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## Center for Disaster Medicine



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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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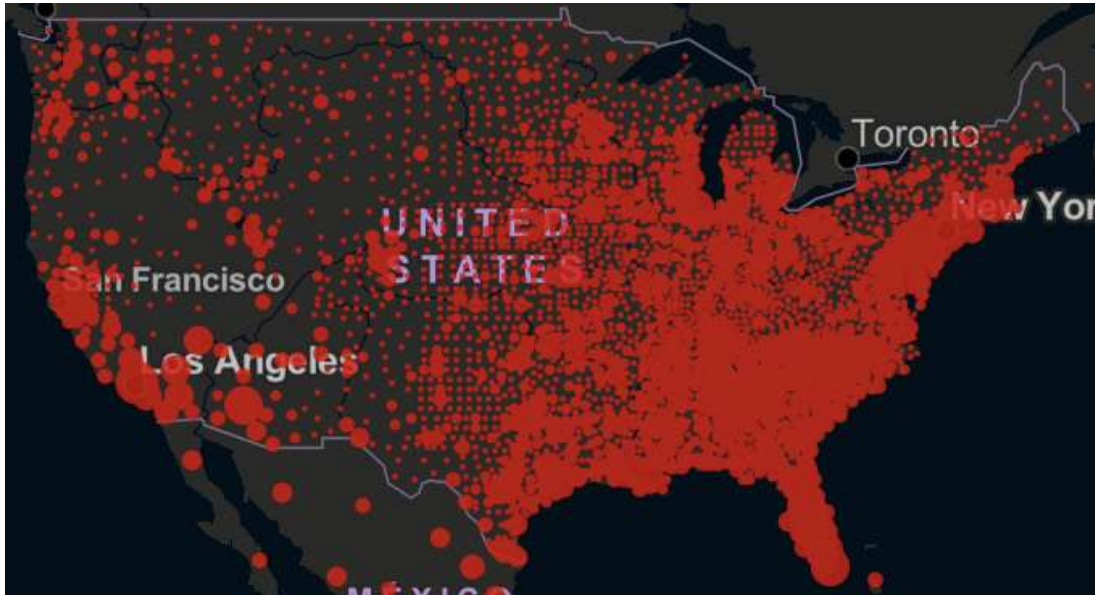
### COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	31,328,238	964,839	21,503,496	Not Available
United States	6,857,967	199,884	2,615,949	95,841,281
New Jersey	200,154	16,069	34,672	3,353,183

New York	450,473	33,092	76,218	9,980,765
Connecticut	56,024	4,495	9,204	1,467,766

Information as of 9/22/20 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

- On September 15, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released indicators to help schools make dynamic decisions about in-person learning as local conditions evolve throughout the pandemic. When coupled with local data about community spread, these indicators are an important tool to help local health officials, school administrators, and communities prepare, plan, and respond to COVID-19. These indicators are the latest resources CDC has provided for schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they supplement previously released CDC guidance. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html>

### 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>

Trump Administration Releases COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Strategy

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/09/16/trump-administration-releases-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-strategy.html>

### National Institutes of Health (NIH)

NIH funds community engagement research efforts in areas hardest hit by COVID-19

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-funds-community-engagement-research-efforts-areas-hardest-hit-covid-19>

NIH awards contracts to develop innovative digital health technologies for COVID-19

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-awards-contracts-develop-innovative-digital-health-technologies-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 September 21, 2020, announcing the FDA-authorized 249 tests under EUAs, which include 199 molecular tests, 46 antibody tests, and 4 antigen tests. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-september-21-2020>

FDA and global partners to analyze coronavirus samples <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-regulatory-science/fda-and-global-partners-analyze-coronavirus-samples>

FDA publishes Comparative Performance Data for COVID-19 Molecular Diagnostic Tests <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-publishes-comparative-performance-data-covid-19-molecular-diagnostic>

