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## Center for Disaster Medicine



### Information Brief

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

*As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, we are seeing other emerging public health threats/emergencies and we continue to address ongoing/emerging disaster issues, the Center for Disaster Medicine has been and will continue to be a source of reliable information, education and models for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. As such we have expanded this informational document to address the broader areas addressed by the center while retaining critical COVID19 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.*

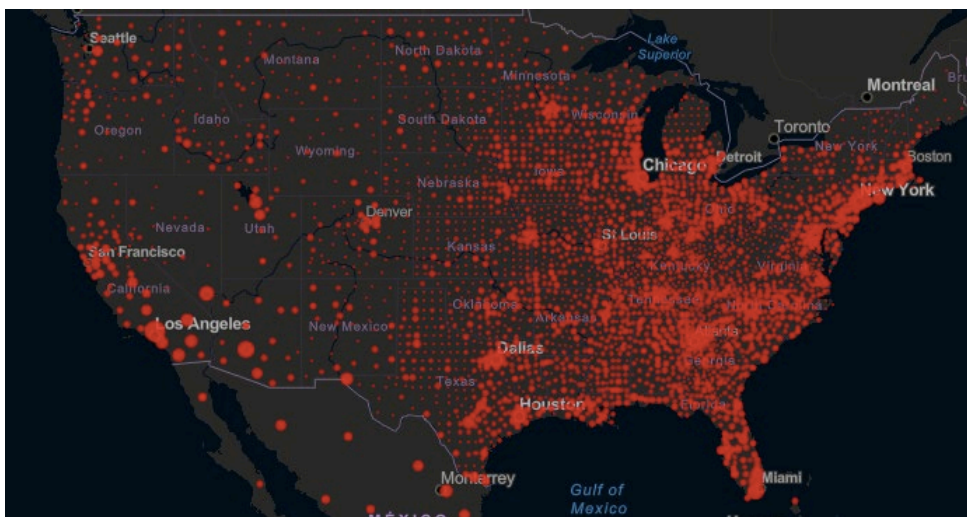
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[COVID-19 Statistics](#)

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Vaccine Doses Admin.
Worldwide	596,863,264	6,455,565	12,079,233,180
United States	93,623,973	1,040,898	603,332,091
New Jersey	2,656,736	34,467	18,041,282
New York	5,947,458	70,882	40,907,321
Connecticut	869,372	11,180	8,011,088

Information as of 8/23/22 at 0800 EDT. 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 August 18, 2022, Assistant Director of the Center for Disaster Medicine George W. Contreras conducted an interview and demonstration during a live segment of *Despierta America* for Univision 41. *Despierta America* is the Spanish equivalent of *Good Morning America*. He discussed the importance of raising awareness regarding life-threatening bleeding using STOP THE BLEED training for the Spanish speaking public.

## **The White House**

On August 18, 2022, the White House Monkeypox Response Team and Public Health Officials provided a press briefing regarding monkeypox. Bob Fenton, the White House Monkeypox Response Coordinator, Secretary Becerra, Assistant Secretary O'Connell, and Dr. Walensky and provided a brief update and shared some key announcements from the Biden administration's whole-of-government response to the monkeypox outbreak.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/08/18/press-briefing-by-white-house-monkeypox-response-team-and-public-health-officials-2/>

On August 18, 2022, the White House National Monkeypox Response team announced a series of actions the Biden-Harris Administration is taking to further accelerate its response to the monkeypox (MPV) outbreak and mitigate the spread of the virus. Since the first case was confirmed in the United States, the Administration has led a whole-of-government response to make tests, vaccines, and treatments more widely available to communities across the country and has worked with the LGBTQI+ community to provide information and resources directly to communities most at risk of contracting the virus.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/18/fact-sheet-white-house-announces-new-actions-to-combat-monkeypox-outbreak/>

