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## Center for Disaster Medicine



Tuesday, February 15, 2022

*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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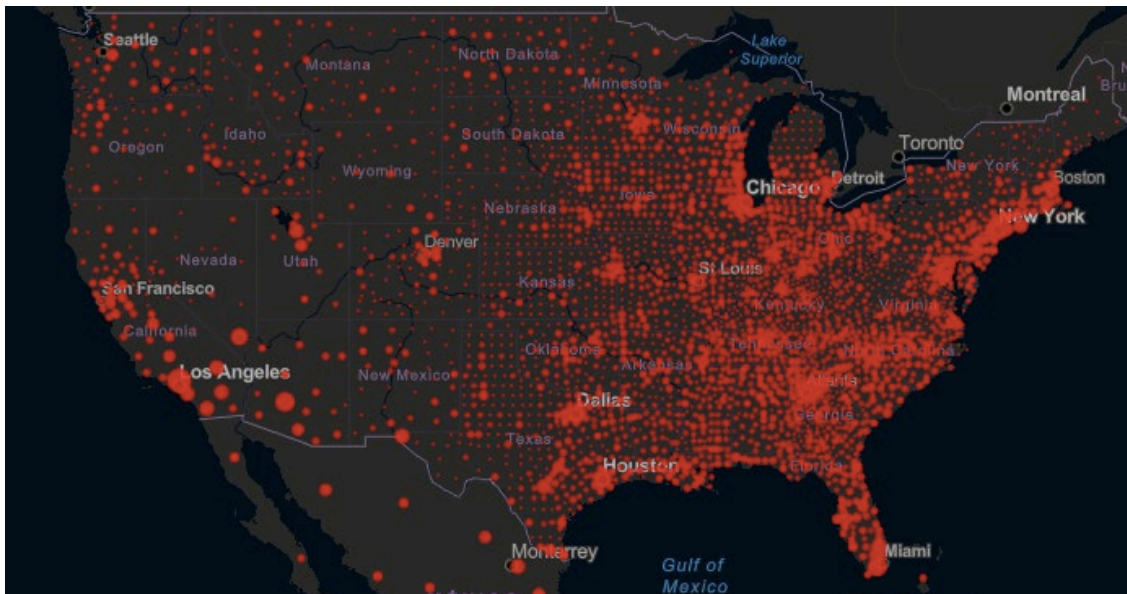
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**COVID-19 Statistics**

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Vaccine Doses Admin.
Worldwide	413,307,484	5,825,680	10,222,672,400
United States	77,919,113	922,474	544,563,895
New Jersey	2,146,285	32,399	16,350,427
New York	4,888,634	66,554	37,337,094
Connecticut	714,408	10,260	7,220,234

Information as of 2/15/22 at 0000 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.
- Continuing 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 February 7, 2020, CDC assistant director George W. Contreras, MEP, MPH, MS, CEM was invited guest speaker at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing undergraduate program. He presented a special lecture entitled "Nursing and Disasters" which discussed the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration among public health, disaster medicine and nursing.

## **The White House**

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)**

- The HHS, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded nearly \$55 million to 29 HRSA-funded health centers to increase health care access and quality for underserved populations through virtual care such as telehealth, remote patient monitoring, digital patient tools, and health information technology platforms. This funding builds on over \$7.3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding invested in community health centers over the past year to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19. "Virtual care has been a game-changer for patients, especially during the pandemic," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "This funding will help health centers leverage the latest technology and innovations to expand access to quality primary care for underserved communities. Today's announcement reflects the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to advancing health equity and putting essential health care within reach for all Americans." In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, health centers have quickly expanded their use of virtual care to maintain access to essential primary care services. They reported significant growth in the number of virtual visits from 478,333 in 2019 to 28,550,608 in 2020, a remarkable 6,000 percent increase. In total, the number of health centers offering virtual visits grew from 592 in 2019 to 1,362 in 2022, an increase of 130 percent. These new awards will enable health centers to sustain an expanded level of virtual care and identify and implement new digital strategies. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/02/14/hhs-awards-nearly-55-million-increase-virtual-health-care-access-quality-through-community-health-centers.html>
- As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to ensuring Americans who get sick with COVID-19 have access to treatments that work, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra is announcing that the federal government has purchased 600,000 treatment courses of a new monoclonal antibody treatment that data shows can work against the Omicron variant. The new monoclonal antibody treatment, bebtelovimab, is manufactured by Eli Lilly and Company, and if it receives emergency use authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS will make the treatment available to states free of charge. "Under President Biden's leadership, we are prepared for the challenges we face with COVID-19 and are laser-focused on saving lives," said Secretary Becerra. "We have more COVID-19 treatments than ever before, we are providing a billion free at-home tests, and we have enough vaccines to get everyone vaccinated and boosted. If authorized by FDA, this purchase will add an additional 600,000 courses of treatment to

