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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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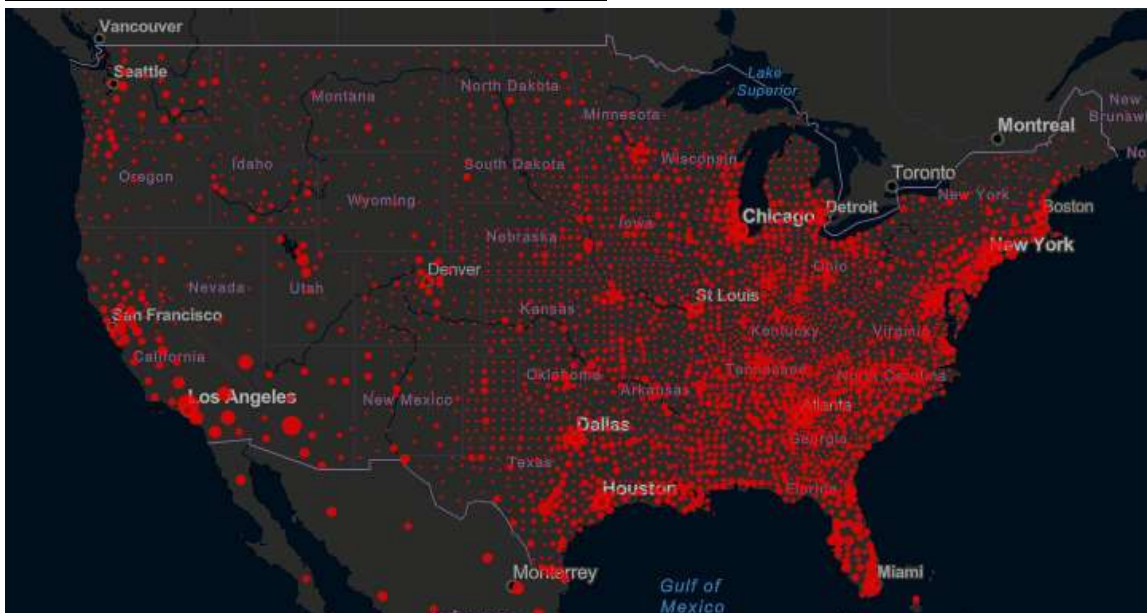
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**COVID-19 Statistics**

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	35,398,010	1,042,679	24,645,642	Not Available
United States	7,455,184	210,155	2,935,142	108,831,227
New Jersey	208,713	16,138	35,070	3,758,058
New York	465,515	33,214	77,141	11,297,024
Connecticut	59,120	4,517	9,408	1,726,721

Information as of 10/6/20 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

- On September 21, TSA announced the rollout of 3D checkpoint scanner technology at Albany International Airport. The new technology provides critical explosives detection capabilities at the checkpoint. In addition, the technology improves the capability for TSA officers to determine whether an item inside a carry-on bag is a possible threat without having to open up the bag, thereby reducing physical contact between the TSA screening officer and the passenger's property. On September 22, TSA highlighted features at a new terminal opened up at Salt Lake City Airport to include Automated Security Lanes (ASLs) and advanced imaging technologies that significantly reduce or eliminate physical contact between the TSA officer and the passenger's property.  
<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/10/02/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)

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

Veklury (remdesivir) Now Available Directly from Distributor following Trump Administration's Successful Allocations to States and U.S. Territories  
Clinical trials

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/01/veklury-remdesivir-available-directly-distributor-following-trump-administrations-successful-allocations.html>

HHS Teams Up with The Rockefeller Foundation to Share Best Practices for Increased COVID-19 Testing

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/01/hhs-teams-up-with-the-rockefeller-foundation-to-share-best-practices-for-increased-covid-19-testing.html>

Trump Administration Announces \$20 Billion in New Phase 3 Provider Relief Funding  
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/1/trump-administration-announces-20-billion-in-new-phase-3-provider-relief-funding.html>

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

NIH to assess and expand COVID-19 testing for underserved communities  
<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-assess-expand-covid-19-testing-underserved-communities>

