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During this COVID-19 pandemic and other future events, the CDM has been and will continue to be a source of reliable information, education and models for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. We hope this informational document has helped provide you filtered and actionable information. As the pace of new information and changes occur, we will evaluate the current once per week to determine if this information should be provided on a more frequent basis.

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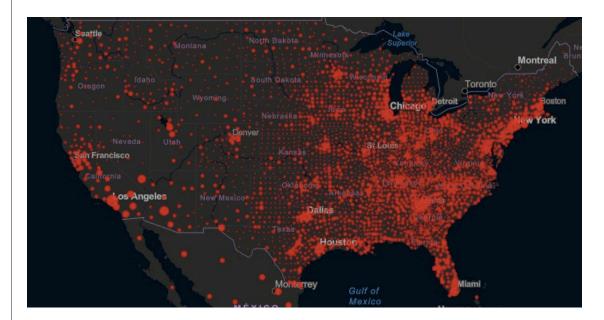
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**COVID-19 Statistics** 

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Vaccine Doses Admin.
Worldwide	355,250,899	5,606,299	9,845,669,067
United States	71,709,180	868,512	532,552,168
New Jersey	2,072,536	30,799	15,843,930
New York	4,714,010	63,519	36,306,917
Connecticut	683,731	9,774	7,037,991

Information as of 1/25/22 at 0600 EST. Source: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

#### **United States COVID-19 Case Map / GIS**



## **Center for Disaster Medicine Updates**

- Coordinating and overseeing COVID-19 screenings at NYMC campus.
- Continue to partner with local organizations such as Westchester Department of Emergency Services and Westchester Medical Center to ensure ongoing collaboration with all public safety agencies.
- 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.

•	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.  On January 20, 2022, CDM staff George W. Contreras conducted a special online lecture for graduate students at the University of Malaga (Spain) entitled "COVID-19, emergency management and public health in New York City."

#### **Federal**

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. The website does NOT ask for insurance information or immigration status. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.covidtests.gov/">https://www.covidtests.gov/</a>

#### The White House

Press Briefing by White House COVID-19 Response Team and Public Health Officials- On January 21, 2022, Drs. Fauci and Walensky provided an update regarding the COVID-19 response.

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2022/01/21/press-briefing-by-whitehouse-covid-19-response-team-and-public-health-officials-79/

The official website of the White House will deliver updated information as the country grapples with converging crises. This will include actions to control the COVID-19 pandemic, provide economic relief, tackle climate change, and advance racial equity and civil rights, as well as immediate actions to reform our immigration system and restore America's standing in the world. This website will provide all information in one central location. https://www.whitehouse.gov

#### **Health and Human Services (HHS)**

On January 20, 2022, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra provided remarks regarding the one-year anniversary of the Biden-Harris Administration- During a press call, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra marked the one-year anniversary of the Biden-Harris Administration and – along with Health Resources Services Administration Administrator Carole Johnson – announced new funding to support health care workers who continue to work day in and day out on a shared priority: protecting the health of Americans, particularly as the pandemic persists. <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/01/20/hhs-secretary-xavier-becerra-marks-one-year-anniversary-of-biden-harris-administration.html">https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/01/20/hhs-secretary-xavier-becerra-marks-one-year-anniversary-of-biden-harris-administration.html</a>

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

#### National Institutes of Health (NIH)

On January 24, 2022, NIH provided an update regarding social connectedness, sleep, and physical activity associated with better mental health among youth during the COVID-19 pandemic- Longitudinal survey data of more than 3,000 adolescents ages 11-14 recorded before and during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 found that supportive relationships with family and friends and healthy behaviors, like engaging in physical activity and better sleep, appeared to shield against the harmful effects of the pandemic on adolescents' mental health.

https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/social-connectedness-sleep-physical-activity-associated-better-mental-health-among-youth-during-covid-19-pandemic

On January 23, 2022, NIH provided an updated regarding researchers highlighting COVID-19 neurological symptoms and need for rigorous studies- SARS-CoV-2 was initially identified as a respiratory virus, but it can affect the entire body, including the nervous system. In a new Viewpoint published in Science, Avindra Nath, M.D., clinical director of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), and Serena Spudich, M.D., Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, highlight what is currently known about the effects of SARS-CoV-2 on the brain, the importance of increased research into the underlying causes of Long COVID and possible ways to treat its symptoms. <a href="https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/researchers-highlight-covid-19-neurological-symptoms-need-rigorous-studies">https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/researchers-highlight-covid-19-neurological-symptoms-need-rigorous-studies</a>

