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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	59,131,769	1,395,659	37,849,172	Not Available

United States	12,414,292	257,651	4,633,600	181,142,529
New Jersey	309,588	16,772	41,550	5,675,266
New York	602,120	34,339	83,307	18,187,840
Connecticut	106,740	4,871	9,800	3,038,489

Information as of 11/24/20 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.

- Coordinating and overseeing COVID-19 screenings at NYMC campus

Federal Updates

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today it is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 vaccine plan to ensure VA safely and equitably distributes vaccines once authorized. The plan will be a phased approach based on scientific and historical evidence, lessons learned from past pandemic vaccine plans and input from scientific experts both within and outside VA. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5570>
- The CDC released a transcript from the most recent COVID-19 telebriefing. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/t1118-covid-19-update.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)

For the latest COVID-19 information from HHS <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/coronavirus/index.html>

HHS Provides \$25 Million to Siemens Healthineers to Develop and Produce COVID-19 Antigen Diagnostic Tests
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/11/19/hhs-provides-25-million-to-siemens-healthineers-to-develop-and-produce-covid-19-antigen-diagnostic-tests.html>

HHS Launches Pilot Program of Fast Molecular POC Test for COVID-19
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/11/19/hhs-launches-pilot-program-fast-molecular-poc-test-covid-19.html>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

<https://www.nih.gov/coronavirus>

NIH expands research to improve COVID-19 testing among underserved and vulnerable populations
<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-expands-research-improve-covid-19-testing-among-underserved-vulnerable-populations>

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 November 20, 2020, including FDA-authorized 289 tests under EUAs, which include 224 molecular tests, 58 antibody tests, and 7 antigen tests.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-november-20-2020>

FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibodies for Treatment of COVID-19

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-mono-clonal-antibodies-treatment-covid-19>

FDA Announces Advisory Committee Meeting to Discuss COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-announces-advisory-committee-meeting-discuss-covid-19-vaccine>

FDA Authorizes Drug Combination for Treatment of COVID-19

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-drug-combination-treatment-covid-19>

FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Test for Self-Testing at Home

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-first-covid-19-test-self-testing-home>

FDA announces The Path for a COVID-19 vaccine from research to Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

<https://www.fda.gov/media/143890/download>

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 the updated 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 dispels myths and misconceptions regarding about COVID-19 vaccines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/vaccine-myths.html>

CDC updates process to investigate a COVID-19 case

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/investigating-covid-19-case.html>

CDC provides guidance if you travel internationally

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

CDC announces 10 Things Healthcare Professionals Need to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/vaccination.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)

<https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>

CMS Urging Nursing Homes to Follow Established COVID Guidelines This Holiday Season

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-urging-nursing-homes-follow-established-covid-guidelines-holiday-season>

CMS Releases Nursing Home COVID-19 Training Data with Urgent Call to Action

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-releases-nursing-home-covid-19-training-data-urgent-call-action>

American Red Cross

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html>

State Updates

New York

- New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, Delaware Governor John Carney, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced they will encourage residential colleges and universities in their respective states to provide testing for all students traveling home for Thanksgiving break to the maximum extent possible before they leave campus. Any student who tests positive will be encouraged to isolate on campus before they can travel or detail arrangements of their safe travel home with the local department of health. These efforts will help mitigate the threat of college students returning home for the holidays importing COVID-19 into their communities. In addition, colleges should inform students and their families of relevant quarantine policies in their home state.
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/regional-coalition-northeast-governors-announces-colleges-will-be-encouraged-provide-testing>