our nation's 'medicine cabinet' that could help prevent severe outcomes for Americans who do get sick with COVID-19. Our top priority is preventing people from getting sick in the first place, which is why it is critical that Americans continue to get vaccinated and get their booster shot as soon as they're eligible." HHS would receive approximately 300,000 treatment courses of this monoclonal antibody in February and approximately 300,000 treatment courses in March. Recently, it was determined that data shows that two monoclonal antibody treatments – one made by Lilly (bamlanivimab/etesevimab), and one made by Regeneron (REGEN-COV) – are highly unlikely to work against Omicron, which currently is estimated to make up about 100 percent of all COVID-19 cases in the U.S. Early data suggests that this new product by Lilly has activity against both Omicron and the BA.2 Omicron subvariant. Should the BA.2 subvariant grow in proportion in the U.S., this potential treatment may help ensure that we can continue to offer monoclonal antibody treatment that works against that strain of the virus.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/02/10/secretary-becerra-announces-hhs-purchase-600000-treatment-courses-new-monoclonal-antibody-that-works-against-omicron.html>

- The HHS through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is providing \$66.5 million in American Rescue Plan funding to eight grantees to expand outreach efforts in 38 states and the District of Columbia to increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence and vaccinations. "Building vaccine confidence is critical to increasing vaccinations, which remains so important as we encourage boosters and kids' vaccinations," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. This investment by the Biden-Harris Administration further expands our progress in partnering with trusted local messengers to deliver needed information on COVID-19 vaccines. This funding will help even more community-based organizations build confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine among people in their community who may not have been vaccinated yet." With the addition of today's awards, HHS has provided a total of nearly \$390 million to 158 organizations for the Community-based Workforce for COVID-19 Vaccine Program, supporting outreach, events, translation and other enabling services, education, and community health worker support in underserved areas in all 50 states. Many of today's recipients are continuing to make progress in building vaccine confidence in diverse communities across the country. They are supporting trusted messengers through partnering with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), churches, and local community-based organizations. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/02/08/hhs-provides-66-5-million-expand-community-based-outreach-efforts-increase-covid-19-vaccinations.html>

For the latest COVID-19 information from HHS

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

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

View the latest COVID-19 information from NIH

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

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## United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- The FDA has been notified by Pfizer that new data have recently emerged regarding its emergency use authorization request for the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in children 6 months through 4 years of age. As part of its rolling submission, the company recently notified the agency of additional findings from its ongoing clinical trial. Based on the agency's preliminary assessment, and to allow more time to evaluate additional data, we believe additional information regarding the ongoing evaluation of a third dose should be considered as part of our decision-making for potential authorization. Therefore, the FDA is postponing the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee meeting originally scheduled for Feb. 15. This will give the agency time to consider the additional data, allowing for a transparent public discussion as part of our usual scientific and regulatory processes for COVID-19 vaccines. We will provide an update on timing for the advisory committee meeting once we receive additional data on a third dose in this age group from the company's ongoing clinical trial and have an opportunity to complete an updated evaluation. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-postpones-advisory-committee-meeting-discuss-request-authorization>
- The FDA issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for a new monoclonal antibody for the treatment of COVID-19 that retains activity against the omicron variant. The EUA for bebtelovimab is for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kilograms, which is about 88 pounds) with a positive COVID-19 test, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, and for whom alternative COVID-19 treatment options approved or authorized by the FDA are not accessible or clinically appropriate. Bebtlovimab is not authorized for patients who are hospitalized due to COVID-19 or require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19. Treatment with bebtelovimab has not been studied in patients hospitalized due to COVID-19. Monoclonal antibodies, such as bebtelovimab, may be associated with worse clinical outcomes when administered to hospitalized patients with COVID-19 requiring high flow oxygen or mechanical ventilation. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-new-monoclonal-antibody-treatment-covid-19-retains>

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)



