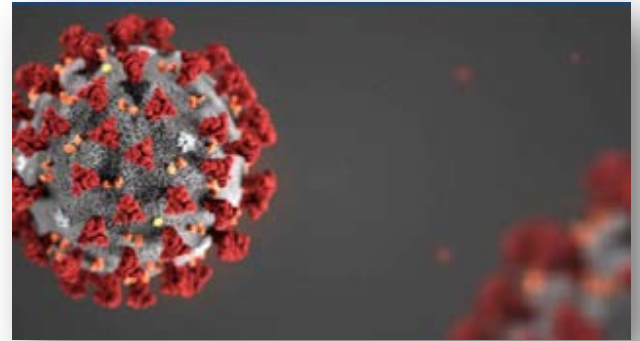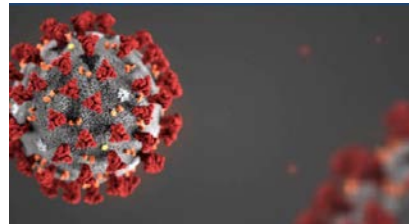# An Update for NYS Healthcare Providers on COVID-19

April 1, 2021

Agenda

- Global, National, New York State Updates

- COVID-19 Variants Update

- COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- Other COVID-19 Updates

- Excelsior Pass

- Updated COVID-19 Guidance

- Q + A

Recordings will be available immediately:

[NYSDOH COVID-19 Healthcare Provider website](#)

In addition to YouTube, an on-demand version of our weekly sessions for healthcare providers in NYS is now available as a podcast – search NYSDOH

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Disclaimer

- The situation is rapidly evolving.

- All of the information presented is based on our best knowledge as of <u>today</u>.

COVID-19 Global Update

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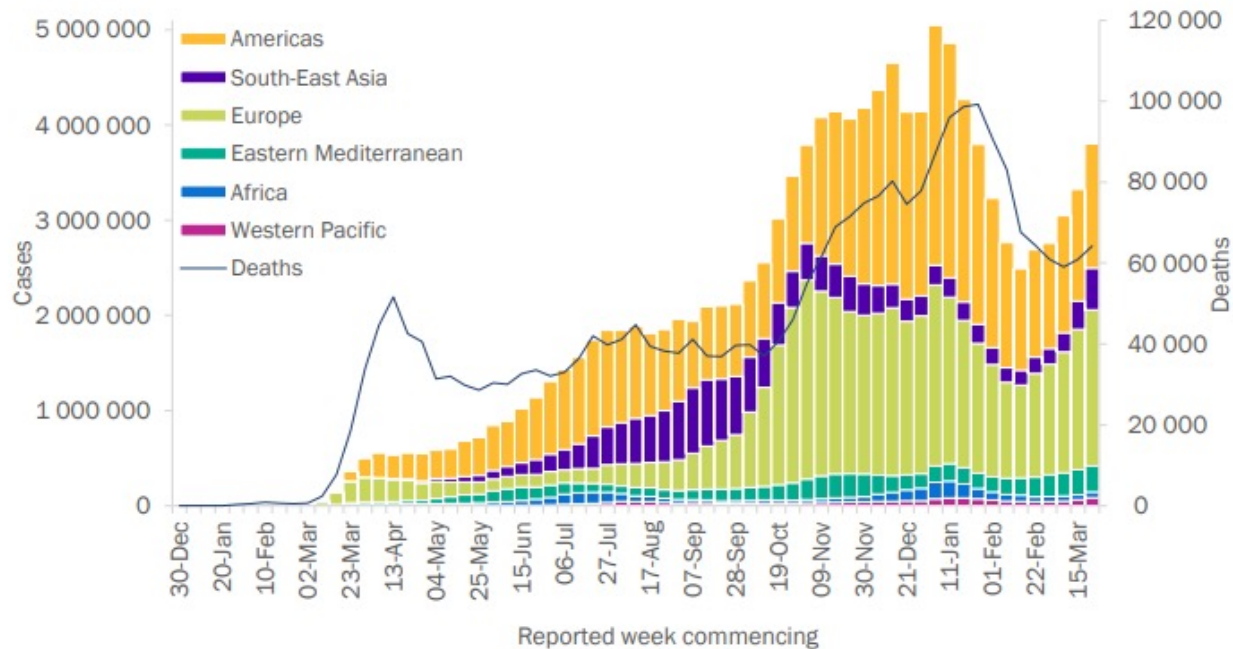
Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global, 3/28/2021

www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports

Region	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
Global	**126,372,442**	**2,769,696**
Western Pacific	1,859,933	31,361
Europe	44,191,579	954,829
South-East Asia	14,619,886	217,737
Eastern Mediterranean	7,395,085	156,891
Africa	3,061,438	77,446
Americas	55,243,776	1,331,419