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

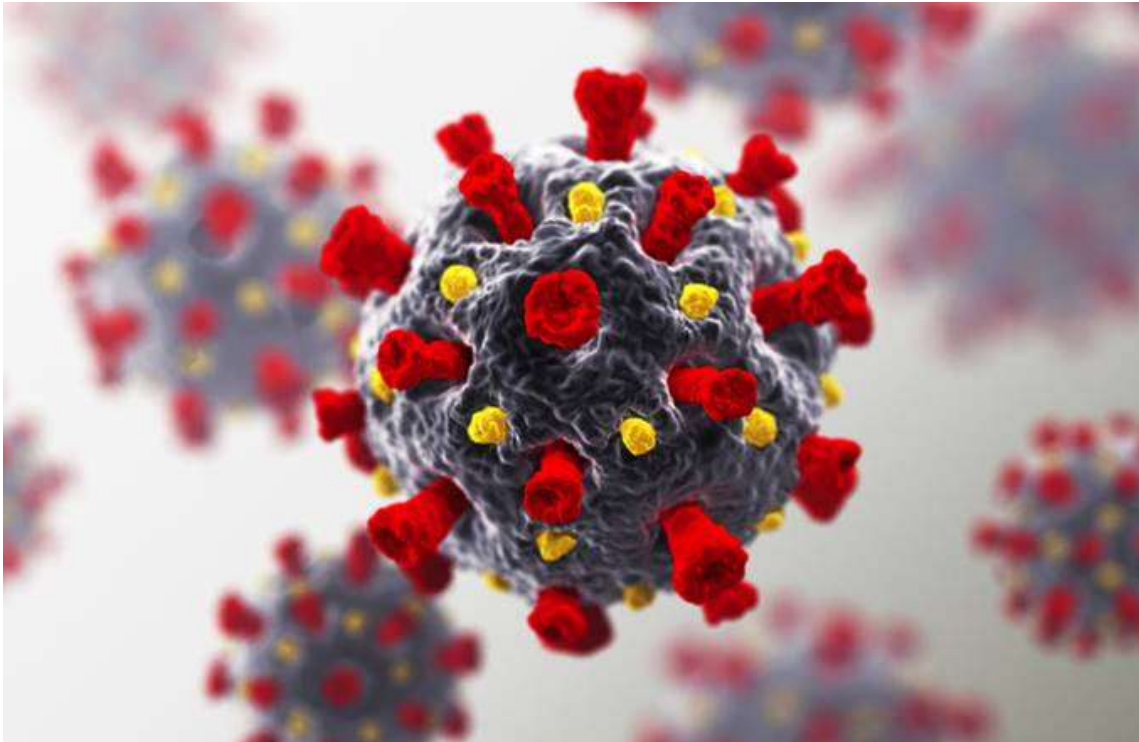
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

New Jersey

- Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 200. The Order extends the Public Health Emergency that was declared on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order No. 103, which was previously extended on April 7, May 6, June 4, July 2, August 1, August 27, September 25, and October 24. Under the Emergency Health Powers Act, a declared public health emergency expires after 30 days unless renewed.
<https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-200.pdf>

Connecticut

- Executive Order No. 9M enacted with the following provisions:
 - Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) authority to enact rules for all sports activities: Expands authority of the commissioner of the DECD to establish mandatory safety rules to all sports.
 - Renewals of certain permits extended: To promote compliance with pandemic-related restrictions on sales of liquor, extends the renewal period for certain liquor permits and refunds certain renewal fees already paid.
 - Extending authorization for online continuing education for plumbers and electricians: Extends to February 9, 2021 the time during which plumbers and electricians may satisfy continuing education requirements through online learning.
 - Extended deadlines for continuing education for plumbers and electricians: Extends to February 9, 2021 the deadline for electricians and plumbers to complete their continuing education requirements while allowing them to renew licenses according to original deadlines.
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-9M.pdf>



Local Updates

New York Blood Center (NYBC)

For the latest updated NYBC information about COVID-19:

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

NYBC announces ongoing antibody testing through November 30

<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/antibody-testing-now-available/>

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 NYC DOHMH updated COVID-19 data page

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

Updated COVID-19 dashboard for Orange County, NY

<https://ocnygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/21de1fb5ce0c480f95dc0cf2b8b83b71>

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/>

GNYHA COVID-19 Resources and Supports, Critical Wave II Preparedness Efforts
<https://www.gnyha.org/news/gnyha-covid-19-resources-and-supports-critical-wave-ii-preparedness-efforts/>

GNYHA updates General Public Health Agency Coronavirus Guidance
<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/cdc-coronavirus-updates/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

New York Medical College Leadership News:

CDC Issues Warning, Guidelines for Thanksgiving Travelers

CBS New York

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<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2020/11/19/cdc-issues-warning-guidelines-for-thanksgiving-travelers/>

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Faculty News:

A Doctor Breaks Down Moderna's 'Exciting' COVID-19 Vaccination News

NBC

11/16/2020

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/a-doctor-breaks-down-modernas-exciting-covid-19-vaccination-news/2362946/>

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