- Data from two CDC reports today show COVID-19 vaccine boosters remain safe and continue to be highly effective against severe disease over time. In the first study, CDC reviewed data from two of its vaccine safety monitoring systems, v-safe and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). They found that people 18 years and older who received the same mRNA vaccine brand for all their vaccinations experienced fewer adverse reactions following the booster dose, than they did after their second dose of mRNA vaccine. Ninety two percent (92%) of reports to VAERS were not considered serious, and headache, fever, and muscle pain were among the most commonly reported reactions. V-safe data found medical care was rarely received after a booster dose. A second study reveals that a third dose of mRNA vaccine continues to offer high levels of protection against severe disease, even months after administration, underscoring the importance of staying up to date when eligible after receiving a primary series. CDC examined data on 93,000 hospitalizations and 241,000 emergency department and urgent care visits across 10 states during the Delta and Omicron waves. In the study, about 10% of people were boosted and over 50% of people hospitalized were over 65 years old. During Omicron, vaccine effectiveness against hospitalization was 91% during the first two months after a third dose and remained high, at 78%, four or more months after a third dose. Boosters are safe and effective, and CDC continues to recommend everyone 5 and older remain up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations, to ensure optimal protection against hospitalizations and severe outcomes. For most people, that means getting a booster dose 5 months after receiving an mRNA vaccine or 2 months after receiving Johnson and Johnson's Janssen vaccine. CDC is continuing to closely monitor the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines to help inform public health efforts.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0211-covid-19-boosters.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 tracking cases, deaths, and trends of COVID-19 in the United States- updated daily by 8 pm 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) +**

On February 3, 2022, CMS announced that Biden-Harris Administration will cover free Over-the-Counter COVID-19 tests through Medicare- As part of the Biden-Harris



Administration's ongoing efforts to expand Americans' access to free testing, people in either Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage will be able to get over-the-counter COVID-19 tests at no cost starting in early spring. Under the new initiative, Medicare beneficiaries will be able to access up to eight over-the-counter COVID-19 tests per month for free. Tests will be available through eligible pharmacies and other participating entities. This policy will apply to COVID-19 over-the-counter tests approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/news-alert/biden-harris-administration-will-cover-free-over-counter-covid-19-tests-through-medicare>

View the latest information from CMS

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

## **Vaccines**

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 New York State Department of Health (DOH) issued guidance on pre-ordering Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages six months to 4 years. To ensure efficient rollout of this vaccine supply once authorized, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is allowing pre-ordering of vaccines starting today, February 9. The minimum ordering quantity for this product is 100 doses. It has the same storage requirements as other Pfizer formulations currently available—10 weeks refrigerated or up to 9 months ultra-cold temperature). Please place pre-orders for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for ages 6 months through 4 years of age separate from other vaccine orders. Providers should review the DOH guidance for additional details on ordering, administering, and documentation of the vaccine for this population. <https://www.gnyha.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/NYSDOH-Pediatric-Pfizer-Ordering-Guidance.pdf>

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>

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.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html>

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
  - A new report from the Campaign for College Opportunity, a California-based research and policy advocacy organization, highlights ongoing equity gaps for Black and Latinx students pursuing higher education in Los Angeles County. The report, released today, describes some notable gains in Black and Latinx students' access to college and their academic outcomes. However, it also notes stubborn education disparities and suggests the COVID-19 pandemic could "threaten to offset and undo years of improvements for California's high schools and community colleges" in particular. Michele Siqueiros, president of the Campaign for College Opportunity, said Los Angeles County is "the most populous, most significant county" in California, so the report has broader implications for the state. The county is home to about a third of the Black and Latinx residents in the state, and California has the most Latinx residents of any state and the fifth-largest Black population in the country. <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2022/02/11/college-access-and-outcomes-among-black-and-latinx-angelenos>
  - "Less than half of the general public in six developed nations believes that universities have been important in helping the world through the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a global survey. While the success of academic science in developing vaccines, treatments and strategies to combat the virus has saved countless lives, results from a poll of just over

6,000 people suggest that the reputational benefits accruing to universities through the pandemic may be limited. Universities are far from surfing a wave of popularity linked to COVID-19–era innovations—only 46 percent of the general public said universities were important in tackling the pandemic, according to a study by the World 100 Reputation Network, which polled at least 1,000 people each in Australia, Britain, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands and the United States. A fifth of respondents said universities had been “unimportant” in the global fight against COVID-19, while 25 percent had no sense either way of how higher education institutions had contributed.”

