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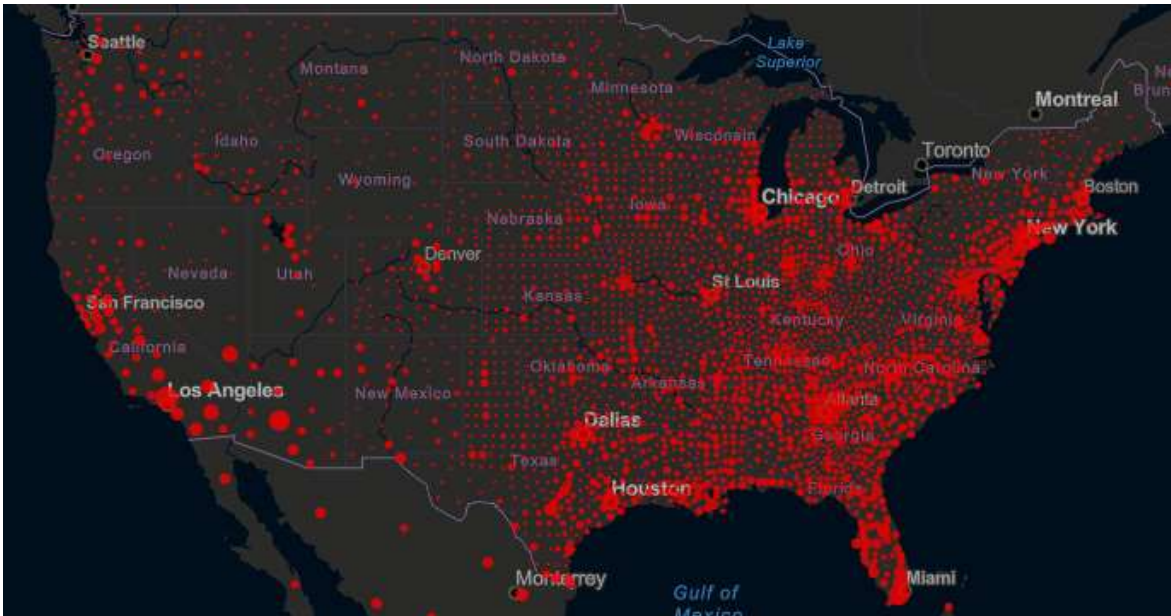
### COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	27,256,723	891,308	18,251,538	No Data
United States	6,300,727	189,206	2,333,551	83,426,990
New Jersey	194,390	15,991	34,202	3,054,528
New York	440,021	33,002	75,471	8,855,109

Connecticut	53,365	4,468	9,049	1,237,658
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Information as of 9/8/20 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

- As of August 28, there are more than over 21,704 federal personnel deployed across the country from FEMA, HHS, CDC, DoD, National Guard and VA to support state, local, tribal and territorial COVID-19 response efforts. FEMA and interagency partners are constantly tailoring staffing and resources across agencies, ensuring we can provide support when and where it's needed most. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/09/03/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 from HHS

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

- Trump Administration Announces \$2 Billion Provider Relief Fund Nursing Home Incentive Payment Plans  
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/09/03/trump-administration-announces-2-billion-provider-relief-fund-nursing-home-incentive-payment-plans.html>

### National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH continues to boost national COVID-19 testing capacity  
<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-continues-boost-national-covid-19-testing-capacity>
- NIH Supported study to track prevalence and impact of SARS-CoV-2 among pregnant women in low-and middle-income countries  
<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-supported-study-track-prevalence-impact-sars-cov-2-among-pregnant-women-low-middle-income-countries>

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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>