FDA issues Guidance on Conduct of Clinical Trials of Medical Products during COVID-19 Public Health Emergency <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/fda-guidance-conduct-clinical-trials-medical-products-during-covid-19-public-health-emergency>

## **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>

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>

CDC issues Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html>

New CDC data finds adult obesity is increasing <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0917-adult-obesity-increasing.html>

Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/lab/lab-biosafety-guidelines.html>

CDC provides guidance regarding colleges, universities, and higher learning  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.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 New Guidance for Safe Visitation in Nursing Homes During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-new-guidance-safe-visitation-nursing-homes-during-covid-19-public-health-emergency>

Independent Nursing Home COVID-19 Commission Findings Validate Unprecedented Federal Response <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/independent-nursing-home-covid-19-commission-findings-validate-unprecedented-federal-response>

### **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 New York State Department of Motor Vehicles is expanding online services, making it easier for New Yorkers to do business with the DMV from the comfort of their homes, and allowing the DMV to serve more customers in person who cannot complete their transactions online. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-dmv-expand-online-services>
- Governor Cuomo announced an Executive Order extending the State's moratorium on COVID-related commercial evictions and foreclosures an additional month, until October 20th. This measure extends protections already in place for commercial tenants and mortgagors in recognition of the financial toll the pandemic has taken on business owners, including retail establishments and restaurants. The extension of this protection gives commercial tenants and mortgagors additional time to get back on their feet and catch up on rent or their mortgage, or to renegotiate their lease terms to avoid foreclosure moving forward. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-executive-order-extending-moratorium-covid-related-commercial>

### **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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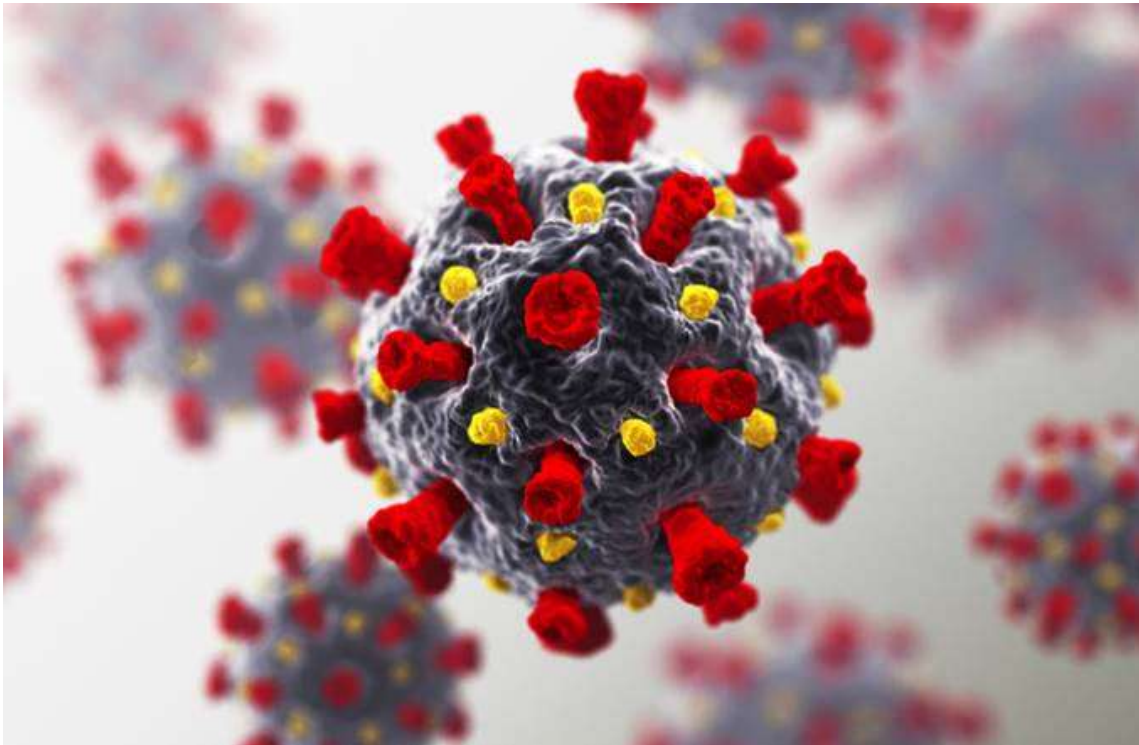
## New Jersey