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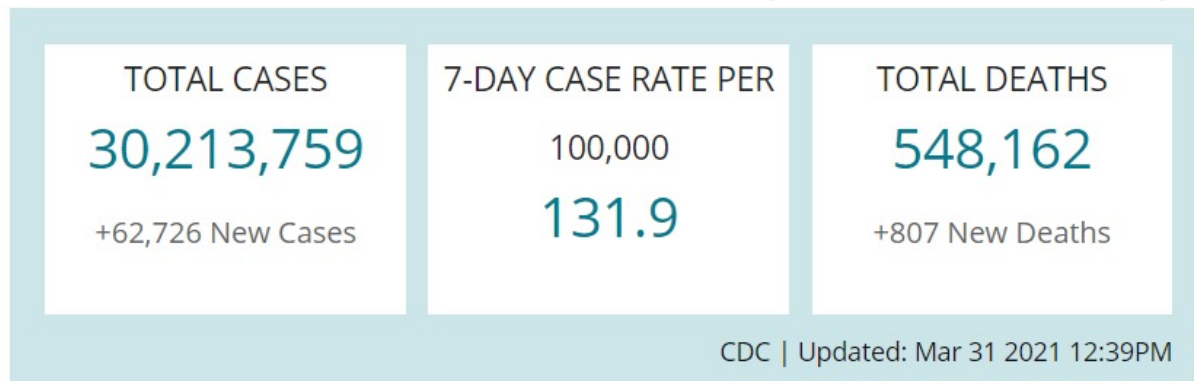# Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global, 3/28/2021
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Figure 1. COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 28 March 2021**
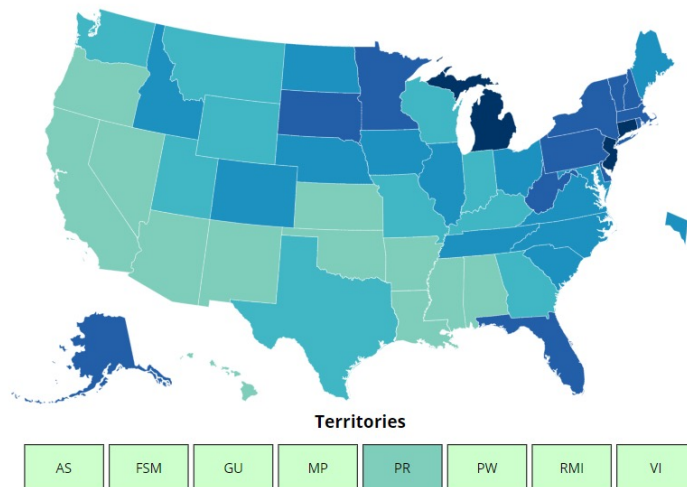
CDC COVID Data Tracker (Mar 31, 2021)

TOTAL CASES	7-DAY CASE RATE PER	TOTAL DEATHS
30,213,759	100,000	548,162
+62,726 New Cases	131.9	+807 New Deaths

CDC | Updated: Mar 31 2021 12:39PM

US COVID-19 7-Day Case Rate per 100,000, by State/Territory

Territories

AS	FSM	GU	MP	PR	PW	RMI	VI

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www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

Situation Summary: COVID-19 U.S. (Mar 31, 2021)