- On September 1, 2020, the FDA approved an abbreviated new drug application for cisatracurium besylate USP 20 mg/10mL, which is indicated to facilitate tracheal intubation and to provide skeletal muscle relaxation during surgery or mechanical ventilation. Side effects of cisatracurium besylate injection include bradycardia, hypotension, flushing, bronchospasm, and rash. This drug is listed in the FDA Drug Shortage Database. The FDA remains deeply committed to facilitating access to medical products that are experiencing increased demand.
- The FDA updated its guidance, “Investigational COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma,” to provide additional information related to the recently issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the use of COVID-19 convalescent plasma to treat hospitalized patients with COVID-19. This update includes a discussion regarding FDA’s intent to exercise temporary enforcement discretion regarding the IND requirements for the use of this product when blood establishments, hospitals, and health care providers collect plasma that does not meet the Conditions of Authorization of the EUA. The revised guidance continues to provide recommendations for health care providers who wish to administer and study convalescent plasma under an Investigational New Drug Application. In addition, the agency updated the web page, “Recommendations for Investigational COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma,” which also provides this information. <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/investigational-new-drug-ind-or-device-exemption-ide-process-cber/recommendations-investigational-covid-19-convalescent-plasma>
- The FDA issued an updated FDA COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary that provides a quick look at facts, figures, and highlights of the agency’s response efforts. <https://www.fda.gov/media/137005/download>
- To date, the FDA has currently authorized 240 tests under EUAs; these include 193 molecular tests, 43 antibody tests, and 4 antigen tests.

## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/index.html>

For daily updates of cases in United States

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

To view the CDC’s updated weekly COVID-19 surveillance report

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview.html>

To view CDC’s updated information on Testing in the United States

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/testing-in-us.html>

To view 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>

## **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 Administrator Hosts Roundtable in Tampa on COVID-19

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-administrator-hosts-roundtable-tampa-covid-19>

## **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 malls in New York City will be allowed to reopen starting September 9 with a 50 percent occupancy limit. All malls that choose to reopen will be subject to strict safety protocols, including strict enforcement of face coverings, social distancing, additional staff to control occupancy, traffic flow and seating to avoid crowding and enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols. Malls must also have enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards in place in order to open. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-malls-new-york-city-allowed-reopen-half-capacity-next-week>
- Governor Cuomo announced casinos and video lottery terminal facilities will be allowed to reopen starting September 9 with a 25 percent occupancy limit. All venues that choose to reopen will be subject to strict safety protocols, including strict enforcement of face coverings except when eating or drinking, social distancing, additional staff to control occupancy, traffic flow and seating to avoid crowding, and enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols. Casinos must also have enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards in place in order to open. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-casinos-allowed-reopen-limited-capacity-next-week>
- Governor Cuomo announced that New York school districts will be required to provide the Department of Health with daily data on the number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in each school beginning September. 8. The information will be publicly available on a new online dashboard developed by DOH. <https://forward.ny.gov/dashboard-covid-19-data-schools>
- Governor Cuomo and Chancellor Jim Malatras today announced the launch of a SUNY system-wide COVID-19 case tracker dashboard. The centralized dashboard will provide real time, up-to-date information on COVID-19 cases, testing, and quarantine and isolation space availability across SUNY's 64 colleges and universities to more efficiently monitor, respond to, and contain the virus. <https://www.suny.edu/covid19-tracker/>

### **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>

For the NYS DOH Weekly healthcare provider update  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/weekly-health-provider-webinar>