On January 20, 2022, NIH provided an update that COVID-19 vaccination does not reduce chances of conception, study suggests- COVID-19 vaccination does not affect the chances of conceiving a child, according to a study of more than 2,000 couples that was funded by the National Institutes of Health. Researchers found no differences in the chances of conception if either male or female partner had been vaccinated, compared to unvaccinated couples. However, couples had a slightly lower chance of conception if the male partner had been infected with SARS-CoV-2 within 60 days before a menstrual cycle, suggesting that COVID-19 could temporarily reduce male fertility. The study was conducted by Amelia K. Wesselink, Ph.D., of Boston University, and colleagues. It appears in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*. <a href="https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/covid-19-vaccination-does-not-reduce-chances-conception-study-suggests">https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/covid-19-vaccination-does-not-reduce-chances-conception-study-suggests</a>

On January 18, 2022, NIH provided an update that SARS-CoV-2 may cause fetal inflammation even in the absence of placental infection- SARS-CoV-2 infection during pregnancy may cause inflammatory immune responses in the fetus, even if the virus does not infect the placenta, according to a small National Institutes of Health study. Researchers describe unique maternal, fetal, and placental immune responses among pregnant women with COVID-19 in a study led by NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). The findings detail changes in antibodies, immune cell types and inflammatory markers in maternal blood, umbilical cord blood and placental tissues. The study is published in the journal *Nature Communications*.

https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/sars-cov-2-may-cause-fetal-inflammation-even-absence-placental-infection

View the latest COVID-19 information from NIH https://www.nih.gov/coronavirus

#### United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

On January 24, 2022, FDA Limits Use of Certain Monoclonal Antibodies to Treat COVID-19 Due to the Omicron Variant- the FDA revised the authorizations for two monoclonal antibody treatments – bamlanivimab and etesevimab (administered together) and REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab) – to limit their use to only when the patient is likely to have been infected with or exposed to a variant that is susceptible to these treatments.

https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-limits-use-certain-monoclonal-antibodies-treat-covid-19-due-omicron

On January 21, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration took two actions to expand the use of the antiviral drug Veklury (remdesivir) to certain non-hospitalized adults and pediatric patients for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 disease. This provides another treatment option to reduce the risk of hospitalization in high-risk patients. Previously, the use of Veklury was limited to patients requiring hospitalization. <a href="https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-actions-expand-use-treatment-outpatients-mild-moderate-covid-19">https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-actions-expand-use-treatment-outpatients-mild-moderate-covid-19</a>

As of January 21, 2022, 422 tests and sample collection devices are authorized by the FDA under emergency use authorizations (EUAs). These include 290 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 87 antibody and other immune response tests and 45 antigen tests. There are 69 molecular authorizations and one antibody authorization that can be used with home-collected samples. There is one EUA for a molecular prescription athome test, three EUAs for antigen prescription athome tests, 14 EUAs for antigen overthe-counter (OTC) at-home tests and three EUAs for molecular OTC at-home tests. The FDA has authorized 25 antigen tests and nine molecular tests for serial screening programs. The FDA has also authorized 774 revisions to EUA authorizations. https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-roundup-january-21-2022

For the latest overall FDA information about COVID-19. https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/counterterrorism-and-emerging-threats/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19

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

On January 20, 2022, CDC provided an update regarding quarantine and isolation and COVID-19.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html

On January 19, 2022, CDC released MMWR study reporting that during the Delta wave, both COVID-19 vaccination and surviving a prior infection provided protection against infection and hospitalization from COVID-19. Scientists reviewed data from New York and California to determine the level of protection offered by COVID-19 vaccines, previous infection, and both. Between May and November 2021, people who were unvaccinated and did not have a prior COVID-19 infection remained at the highest risk of infection and

hospitalization, while those who were previously infected, both with or without prior vaccination, had the greatest protection.

https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0120-covid-19-cases.html

CDC provides updated information about the variants in the United States- The emerging variants CDC is closely monitoring have mutations in the virus genome that alter the characteristics and cause the virus to act differently in ways that are significant to public health (e.g., causes more severe disease, spreads more easily between humans, requires different treatments, changes the effectiveness of current vaccines). It's important to understand that genetic mutations are expected, and some variants can spread and become predominant while others subside.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant-cases.html

CDC provides daily data tracker which has maps and charts track ing cases, deaths, and trends of COVID-19 in the United States- updated daily by 8 p.m. ET.