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC
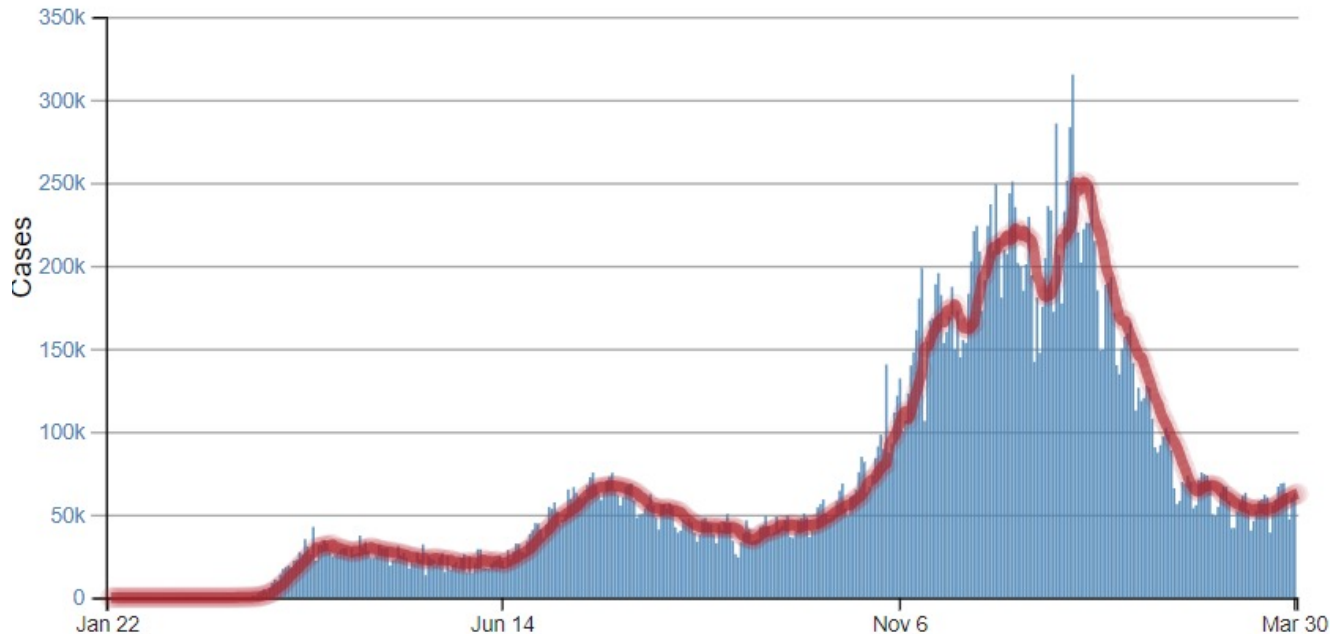
NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker (Mar 30, 2021)

Found at: NYSDOH COVID-19 website

	Total Persons Tested	Total Tested Positive	% Positive Results	New Positives Today	Persons Tested Today
Grand Total	44,936,152	1,858,432	4.1%	8,382	220,369
ALL NYC	19,197,879	832,259	4.3%	4,185	87,895
NYS Excluding NYC	25,738,273	1,026,173	4.0%	4,197	132,474

% Positive Results Over Time - All Regions

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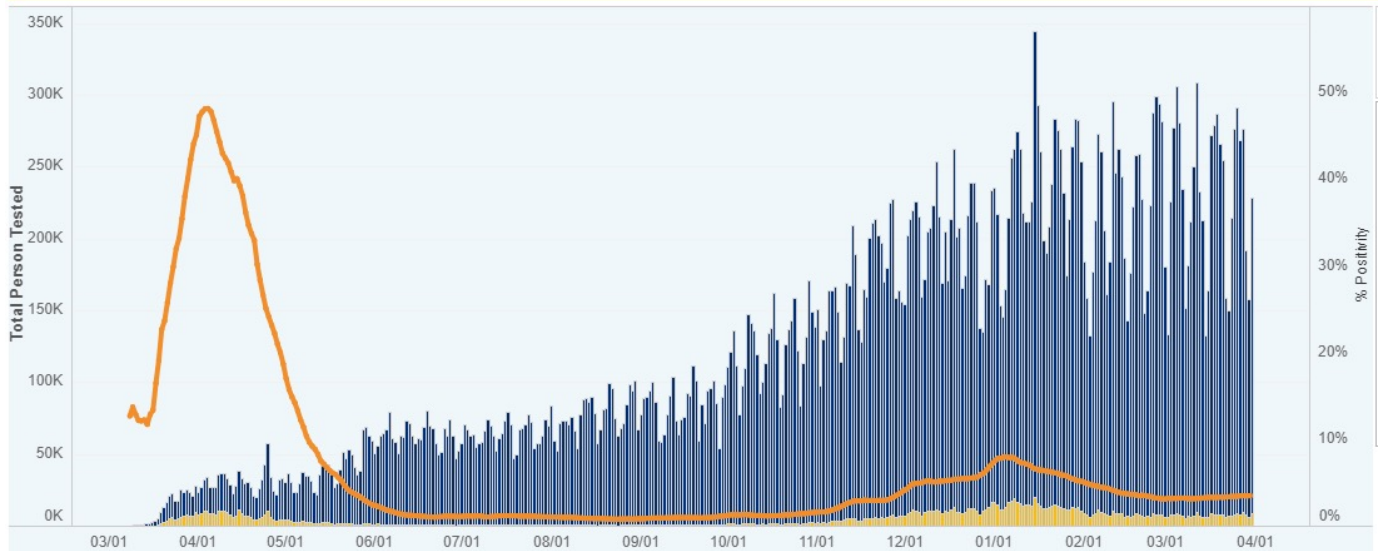
Test Results - Yesterday