On August 16, 2022, the Biden Administration laid out key supports and guidance for protecting students, teachers, and school communities this upcoming school year, and managing and mitigating the risks of COVID-19 spread. This includes making an abundance of federal resources available to schools to implement these strategies. Because of the investments the Administration has made — including \$122 billion in American Rescue Plan funding to keep schools open safely, combat learning loss, and address student mental health — and because of the tools we now have in place, we can prevent school closures, even as COVID-19 cases in a community fluctuate.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/16/fact-sheet-back-to-school-2022-giving-every-school-the-tools-to-prevent-covid-19-spread-and-stay-safely-open-all-year-long/>

The official website of the White House delivers updated information as the country grapples with converging crises. This will include actions to control current public health threats, 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>

## **COVID-19 Website**

On March 30, 2022, Biden Administration Launched COVID.gov, a New One-Stop Shop Website for Vaccines, Tests, Treatments, Masks, and the Latest COVID-19 Information- a new website was launched in an effort to consolidate information for consumers.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/03/30/fact-sheet-biden-administration-launches-covid-gov-a-new-one-stop-shop-website-for-vaccines-tests-treatments-masks-and-the-latest-covid-19-information/>

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

On August 18, 2022, HHS Facilitated Agreement to Accelerate Delivery of Additional Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccines Using New U.S. Production Line- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has facilitated an agreement between Bavarian Nordic and Grand River Aseptic Manufacturing (GRAM), a Michigan-based pharmaceutical contract manufacturer, to establish the first fill and finish line for the JYNNEOS vaccine in the U.S. To support the current monkeypox outbreak and future smallpox preparedness, the Biomedical Advance Research and Development Authority (BARDA), within the HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), has ordered 5.5 million vials of JYNNEOS from Bavarian Nordic to be filled, finished and delivered from U.S. government-owned bulk vaccine stored in Denmark. Under the procurement, Bavarian Nordic agreed to complete a technology transfer that would allow for 2.5 million of those vials to be filled and finished by a U.S.-based contract manufacturer.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/08/18/hhs-facilitates-agreement-accelerate-delivery-additional-smallpox-monkeypox-vaccines-using-new-us-production-line.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)**

As of August 19, 2022, 439 tests and sample collection devices are authorized by the FDA under emergency use authorizations (EUAs). These include 302 molecular tests and sample collection devices, 85 antibody and other immune response tests, 51 antigen tests, and 1 diagnostic breath test. There are 78 molecular authorizations and 1 antibody authorization that can be used with home-collected samples. There is 1 EUA for a molecular prescription at-home test, 2 EUAs for antigen prescription at-home tests, 19 EUAs for antigen over-the-counter (OTC) at-home tests, and 3 for molecular OTC at-home tests. The FDA has authorized 31 antigen tests and 8 molecular tests for serial screening programs. The FDA has also authorized 1089 revisions to EUA authorizations.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-roundup-august-19-2022>

On August 19, 2022, the FDA authorized the emergency use of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted for the prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in individuals 12 through 17 years of age. This authorization follows a rigorous analysis and evaluation of the safety and effectiveness data conducted by the FDA.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-roundup-august-19-2022>

On August 18, 2022, the FDA issued the report: “FDA’s Work to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic,” which outlines much of the broad range of work the FDA is undertaking to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future emergencies. The FDA continues to build on the foundation of scientific rigor, thoughtfulness, and adaptability in rising to this challenge.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/160998/download>

The FDA created a specific monkeypox response page which serves as a central source of information regarding diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics. For the latest FDA information regarding monkeypox, please visit

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/fda-monkeypox-response>

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)**

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox virus is part of the same family of viruses as variola virus, the virus that causes smallpox. Monkeypox symptoms are like smallpox symptoms, but milder, and monkeypox is rarely fatal. Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox.

For the latest CDC information including symptoms, testing, vaccines and prevention regarding monkeypox, please visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/>

According to the CDC, as of August 22, 2022, there are 15,433 cases in the United States. For the latest monkeypox cases in the United States, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/response/2022/us-map.html>

According to the CDC, as of August 22, 2022, there are 42,954 cases in the world. For the latest global monkeypox cases, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/response/2022/world-map.html>

On August 22, 2022, the CDC provided an updated report on the impact of Monkeypox Outbreak on Select Behaviors. In an online survey of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men conducted during August 5-15, 2022, respondents reported changing their behavior because of the monkeypox outbreak: 48 percent reported reducing their number of sex partners, 50 percent reported reducing one-time sexual encounters, and 49 percent reported reducing sex with partners met on dating apps or at sex venues.