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home

For the latest CDC information

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

#### Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) +

CMS announces free home COVID-19 tests available to order from the government. Please review the following FAQS regarding these home COVID-19 test kits

https://www.cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free

View the latest information from CMS

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

#### **Vaccines**

In this section, vaccine-related information from various sources will be collected, reviewed, and tabulated here. As of January 25, 2022, the FDA has granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to Moderna and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson. On August 23, 2021, the FDA granted full approval to Pfizer. Now with two vaccines with EUA and one vaccine with full FDA approval, the goal is to vaccinate a larger number of persons in the coming months throughout the United States. As additional vaccines are granted EUA, information for those vaccines will also be included.

CDC created this section regarding COVID-19 vaccinations in the United States- CDC provides overall US COVID-19 Vaccine, deliveries and administration, maps, charts, and data updated daily by 8 PM. This section represents all vaccine partners including jurisdictional partner clinics, retail pharmacies, long-term care facilities, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Health Resources and Services Administration partner sites, and federal entity facilities.

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations

The NYS DOH COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Dashboard will update New Yorkers on the distribution of the vaccine including the number of doses received by the state, a breakdown of first or second doses, and the number of persons vaccinated with the first and second doses in each region.

https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-tracker

On January 24, 2022, Governor Hochul updated New Yorkers on the state's progress combating COVID-19. "Our hard work to bring down the numbers during the winter surge is paying off, but we are not through this yet," Governor Hochul said. "Let's keep using the tools - the vaccine, booster and masks - that will help slow the spread of this virus, protect our families, and keep our schools and businesses open."

https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-updates-new-yorkers-states-progress-combating-covid-19-149

On January 21, 2022, Governor Hochul announced 17 new #VaxForKids pop-up vaccination sites to increase vaccination rates among children and adolescents. On January 19, Governor Hochul announced a total of 80 sites will be established over a sixweek period statewide. The new sites support the state's goal of ensuring New York children five years and older get vaccinated and keep up with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses. The State Department of Health is working with localities, community-based organizations and healthcare centers on-the-ground to establish these sites in all regions of the state. Partners, host sites, and outreach efforts will be tailored to best meet the needs of the communities they serve.

https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-17-new-vaxforkids-popsites

CDC created this section regarding the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine to provide updated relevant information including side effects and safety data, clinical trials demographic statistics, and information on how the vaccine works. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/janssen.html

CDC created this section regarding the Moderna vaccine to provide updated relevant information including side effects and safety data, clinical trials demographic statistics, and information on how the vaccine works.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Moderna.html

CDC created this section regarding the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine to provide updated relevant information including side effects and safety data, clinical trials demographic statistics, and information on how the vaccine works. As of October 16, 2021, the fully FDA approved Pfizer vaccine will now be known as COMIRNATY for ages 16 and older. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html</a>

HHS created this section to provide the latest information about COVID-19 vaccines. https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/index.html

For NYC DOHMH updated guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccine https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page

The Vaccine Finder is a one-stop site for New Yorkers to find their nearest COVID-19 vaccination location. The Vaccine Finder can also provide New Yorkers with information to schedule vaccination appointments. https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/

#### **Educational Institution Information**

- Higher Education
  - Since the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities have played a key role in providing testing and other health resources—not just on campuses but in their local communities. With cases spiking as the start of the third pandemic year approaches, many colleges are leveraging their resources and brainpower in innovative new ways to increase their support of local communities struggling to survive an ever-evolving disease. One crucial component in the fight to contain COVID-19 has been testing, which has prompted numerous colleges to develop testing sites on campus or in the broader community, including historically underserved areas that often have populations of exposed essential workers.

https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2022/01/25/colleges-lead-covid-19-testing-omicron-surges

#### • K-12

- To alleviate school staffing shortages now considered a crisis by many educators and advocates schools are being encouraged to partner with their communities, universities, state education departments and even other departments in their own school districts. Collaborative efforts are especially important now as states, districts and schools determine how to effectively and rapidly spend funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund on staff recruitment and retention efforts, speakers advised during a January 17 session on leveraging ESSER funds for the special education workforce at the Council for Exceptional Children's Convention & Expo in Orlando, Florida. <a href="https://www.k12dive.com/news/collaboration-key-to-stemming-school-staff-shortages/617569/">https://www.k12dive.com/news/collaboration-key-to-stemming-school-staff-shortages/617569/</a>
- In recent months, states have increasingly passed legislation and executive orders to help ease the shrinking labor supply of substitutes, including in Pennsylvania, where Governor Tom Wolf signed a bill December 17 expanding the pool of eligible substitutes. The law extends this flexibility through the 2022-23 school year, permitting retired teachers, eligible college students and recent education program graduates to all serve as substitute teachers. In Michigan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer December 27 signed a law that also expands eligibility

for who can be a substitute. The new Michigan law allows any staff member already working at a school, such as secretaries and paraprofessionals, to substitute teach this school year even if they are not certified. Find out how others are trying to reduce the strain and impact on school districts at <a href="https://www.k12dive.com/news/states-increasingly-ease-substitute-teaching-requirements-as-shortage-caus/617420/">https://www.k12dive.com/news/states-increasingly-ease-substitute-teaching-requirements-as-shortage-caus/617420/</a>