|	Total Persons Tested	Total Tested Positive	% Positive, Yesterday	% Positive, 7-day Avg
Capital Region	8,607	262	3.0%	2.4%
Central New York	11,650	105	0.9%	1.0%
Finger Lakes	11,778	239	2.0%	2.1%
Long Island	31,722	1,500	4.7%	4.4%
Mid-Hudson	21,712	1,240	5.7%	4.8%
Mohawk Valley	7,461	123	1.6%	1.6%
New York City	87,895	4,185	4.8%	4.3%
North Country	4,920	44	0.9%	1.3%
Southern Tier	21,052	148	0.7%	0.8%
Western New York	13,572	536	3.9%	3.5%
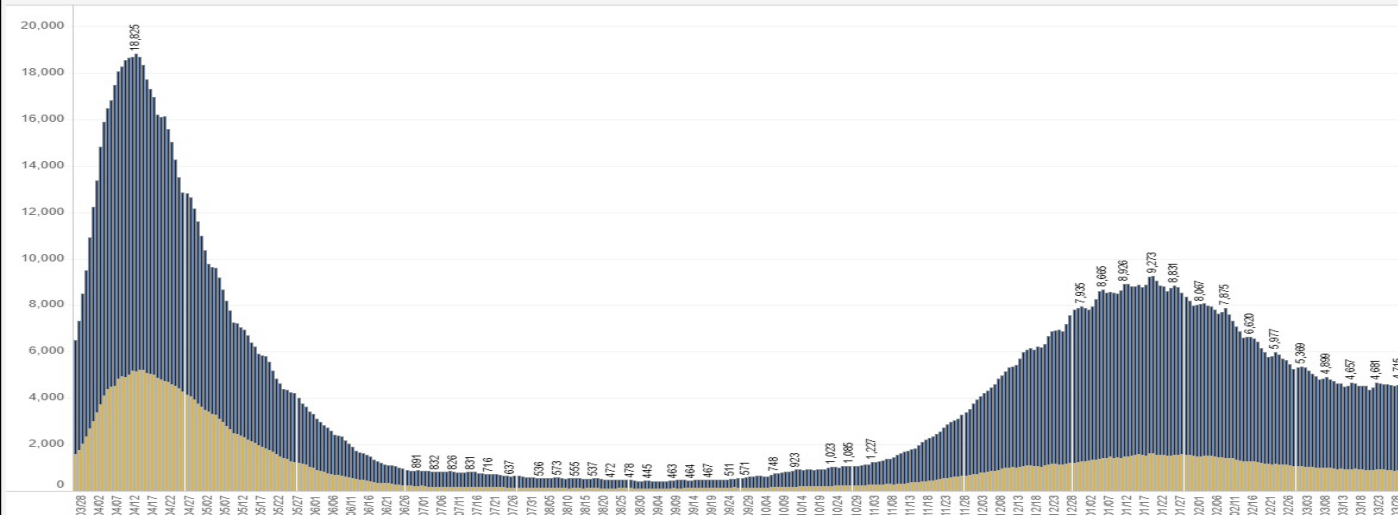
COVID-19 Variants Update