- Acting on a commitment to reform and build a more resilient long-term care industry, Governor Phil Murphy signed a legislative package to address systemic challenges, mitigate the impact of COVID-19, and strengthen preparedness for future outbreaks. The legislative package enacts several recommendations made in *Manatt Health's* rapid review of the State's long-term care facilities, including wage enhancements for frontline staff, improved response coordination, and robust data reporting procedures. The legislative package received bipartisan support.  
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200916b.shtml>
- New Jersey Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson announced that applications are now open for the new COVID-19 childcare tuition assistance program the Murphy Administration has created to help families with childcare costs as schools open remotely. The \$150 million program will provide childcare tuition assistance to New Jersey families with incomes up to \$75,000 that are in need of either full or part-time childcare due to their child's remote learning schedule.  
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200921a.shtml>

## Connecticut

- Governor Ned Lamont, in partnership with the Connecticut Paid Leave Authority, announced the launch of a new website – [CTPaidLeave.org](https://CTPaidLeave.org) – with the goal of supporting all Connecticut residents to understand their roles, rights, and responsibilities based on the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act (PFMLA). The site is built to provide

information for all employers, employees, and healthcare providers to better navigate this new, comprehensive program, administered by the Connecticut Paid Leave Authority.



## 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/>

### **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 updated summary regarding quarantine, isolation and transmission

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

NYC DOHMH's updated FAQs for health care providers

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

NYC DOHMH updates on Rapid COVID-19 testing

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-rapid-testing.page>

2020 Health Advisory #37: All Point-of-Care COVID-19 Test Results Must be Reported Electronically

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/han/advisory/2020/covid-19-point-of-care-test-results.pdf>

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

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

Westchester County Executive George Latimer Announces the Community Build Back Program To Assist Westchester Residents Facing Homelessness Due To The Covid-19 Pandemic

<https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8636-westchester-county-executive-george-latimer-announces-the-community-build-back-program-to-assist-westchester-residents-facing-homelessness-due-to-the-covid-19-pandemic>

### **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 updated GNYHA Public Health Agency Supply Management Guidance

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

For the 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 provides COVID-19 Legislation State of Play and Continuing Resolution  
<https://www.gnyha.org/news/covid-19-legislation-state-of-play-and-continuing-resolution/>

## Center for Disaster Medicine Media

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

#### **A summer reading list for new medical students during a pandemic**

The Pharos (Alpha Omega Alpha)

Summer 2020

[https://alphaomegaaalpha.org/pharos/2020/Summer/2020\\_Summer\\_Halperin.pdf](https://alphaomegaaalpha.org/pharos/2020/Summer/2020_Summer_Halperin.pdf)

Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer

#### **Where to Buy Clear Face Masks With Windows for Lip Reading**

Good Housekeeping

9/16/2020

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/g33471599/best-clear-face-masks/>

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

### **Faculty News:**

#### **COVID-19 Imbalance**

Managed Healthcare Executive

9/17/2020

<https://www.managedhealthcareexecutive.com/view/covid-19-imbalance>

Adam E. Block, Ph.D., assistant professor of public health in the Division of Health Policy and Management

#### **COVID-19: As we emerge into a 'new normal,' balance your risks | Opinion**

LoHud

9/16/2020

<https://www.lohud.com/story/opinion/2020/09/16/covid-19-balance-risks-opinion/5808178002/>

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