#### **Clinical Trials**

To view the latest information on clinical trials regarding COVID-19 <a href="https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?recrs=&cond=Covid19&term=&cntry=&state=&city=&dist="https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?recrs=&cond=Covid19&term=&cntry=&state=&city=&dist="https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?recrs=&cond=Covid19&term=&cntry=&state=&city=&dist=

#### **American Red Cross**

 $\frac{https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html$ 

**State Updates** 

#### **New York**

- Governor Kathy Hochul announced 80 #VaxforKids pop-up vaccination sites will take place across New York over a six-week-period, with 10 pop-up sites launched this week. The new sites support the state's goal of ensuring New York children five years and older get vaccinated and keep up with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses. The State Department of Health is working with localities, community-based organizations and healthcare centers on-the-ground to establish these sites in all regions of the state. Partners, host sites, and outreach efforts will be tailored to best meet the needs of the communities they serve.

  https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-80-vaxforkids-pop-vaccination-sites-over-6-weeks-increase
- Governor Hochul signed legislation to allow voting by absentee ballot due to the COVID-19 pandemic through 2022. This legislation continues to allow New Yorkers to request an absentee ballot during the pandemic where there is a risk of contracting or spreading disease that may cause illness to the voter or other members of the public. This legislation first became law in July of 2020, and expired December 31, 2021. <a href="https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-signs-legislation-allow-voting-absentee-ballot-due-covid-19-pandemic-through">https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-signs-legislation-allow-voting-absentee-ballot-due-covid-19-pandemic-through</a>

#### **New York State Department of Health (DOH)**

For a list of positive cases by county in New York Statehttps://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker-Map?%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no&%3Atabs=n

NYS DOH has created a dynamic COVID-19 Tracker which provides COVID-19 information regarding testing, cases, percentages, and fatalities across New York State. It also breaks down cases by county.

https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker-Map?%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no&%3Atabs=n

For the latest COVID-19 information from NYS DOH https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

## **New Jersey**

Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 283, requiring covered workers at
health care facilities and high-risk congregate settings to be up to date with their COVID19 vaccinations, including having received a booster dose. All covered workers will be
required to be vaccinated by the dates set forth in the Order and will no longer be
permitted to submit to testing as an alternative to vaccination, except for the purposes of
providing an accommodation for individuals exempt from vaccination as set forth in the

covered setting's vaccination policy. This requirement aims to strengthen protection against the spread of COVID-19 and the highly transmissible Omicron variant to vulnerable populations across the state.

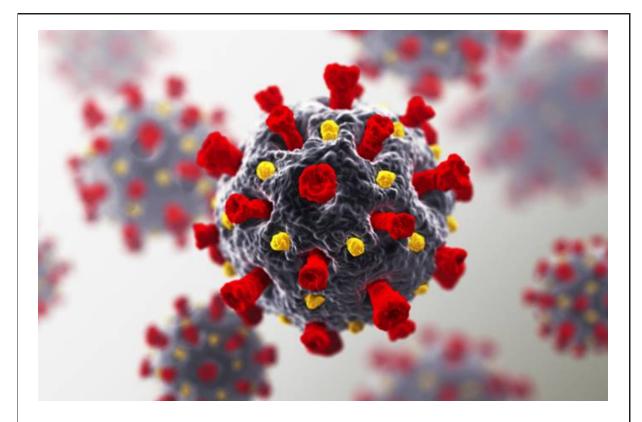
https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562022/approved/20220119b.shtml

• Governor Murphy and Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver announced the upcoming launch of the Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance Program (ERMA), administered by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA). This program will provide up to \$35,000 in assistance to cover mortgage arrearages, delinquent property taxes and other housing cost delinquencies for eligible homeowners negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. New Jersey's program utilizes \$325.9 million of federal Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) money and is expected to help thousands of families get back on their feet, stabilizing New Jersey's most at-risk communities. Foreclosures don't just hurt the family experiencing them. They negatively impact the surrounding properties in their neighborhood and hurt their larger community. This assistance offers struggling families a lifeline, and can make other loss mitigation options, such as refinancing, viable.