Currently 3 main variants of public health interest:

UK variant: B.1.1.7

- 130 countries, 51 US states (11,569 detections), 1000+ detections in NY
- Increased transmissibility (36-75%), mixed evidence on increased severity, slight reduction in neutralization capacity
- No significant impact on Moderna, Pfizer, AstraZeneca vaccines

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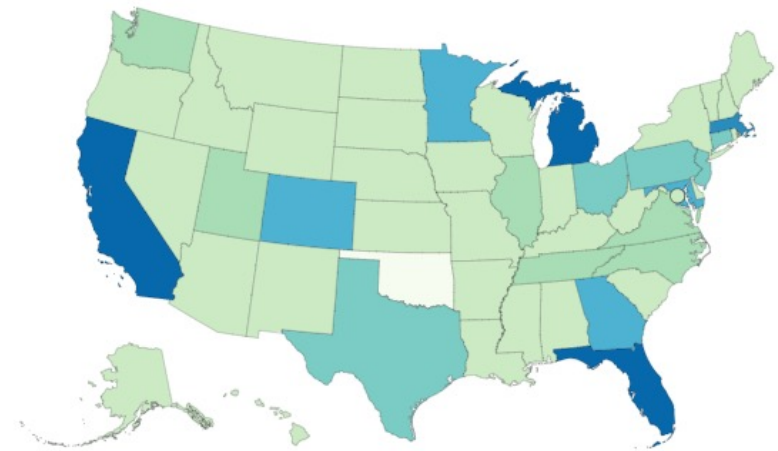
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Currently 3 main variants of interest:

South African variant: B.1.351

- 80 countries, 31 US states (312 detections), 7 detected in NY
- Increased transmissibility (approx. 1.5x), no impact on severity reported, decrease in neutralization capacity—potential risk of reinfection
- Reduction of neutralization in neutralizing activity of Moderna, Pfizer vaccines, but practical impact unknown; lower vaccine efficacy in Novavax and J&J vaccines compared to other regions; minimal efficacy of AstraZeneca vaccine

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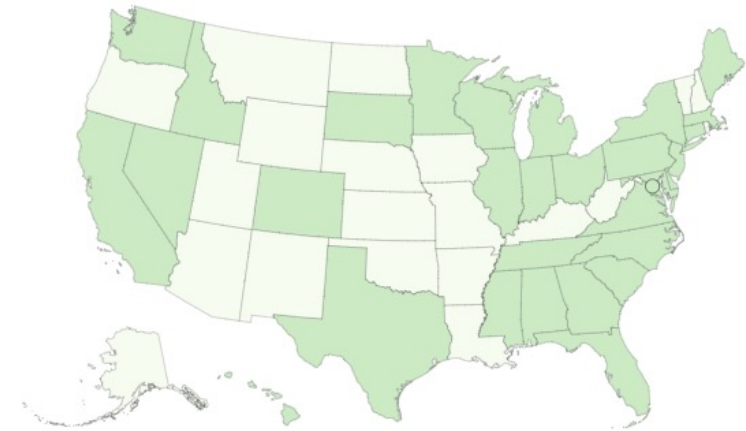
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Currently 3 main variants of interest:

Brazil variant: P.1

- 45 countries, 22 US states (172 detections), 12 detected in NY
- Suggested increase in transmissibility, no evidence on increased severity, reduction in neutralization capacity still being determined
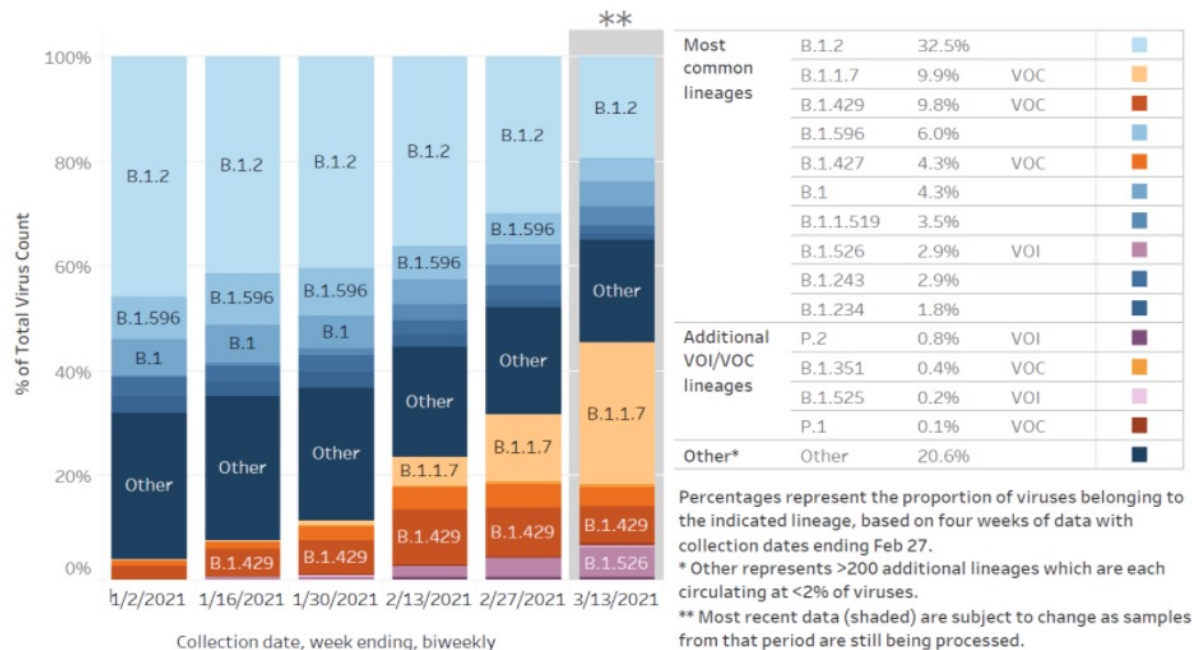- Impacts on vaccine protection still being evaluated

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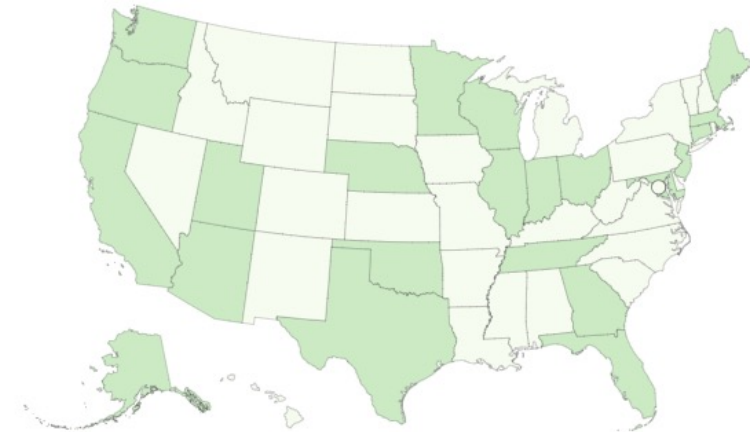
SARS–CoV–2 Variants Circulating in the United States

VOC: Variant of Concern

VOI: Variant of Interest

* B.1.526, the "NY variant"

% of Total Virus Count

100%

80%

60%

40%

20%

0%

B.1.2

B.1.596

B.1

Other

Other

B.1.429

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B.1.2

Other

B.1.1.7

B.1.429

B.1.526

Collection date, week ending, biweekly

1/2/2021 1/16/2021 1/30/2021 2/13/2021 2/27/2021 3/13/2021

Most common lineages	B.1.2	32.5%		
	B.1.1.7	9.9%	VOC	
	B.1.429	9.8%	VOC	
	B.1.596	6.0%		
	B.1.427	4.3%	VOC	
	B.1	4.3%		
	B.1.1.519	3.5%		
	B.1.526	2.9%	VOI	
	B.1.243	2.9%		
	B.1.234	1.8%		
Additional VOI/VOC lineages	P.2	0.8%	VOI	
	B.1.351	0.4%	VOC	
	B.1.525	0.2%	VOI	
	P.1	0.1%	VOC	
Other*	Other	20.6%		

Percentages represent the proportion of viruses belonging to the indicated lineage, based on four weeks of data with collection dates ending Feb 27.
* Other represents >200 additional lineages which are each circulating at <2% of viruses.
** Most recent data (shaded) are subject to change as samples from that period are still being processed.