Investigational COVID-19 vaccine well-tolerated and generates immune response in older adults  
<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/investigational-covid-19-vaccine-well-tolerated-generates-immune-response-older-adults>

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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 October 5, 2020, including FDA-authorized 270 tests under EUAs, which include 213 molecular tests, 52 antibody tests, and 5 antigen tests.  
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-october-5-2020>

FDA announces cellular signaling and immune correlates for SARS-CoV-2 infection  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-regulatory-science/cellular-signaling-and-immune-correlates-sars-cov-2-infection>

FDA updates SARS-CoV-2 Reference Panel Comparative Data  
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/sars-cov-2-reference-panel-comparative-data>

## **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 Frequently Asked Questions  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

CDC updates "How COVID is Spread" Webpage  
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1005-how-spread-covid.html>

CDC updates Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html>

Case Series of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Adults Associated with SARS-CoV-2 Infection — United Kingdom and United States, March–August 2020  
[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6940e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6940e1\\_x](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6940e1.htm?s_cid=mm6940e1_x)

### **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 Releases Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Snapshot Showing COVID-19 Impact on Enrollment  
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-releases-medicaid-and-chip-enrollment-trends-snapshot-showing-covid-19-impact-enrollment>

CMS Updates COVID-19 Testing Methodology for Nursing Homes  
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-updates-covid-19-testing-methodology-nursing-homes>

### **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 New York State has been awarded an \$18 million federal grant to fund educational opportunities that train New Yorkers for in-demand jobs, support entrepreneurs, and help small businesses recover from the coronavirus pandemic. New York was one of just eight states to receive the funding - made available through the CARES Act - and received the most of any state that was awarded a grant. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-18-million-initiative-train-workers-and-support-entrepreneurs-during>
- Governor Cuomo and New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced the launch of COVID-19 exposure notification mobile apps in their respective states that will serve as crucial tools to supplement the effort to trace and contact individuals subject to a COVID exposure. The apps, COVID Alert NY and COVID Alert NJ, notify users of potential COVID-19 exposure while maintaining user privacy and security. With this launch, New York and New Jersey join Pennsylvania and Delaware in creating a regional COVID Alert app network that operates across state lines to stop the spread of COVID-19. Connecticut has also announced it will launch the Exposure Notification System in the coming weeks. The app can be downloaded here: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-alert-ny>
- Governor Cuomo announced that the Commissioner of Health will send an order to COVID-19 hot spot local governments today establishing a framework for reporting their enforcement activities and setting specific consequences for failure to enforce the State Department of Health Emergency Regulations and the Governor's Executive Orders related to social distancing, mask compliance, and capacity limitations. If local governments do not enforce these legally binding requirements, they will be in violation of the order and can be subject to fines. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-directs-doh-commissioner-issue-section-16-order-covid-19-hot-spot-local>