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/response/2022/amis-select-behaviors.html>

As of August 22, 2022, the CDC updated its monkeypox Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) covering signs and symptoms, prevention, vaccines, treatment and spread.

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/faq.html>

As of August 19, 2022, the CDC updated the monkeypox section regarding the latest information on signs and symptoms, vaccines, prevention, sexual health, cases and data.

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>

On August 22, 2022, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., signed a decision memo that Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine be used as another primary series option for adolescents ages 12 through 17. This recommendation follows FDA's authorization to authorize the vaccine for this age group under emergency use. Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine, which is available now, is an important tool in the pandemic and provides a more familiar type of COVID-19 vaccine technology for adolescents. Having multiple types of vaccines offers more options and flexibility for the public, jurisdictions, and vaccine providers.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0822-novax-vaccine.html>

On August 22, 2022, the CDC provided updated guidance regarding what to Know About COVID-19 Testing in Schools

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0822-novax-vaccine.html>

On August 22, 2022, the CDC provided updated information regarding health equity and promoting fair access to health.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/health-equity/index.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 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) +**

View the latest information from CMS

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



## Vaccines

In this section, vaccine-related information from various sources will be collected, reviewed, and tabulated here. As of July 19, 2022, the FDA has granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to Janssen/Johnson & Johnson for adults over 18 years and *Novavax for adults over 18 years of age* and EUA for Moderna and Pfizer for children 6 months to five years. On August 19, 2022, the FDA authorized the emergency use of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted for the prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in individuals 12 through 17 years of age. This authorization follows a rigorous analysis and evaluation of the safety and effectiveness data conducted by the FDA. On August 23, 2021, the FDA granted full approval to Pfizer for adults. On January 31, 2022, the FDA granted full approval to Moderna for adults. Now with two vaccines with full FDA approval and three vaccines with EUA for adults and children, 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 p.m. 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\\_vacc-total-admin-rate-total](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations_vacc-total-admin-rate-total)

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>

The NYS DOH provides updated monkeypox information regarding signs and symptoms, cases, vaccine, treatment and prevention at

<https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/zoonoses/monkeypox/>

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. As of January 31, 2022, the fully FDA approved Moderna vaccine will now be known as SPIKEVAX for ages six months and older.

<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 six months 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 group of public health experts wants the American Public Health Association to replace Dr. Leana Wen as a panelist at the APHA's annual meeting in November in Boston. Dr. Wen, research professor of health policy and management at George Washington University, previously served as the health commissioner for the city of Baltimore and the president of Planned Parenthood. She's scheduled to speak to APHA members about "backlash" against public health during a panel on this theme. And she knows quite a bit about backlash: Dr. Wen, a frequent media commentator on COVID-19, has faced death threats and harassment over her thoughts on masking, vaccination and more; earlier this year, a Texas man pleaded guilty to threatening to shoot Dr. Wen following a federal investigation into this threat. Read more at: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2022/08/05/colleges-prepare-potential-monkeypox-outbreaks>
- K-12
  - August 22, 2022- Five strategies for rebuilding student engagement after COVID-19. The former superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools writes that reconnecting with students requires multiple strategies, open dialogue, trust and empathy. There's no single answer. Demonstrating our commitment to students will take multiple forms and require open dialogue, trust and empathy. In this article are a few practices for teachers and administrators to consider. Read more regarding strategies for student engagement after COVID-19 at <https://www.k12dive.com/news/5-strategies-for-rebuilding-student-engagement-after-covid-19/630143/>

**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**

- On August 17, 2022, Governor Hochul announced the re-launch of #VaxtoSchool, the multi-faceted statewide campaign aimed at increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates among school-aged New Yorkers. The campaign furthers Governor Hochul's commitment to ensuring equitable access to vaccines, and to make the health and well-being of students, teachers and families a top priority. "As we prepare for the beginning of the school year and the fall season, it is important that we do all we can to protect our youngest New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "By breaking down barriers to vaccine access, these partnerships will allow New York State to continue to protect the health and safety of our most vulnerable community members and keep our schools open. The re-launching of our successful #VaxtoSchool campaign will support our Fall Action Plan, and ensure we are getting New Yorkers the resources they need to protect themselves from being seriously ill or hospitalized due to COVID-19."