State/Territory	B.1.1.7	B.1.351	B.1.427/B.1.429	P.1	All Other Lineages
New York	3.7%	0.2%	6.7%		89.5%

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

Variants in New York

*GISAID data ONLY, 3/25 pull

VARIANT	B.1.1.7	B.1.526-all	B.1.526-E484K	B.1.526-S477N	B.1.351	P.1	B.1.427	B.1.429	Total sequenced
TOTAL	1024	2839	1559	867	7	2	130	214	20443

"Can I get this special patient sequenced by NYSDOH?"

- In short, no. Would not lead to changes in patient management.
- Wadsworth is sequencing approximately 100 specimens per day, from a network of labs, to perform strain surveillance across the state.
- Many other labs are doing sequencing, but likely would not be reportable back to the clinician.

"Is sequencing important to determine reinfection or vaccine breakthrough?"

- Yes, and we're working on that.
- For reinfection, typically need samples from previous infection, which are often not available.
- For breakthrough, we are using databases of those testing positive, those who have been vaccinated, and case interviews to determine potential breakthrough cases. Comparing sequencing data to them, and will reach out to ordering providers to determine if samples available.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

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NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

- Effective March 30, 2021, New Yorkers age 30 years and older are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine, in addition to existing eligible groups

- Effective April 6, 2021, all New Yorkers age 16 years and older will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccine

- Full eligibility list at https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine#phase-1a---phase-1b

- New Yorkers may check their eligibility and register for COVID-19 vaccine appointments at am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/

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COVID-19 Vaccines by Age Groups

Age	Pfizer	Moderna	Janssen
Less than 16 years	NOT ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE
16 or 17 years	Eligible	NOT ELIGIBLE If inadvertently given, administer Moderna vaccine as second dose, 28 days later	NOT ELIGIBLE If inadvertently given, do NOT need to restart nor repeat series
18+ years	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible

CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Training Series

- The CDC is offering a new COVID-19 vaccine webinar series at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/training-education/webinars.html

- Each webinar is 15-20 minutes long and participants will be eligible for continuing education credits

- **"Preventing Vaccine Administration Errors: A Primer for Healthcare Workers"** addresses the top 6 administration errors, strategies to avoid these errors, and reporting administration errors and adverse events to VAERS

- **"Getting Shots in Arms: A Primer for Healthcare Workers on Storing and Transporting Vaccines"** addresses the cold chain, best practices, and COVID-19 vaccine specific considerations including vaccine arrival, storage units and transport considerations.

- Additional webinars to be posted in the coming weeks

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NEW CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Printable Resources

- COVID-19 Vaccine Quick Reference Guide for Healthcare Personnel
  - 2-page handout: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/covid19-vaccine-quick-reference-guide-2pages.pdf
  - Poster: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/covid19-vaccine-quick-reference-guide-poster.pdf
- Summary Document for Interim Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines
  - 2-page handout: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/summary-interim-clinical-considerations.pdf
  - Poster: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/summary-interim-clinical-considerations-poster.pdf
- COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Errors and Deviations
  - 2- page handout: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/covid19-vaccine-errors-deviations.pdf
  - Poster: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/covid19-vaccine-errors-deviations-poster.pdf

Important Topics for COVID-19 Vaccine Management

1. Requesting COVID-19 Vaccine

2. Allocations, shipments, and receipt of vaccine

3. NYSIIS Inventory and Reporting

4. Storage and Handling

5. Redistribution and Vaccine Transport

Requesting COVID-19 Vaccine in NYSIIS

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Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Requests

- NYS Vaccine Program allocates vaccine to <u>enrolled</u> providers <u>outside of NYC</u>

- Planning Requests are made via the Prebooking Module in New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS)

- A new Planning Request must be submitted **<u>each Monday by 5PM</u>** to be considered for a COVID-19 vaccine allocation

- You may request multiple vaccine products, depending on your administration and storage capacity

- You must cancel any prior requests that were not filled

Timing from Request to Administration

Monday

Enter Planning Request in NYSIIS by 5PM

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Tuesday - Thursday

Federal Government releases planning numbers; Allocation decisions made

→

Thurs PM – Saturday

Federal Government opens ordering system; NYS Ordering Team places orders

Sunday – Monday

Federal Government and Manufacturers process and ship orders

→

Monday - Wednesday

Shipments arrive at providers; ancillary kits may arrive before vaccine

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Thursday – Thursday

Vaccine is administered

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How much vaccine should you request?