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2022/02/10/public-doesnt-credit-universities-advances-against-covid-19>

- K-12
  - A bipartisan group of state legislators has proposed a \$45 million bill to fund a K-12 cybersecurity program in New Mexico, just weeks after a ransomware attack forced Albuquerque Public Schools, the largest district in the state, to close for two days in mid-January. The bill would fund three full-time employees and the development of a cybersecurity program for the state’s education technology infrastructure during fiscal years 2023 through 2026. The program would include cybersecurity insurance support, training for employees and students, and creation of a response and recovery plan. Bill co-sponsor state Rep. Rebecca Dow gave the bill little chance of passing as is, so she’s working in the meantime on securing \$9.5 million for cybersecurity within the FY23 state appropriations bill. <https://www.k12dive.com/news/new-mexico-rep-pushes-45m-k-12-cybersecurity-proposal/618796/>
  - School district leaders are more concerned about the mental health of students, teachers and principals than any other school issue, including student engagement, student discipline, low attendance and dipping enrollment, according to a RAND Corp. survey released Tuesday. Among the 359 district and charter network leaders surveyed between October and December, 40% of urban district leaders said they were concerned about lower enrollment for reasons other than delayed kindergarten entry, compared to 20% of rural and 11% of suburban district leaders, RAND reported. Additionally, about 75% of district leaders said political polarization over COVID-19 safety and vaccines limited their ability to teach students in the 2021-22 school year. Four out of 10 district leaders said polarization tied to critical race theory had presented the same problem, the survey found. <https://www.k12dive.com/news/enrollment-decline-mental-health-top-school-leaders-concerns/618651/>

## **Clinical Trials**

To view the latest information on clinical trials regarding COVID-19

<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?recrs=&cond=Covid19&term=&cntry=&state=&city=&dist=>

**American Red Cross**

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

**State Updates**

## **New York**

- Governor Kathy Hochul announced New York's new Winter Toolkit for the new phase of the pandemic, aiming to keep New York safe, open and moving forward. The Winter Toolkit focuses on five core areas: protecting the most vulnerable New Yorkers, increasing vaccinations and boosters, strengthening our health care system, empowering local leaders, and supporting individuals facing the long-term effects of COVID. "As we begin a new phase in our response to this pandemic, my top priority is making sure we keep New York safe, open and moving forward," Governor Hochul said. "I want to thank the health care workers, business owners and everyday New Yorkers who acted responsibly during the Omicron surge by masking up and getting vaccinated. But make no mistake: while we're moving in the right direction, this pandemic isn't over and our new Winter Toolkit shows us the path forward."  
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-winter-toolkit-new-phase-covid-response-keep-new-york-safe-open-and>
- Governor Hochul held meetings with New York State teachers, superintendents and parents to thank them for their work to keep our schools safe and open, and hear their input on how to continue smartly protecting against COVID-19. "As we continue to see cases and hospitalizations decline, I believe it is important to work closely with groups and leaders on the ground so that we move forward in the pandemic in a way where we can stay in front of COVID-19 and keep New Yorkers safe," Governor Hochul said. "Keeping schools open has always been my top priority, and I want to thank the teachers, administrators, and parents who joined me today to hear directly from them. I want to also remind parents and guardians to please get their children vaccinated and boosted, if eligible. The vaccine is safe, free, doctor-approved and the key to keeping our communities and vulnerable loved ones safe."  
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-holds-meetings-teachers-school-superintendents-and-parents-discuss-pandemic>