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-re-launch-vaxtoschool-covid-19-vaccine-effort>

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

On August 22, 2022, Governor Hochul updated New Yorkers on the state's progress combating COVID-19. She announced updated COVID-19 guidance that aligns with new CDC recommendations as children, teachers and faculty across the state prepare to head back to school in the coming weeks. Among other recommendations, this new guidance specifies that asymptomatic school children exposed to COVID-19 no longer need to quarantine and that isolation is now only advised for individuals who have tested positive for the virus. "As we continue to monitor the current numbers, I encourage all New Yorkers to keep using the tools we know that work to protect against COVID-19," Governor Hochul said. "Please get vaccinated or boosted when you're eligible or if you haven't already. Test if you have symptoms, and if you're positive stay home and talk to your doctor at treatment. By remaining vigilant and responsible, New Yorkers will continue to work together to beat this virus."

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-updates-new-yorkers-states-progress-combating-covid-19-326>

On August 22, 2022, Governor Hochul announced up to \$20 million is available to support addiction services providers in New York State that have been impacted by the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Administered by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the federal funding will assist providers with fiscal recovery and enable them to continue offering COVID-safe substance use disorder prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services. "New Yorkers continue to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in all aspects of daily life, including addiction treatment," Governor Hochul said. "Like far too many New Yorkers, my family has lost a loved one battling with addiction, and this funding will be integral in helping treatment providers continue their crucial work. My administration will continue our work to support providers to help New Yorkers who need it most."

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-20-million-addiction-services-providers-impacted-covid-19-pandemic>

For a list of COVID-19 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**

- On August 22, 2022, NJOHSP Adds Monkeypox (hMPXV) Update to Disinformation Page- The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness updated its disinformation portal web page last week to incorporate monkeypox (hMPXV) disinformation trends circulating on the internet. According to a recent intelligence review conducted by NJOHSP's Analysis Bureau, false information on monkeypox (hMPXV) is spreading online and sparking new confusion about the virus among the public. Misleading videos, falsely attributed information and the recycling of COVID-19 conspiracies are some of the methods causing dissent. "As we see an attempt to sow discord in New Jersey and throughout our country through the spread of disinformation, it is critical that we communicate accurate information to the public, especially as it relates to the monkeypox virus," said Governor Phil Murphy. "My administration remains committed to a comprehensive response that prioritizes the health and safety of our