https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562022/approved/20220124b.shtml

#### Connecticut

- Governor Ned Lamont announced that he has issued an executive order (Executive Order No. 14F) directing all nursing homes in Connecticut to require visitors to either show proof that they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have recently tested negative for the virus in order to enter the facilities.
  - Specifically, when entering nursing homes, visitors must:
    - Provide proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and, if eligible, under FDA or CDC guidance, have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster;
    - Provide paper or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from either a rapid antigen test that was completed within the previous 48 hours or a PCR test that was completed within the previous 72 hours; or
    - Take a rapid antigen test at the nursing home.
- Governor Lamont announced that the State of Connecticut this week distributed another 500,000 COVID-19 self-tests to partner organizations, bringing the total amount it has delivered so far this month to 3.6 million. <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2022/01-2022/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Connecticut-State-Government-Distributed-Another-500000">https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2022/01-2022/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Connecticut-State-Government-Distributed-Another-500000</a>



#### **Local Updates**

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

For the latest updated NYBC information about COVID-19: https://nybc.org/covid-19/

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

NYC DOHMH launched a new variants data page. The data on this page show how variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 are spreading in NYC. Variants are versions of the virus with certain sets of mutations. Some variants may result in a COVID-19 infection that is easier to spread, more severe or able to avoid antibodies from vaccines or previous infections. <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-variants.page">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-variants.page</a>

For NYC DOHMH updated COVID-19 data page https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page

For the latest COVID-19 information from NYC DOHMH <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page</a>

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

For the latest breakdown of positive cases in Westchester County as of January 23, 2022

https://wcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/280339d96db14efd9cc304dba0f3a71d

For the latest COVID-19 information in Westchester including how to avoid the latest vaccine scams offering earlier access to vaccines.

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

#### **Putnam County Department of Health**

Breakdown of positive cases by towns in Putnam County as of January 19, 2022. https://www.putnamcountyny.com/covid19/

For the latest COVID-19 information https://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/coronavirus/

#### **Dutchess County Department of Health**

Breakdown of positive cases in Dutchess County as of January 24, 2022. https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/covid-19-dashboard.htm

For the latest COVID-19 information: https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.htm

#### **Orange County Department of Health**

Updated COVID-19 dashboard for Orange County as of January 24, 2022. https://ocnygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/21de1fb5ce0c480f95dc0cf2b8b83b71

For the latest COVID-19 information <a href="https://www.orangecountygov.com/1906/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-Information">https://www.orangecountygov.com/1906/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-Information</a>

#### **Rockland County Department of Health**

Review Rockland County's dashboard with the latest COVID-19 information regarding cases as of January 24, 2022.

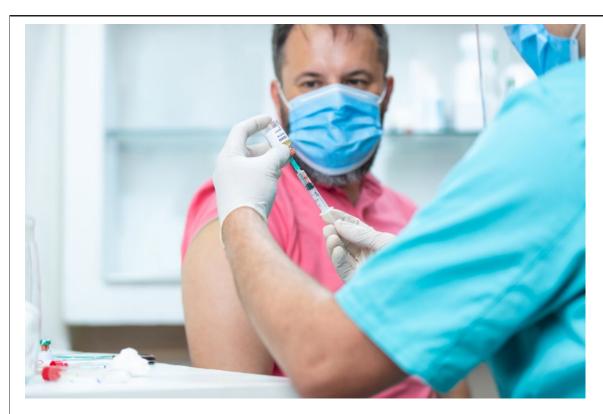
https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d074e0336e81449393a76d1768ceb096

For the latest COVID-19 information

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/



**Center for Disaster Medicine Media** 

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

What Type of COVID-19 TEST Should You Take (and When), According to an Epidemiologist

Well + Good 1/15/2022

https://www.wellandgood.com/when-to-take-covid-test/

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# Should You Swab Your Throat When COVID Testing At-Home? We Asked Experts To Weigh In.

Well + Good 11/17/2022

https://www.wellandgood.com/covid-19-throat-swab-tests/

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#### **Faculty News:**

You Do Not Need a Mandate to Use Common Sense and Do the Right Thing Healthcare Business Today 1/21/2022

https://www.healthcarebusinesstoday.com/you-do-not-need-a-mandate-to-use-commonsense-and-do-the-right-thing/

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Omicron and Long COVID: What We Know So Far

Healthline 1/18/2022

https://www.healthline.com/health-news/omicron-and-long-covid-what-we-know-so-far

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