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

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>

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>

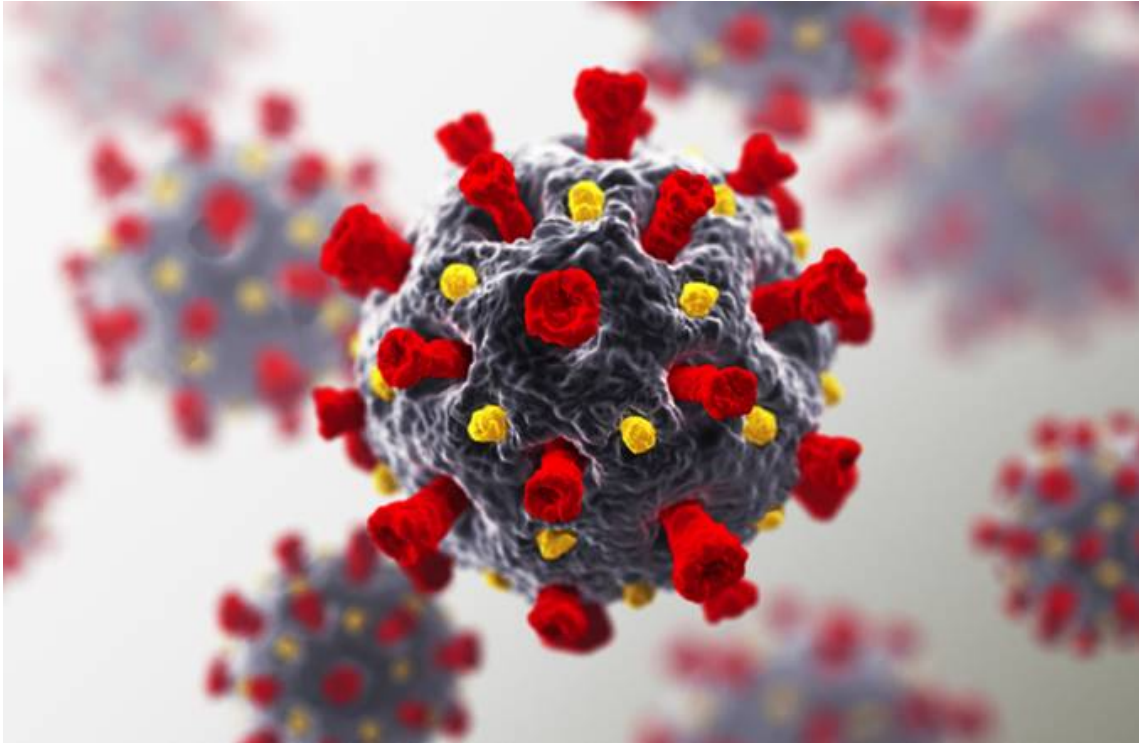
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### **New Jersey**

- Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 288 which will extend the Public Health Emergency declared on January 11, 2022 by Executive Order No. 280 for 30 days. Governor Murphy's intention to extend the Public Health Emergency was announced on Monday, February 7, 2022. The Public Health Emergency allows the state to continue vaccine distribution, vaccination or testing requirements in certain settings, the collection of COVID-19 data, implementation of any applicable recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent or limit the transmission of COVID-19, staffing and resource allocation, and other critical components of the State's COVID-19 response. Under the Emergency Health Powers Act, the Public Health Emergency will expire after 30 days, unless renewed. State COVID-19 metrics will be reevaluated at the time of expiration to determine if an extension will be needed. <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-288.pdf>

### **Connecticut**

- Bank of America today announced a \$185,000 donation worth 370,000 meals to their longtime partner, Connecticut Foodshare (formerly Connecticut Food Bank & Foodshare), to help address food insecurity in the region. Bank of America donated \$100 for each bank employee who received a COVID-19 booster shot or vaccine and notified the bank before the end of January. The company made an additional contribution to address the increased need experienced by hunger relief organizations across the country. According to Connecticut Foodshare, more than 428,000 people across the state, including 110,000 children, are food insecure. As the pandemic continues, hunger relief organizations throughout Connecticut face ongoing challenges due to increased demands for their services and rising food prices. Connecticut Foodshare is seeing an increase of up to 40% on specific food items. <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/connecticut-foodshare-receives-185-000-195800017.html>



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## Local Updates

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### **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.

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

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

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

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



For the latest breakdown of positive cases in Westchester County as of February 13, 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 February 11, 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 February 14, 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, NY as of February 14, 2022  
<https://ocnygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/21de1fb5ce0c480f95dc0cf2b8b83b71>

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

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

Review Rockland County's dashboard with the latest COVID-19 information regarding cases as of February 14, 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**

**Faculty News:**

**As Omicron Surges, Clear Guidelines are Needed for COVID-19 Testing**

Visible Magazine

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<https://visiblemagazine.com/as-omicron-surges-clear-guidelines-are-needed-for-covid-19-testing/>

John Loike, Ph.D., interim director of the Master of Science Degree and the Graduate Certificate program in Bioethics, SHSP

**No Giving It Short Shrift: COVID-19 Can Be a Long Haul**

Managed Healthcare Executive

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<https://www.managedhealthcareexecutive.com/view/no-giving-it-short-shrift-covid-19-can-be-a-long-haul>

Gary Rogg, M.D., assistant professor of medicine

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