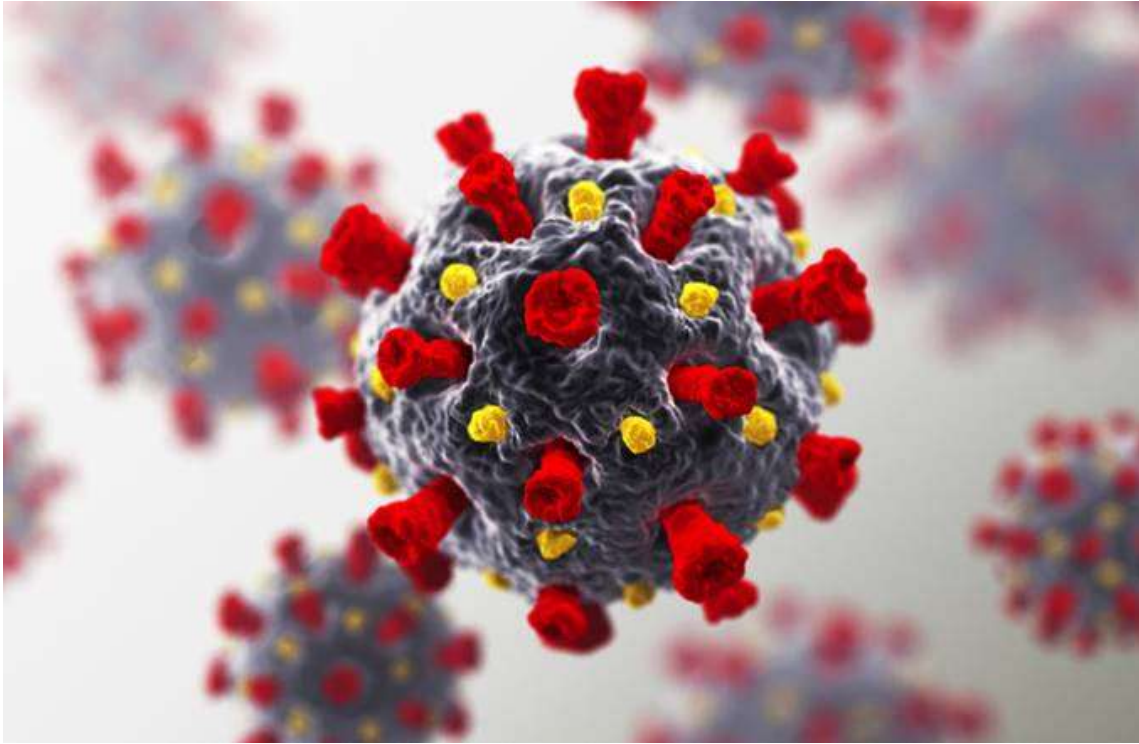
To learn the latest on the NYS DOH COVID-19 Travel Advisory  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

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## Connecticut

- Executive Order No. 9 enacted with the following provisions:
  - Commissioners of Early Childhood and Education may issue operational rules: Enables the Commissioner of Education and Commissioner of Early Childhood, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, to issue binding guidance, rules, or orders, including for the wearing of masks or face coverings, for operation of schools or childcare settings that each deems necessary to response to COVID-19.
  - Extension of prohibition on sale of alcohol by certain permittees without the sale of food: Extends the previously enacted prohibition on the sale of alcohol by certain permittees that do not sell food through at least September 26 unless earlier modified or terminated.
  - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-9.pdf>





## Local Updates

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

For the latest updated NYBC information about COVID-19:

<https://www.nybc.org/covid-19/>

NYBC Research Confirms Effectiveness of Rapid Serological Test for COVID-19

<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/new-york-blood-center-research-confirms-effectiveness-rapid-serological-test-covid-19/>

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

<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 the NYC DOHMH's updated summary regarding quarantine, isolation and transmission

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/covid-19-provider-quarantine-precautions.pdf>

For the NYC DOHMH's updated FAQs for health care providers

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



### **Westchester County Department of Health**

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

### **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/>

Updated GNYHA Public Health Agency Supply Management Guidance

<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/cdc-doh-and-dohmh-surveillance-and-testing-treatment-guidance-2/>

Updated GNYHA Public Health Surge Planning Guidance

<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/agency-surge-planning-guidance/>

For the latest information on agency prevention and treatment guidance

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

GNYHA Health Care Workforce Wellbeing and Resilience Resources

<https://www.gnyha.org/news/gnyha-health-care-workforce-wellbeing-and-resilience-resources/>

## **Center for Disaster Medicine Media**

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

#### **Dr. Amler on NBC 4 NY Discussing COVID-19 Vaccination**

NBC 4 New York

9/2/2020

<https://youtu.be/6yq2630lj38>

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**Permanent Nerve Damage for Some COVID-19 Survivors**

Doctors Lounge

9/4/2020

<https://www.doctorslounge.com/index.php/news/hd/97949>

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**Faculty News:**

**Port Washington Couple's Kids Book Explains New Normal In Schools**

Patch

8/27/2020

<https://patch.com/new-york/portwashington/port-washington-couples-kids-book-explains-new-normal-schools>

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