## **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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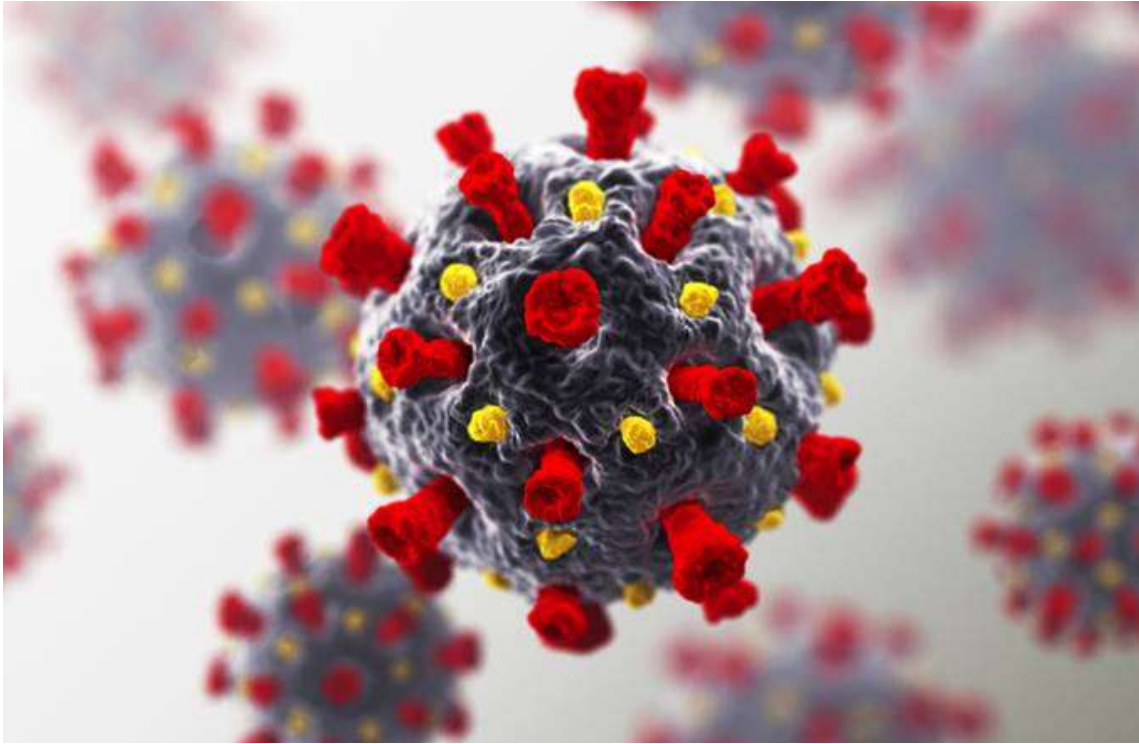
## **New Jersey**

- Governor Phil Murphy signed the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021) Appropriations Act into law, working together with legislative leadership to enact a revised spending plan that manages to protect core priorities and deliver middle-class tax relief during the historic fiscal crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The budget plan also fully reestablishes the millionaires tax that expired in 2010, instituting the existing 10.75 percent rate on income over \$5 million to income earned over \$1 million.  
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200929b.shtml>

## **Connecticut**

- Governor Ned Lamont announced today that he is doubling funding for the previously announced Temporary Rental Housing Assistance Program (TRHAP) for Connecticut residents impacted by COVID-19 from \$20 million to \$40 million.  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/06-2020/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Assistance-for-Renters-Homeowners-and-Residential-Landlords>
- Governor Ned Lamont today announced that his administration has launched a variety of new resources to support those who need to isolate or self-quarantine due to COVID-19. With nonprofit partners such as United Way 2-1-1 and 4-CT, these programs and services are designed to support individuals in need who are asked to isolate or self-quarantine because of a positive COVID-19 test or potential exposure to the virus. Ultimately, the services will help slow the spread of COVID-19 by ensuring that those infected or potentially exposed can stay home and avoid workplaces, schools, and gatherings. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/09-2020/Governor-Lamont-Announces-New-Programs-To-Support-Those-Who-Need-To-Isolate-or-Self-Quarantine>





## 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/>

GoodCell Partners with New York Blood Center to Investigate COVID-19 Risk

<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/goodcell-partners-new-york-blood-center-investigate-covid-19-risk/>

### **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>

NYC DOHMH updates on Rapid COVID-19 testing

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

NYC DOHMH updates Closing Schools and Nonessential Businesses in Nine ZIP Codes

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

### **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/>

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/>

## **Center for Disaster Medicine Media**

### **Faculty News:**

**Doctor weighs in on Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis**

CBS News

10/2/2020

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/doctor-weighs-in-on-trumps-covid-19-diagnosis/>

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

### **How might President Donald Trump fare with COVID-19?**

Science Magazine

10/2/2020

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/10/how-might-president-donald-trump-be-treated-covid-19>

Neil W. Schluger, M.D., the Barbara and William Rosenthal Chair of the Department of Medicine

### **What we know about President Trump's treatment for COVID-19 so far**

CBS News

10/4/2020

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/what-we-know-about-president-trumps-treatment-for-covid-19-so-far/>

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