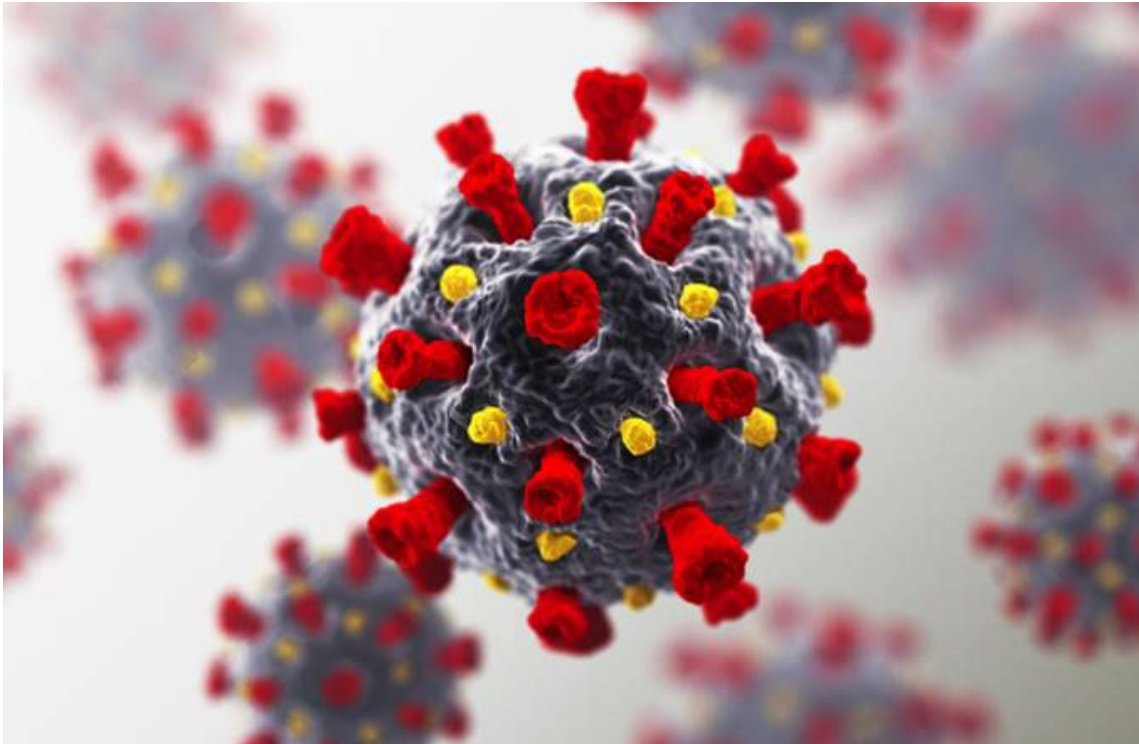
communities. I urge New Jersey residents to utilize State resources for information about symptoms, risks and availability of both testing and vaccines.”

<https://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/news/562022/approved/20220822a.shtml>

- On August 18, 2022, Governor Murphy, Acting AG Platkin Announce Publication of Division on Civil Rights FAQs to Prevent Discrimination Related to hMPXV (“Monkeypox”)- Governor Murphy and Acting Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin announced today that the Division on Civil Rights (DCR) within the Attorney General’s Office published FAQs for the public about New Jersey residents’ rights and protections against discrimination and bias-based harassment related to the “monkeypox” virus, as well as information about how to file a civil rights complaint with DCR if members of the public are victims of discrimination. The FAQs issued address frequently asked questions about discrimination and harassment related to human hMPXV, commonly known as the “monkeypox” virus, and the protections that New Jersey’s Law Against Discrimination (LAD) affords to those infected with hMPXV.  
<https://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/news/562022/approved/20220818b.shtml>

### **Connecticut**

- On August 19, 2022, Governor Lamont Announced 15,000 Low-Income Households With Children Will Receive a Back-to-School, COVID-19 Relief Special Benefit on Sunday- Governor Lamont announced that the Connecticut Department of Social Services this weekend will deliver a one-time, back-to-school, COVID-19 relief special benefit of \$257.87 per child to more than 15,000 low-income Connecticut households on behalf of 27,000 children. Known as the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF), this special benefit comes from a \$7 million federal grant the Connecticut Department of Social Services received from the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the American Rescue Plan Act.  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2022/08-2022/Governor-Lamont-Announces-15000-Low-income-Households-Will-Receive-a-Back-to-School-Special-Benefit>
- On August 18, 2022, Governor Lamont Provided Update on Connecticut’s Coronavirus Response Efforts- Governor Lamont provided the latest information regarding COVID-19 response and data. The Connecticut Department of Public Health reported that as of August 17, 2022, a total of 266,930 cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated persons in Connecticut have been identified. Those cases account for 9.72 percent of the more than 2.7 million people in the state who are fully vaccinated.  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2022/08-2022/Governor-Lamont-Coronavirus-Update-August-18>
- On August 16, 2022, Governor Lamont Announced Commencement of CareerConneCT, a Holistic Approach To Help Workers Impacted by COVID-19 Through Job Training Programs- Governor Ned Lamont today announced the commencement of 19 job training programs funded by CareerConneCT, a \$70 million program designed to support getting individuals in Connecticut whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19 back to work. These statewide and regional programs will provide short-term job training through industry-recognized credentials that create pathways to employment in high-quality, in-demand careers.  
<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2022/08-2022/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Commencement-of-CareerConneCT>



## 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)**

New York City is currently the epicenter of the monkeypox outbreak in the United States. As of August 22, 2022, there are 2,964 cases of monkeypox in New York City. For the latest information including cases, symptoms, testing and vaccine information regarding monkeypox in New York City, please visit

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/monkeypox.page>

NYC DOHMH launched a new COVID-19 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>

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

For the latest breakdown of positive cases in Westchester County as of August 21, 2022  
<https://wcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/280339d96db14efd9cc304dba0f3a71d>

For the latest COVID-19 information in Westchester including vaccines for children.  
<https://health.westchestergov.com/2019-novel-coronavirus>

As of August 22, 2022, Westchester County has 75 cases of monkeypox.

Monkeypox Vaccine Clinics on Mondays and Wednesdays at 134 Court Street, White Plains. Appointments are required. People at higher risk for monkeypox infection may consider vaccination with the two-dose JYNNEOS vaccine. In accordance with CDC guidance, this includes those who:

- Had contact with someone who had a rash that looks like monkeypox or with someone who was diagnosed with confirmed or probable monkeypox
- Had skin-to-skin contact with someone in a social network experiencing monkeypox activity; this includes men who have sex with men who meet partners through an online website, digital application (“app”), or social event such as at a bar or party
- Traveled outside the United States to a country with confirmed cases of monkeypox or where monkeypox activity has been ongoing

#### **Monkeypox Vaccine appointments are also available at:**

- Westchester Medical Center, 15 Oval Connector, Valhalla, NY 10595  
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., appointment required.  
Call (914) 326-2060 to schedule an appointment.

For more information regarding monkeypox in Westchester County, please visit  
<https://health.westchestergov.com/>

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

Breakdown of COVID -19 positive cases by towns in Putnam County as of August 19, 2022.  
<https://www.putnamcountyny.com/covid19/>

As of August 22, 2022, there are 2 cases of monkeypox in Putnam County.

As of August 11, 2022, Putnam has not been allocated any JYNNEOS vaccine from New York State, however Putnam residents who are considered at-risk for monkeypox are eligible for vaccination at sites nearby in Westchester County. If any eligible resident encounters difficulty acquiring a monkeypox vaccine appointment, they should call the Putnam County Department of Health at 845-808-1390.”

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 August 19, 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>

As of August 22, 2022, there are 8 cases of monkeypox in Dutchess County. For the latest information regarding monkeypox, please visit  
<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/dbch.htm>

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

Updated COVID-19 dashboard for Orange County, NY as of August 18, 2022.  
<https://ocnygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/21de1fb5ce0c480f95dc0cf2b8b83b71>

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

As of August 22, 2022, there are 8 cases of monkeypox in Orange County. For more information regarding monkeypox, please visit  
<https://www.orangecountygov.com/149/Health>

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

Review Rockland County's dashboard with the latest COVID-19 information regarding cases as of August 15, 2022.  
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d074e0336e81449393a76d1768ceb096>

For the latest COVID-19 information  
<https://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19/>

As of August 22, 2022, there is 7 cases of monkeypox in Rockland County.  
For more information regarding monkeypox, please visit Rockland County Health Department website  
<https://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/>

### **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/>



**Faculty News:**

**Regular Exercise Can Help Shield You From Severe COVID**

U.S. News and World Report  
8/23/2022

<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2022-08-23/regular-exercise-can-help-shield-you-from-severe-covid>

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**NYMC Leadership News:**

**Do we have to worry again about polio? Health officials in London are concerned** (at 10:28 mark)

KNX Indepth  
8/11/2022

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/knx-in-depth-former-president-trump-takes-the-5th-in/id1423814166?i=1000575705785>

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**Can You Get Monkeypox From Something You Touched?**

Verywell Health  
8/18/2022

<https://www.verywellhealth.com/can-you-contract-monkeypox-from-surfaces-6499690>

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