- Only request **first doses** for Pfizer and Modera.
  - If you receive an allocation of Pfizer or Moderna, second doses will be automatically sent before the required second doses are due
- Your entire request amount (combination of all products) entered each week must not exceed the total amount you are able to store and administer to eligible populations within seven days of receipt
- Factor in holidays, office closures, staff resources, second dose administration. Remember: a request on Monday is for vaccine you may receive 10 days later.

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Allocations and Shipments

Planning Requests vs Allocation

- A Planning Request **does not guarantee** an allocation!
  - Many factors go into allocation decisions
  - If you do not enter a Planning Request by Monday at 5PM you won't be *considered* for an allocation
- You may receive an allocation lower than the requested amount
- Do not book appointments until you have been informed you are receiving an allocation.

Receiving an Allocation

- First dose allocations are typically made on Thursday-Saturday

- Second dose allocations are made on Tuesdays for receipt prior to 2nd dose due date

- NYS Vaccine Program will send an email notification of the allocation from covid19vaccine@health.ny.gov, containing the following:
    - Provider name and NYSIIS PIN
    - Product and quantity allocated (i.e., 100 doses Moderna or 1170 doses Pfizer)
    - Whether the allocation is for first dose or second dose
    - Basic instructions on what to do when shipment is received and reporting issues

    *email is sent to CEO, CMO, vaccine coordinator and backup coordinator

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Sample email notification

Dear COVID-19 Vaccination Provider:

In addition to information regarding your vaccine order below, we would like to call your attention to the guidance for phased administration of COVID-19 vaccine and provider guidance, which is regularly updated at this link.

The New York State Department of Health has allocated **100** doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for delivery to your facility, **PROVIDER NAME**. **Your NYSIIS Vaccine Program PIN is #####.**
This shipment is for administration of **first doses** to eligible individuals.

You should expect this shipment to arrive in the next few days. Please check your Manage Orders screen in NYSIIS for tracking information. Once the vaccine has shipped from McKesson it will show a status of Shipped on the Manage Orders screen. Tracking information can be found by clicking the "Shipped" status hyperlink.

In addition, an email confirmation with shipping information will be sent from CDCCustomerService@McKesson.com including the tracking number. To ensure you receive these critical emails regarding shipment of vaccine, please work with your IT staff to have this email address included in your organization's approved email list. This ensures that emails are not filtered to junk and reach the intended recipient.

NOTE: Once the vaccine has been stored, you must log in to NYSIIS and click on the "Accept Transfer" button to ensure the shipment is added to your inventory. Instructions for accepting the transfer are attached. This is required for proper inventory tracking.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document regarding COVID-19 vaccine program requirements was previously sent to your facility. Please ensure that you have reviewed, signed and returned the MOU to **COVID19VaccineMOU@health.ny.gov**. Send questions about the MOU to that same email address.

Product information, storage and handling and clinical considerations for the Moderna vaccine can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/index.html

Please make sure you have cleared appropriate storage space for your shipment. Upon receipt, open vaccine packages immediately, check the temperature monitor reading, inspect the vaccine, compare the vaccine received with the vaccine products that show on the packing list, and store at appropriate temperatures.

REPORTING ISSUES FOR VACCINE RECEIVED: Any issues or problems with orders must be reported the same day that your delivery arrives by emailing COVID19vaccine@health.ny.gov. Issues may include but are not limited to: the vaccine shipment appears damaged/flawed; temperature monitors are out of range; the order quantity or product type does not match what appears on the NYSIIS "Accept Transfer" page. Please note that reporting issues the **same day** is critical for corrective action by the CDC distributor.

Redistribution (transport) of vaccine inventory from your facility to a different facility for use by that other facility is not permitted without prior approval from the NYSDOH.

Shipping Notifications

- Shipping notification is sent from Pfizer or CDC's distributor, McKesson (Moderna and Janssen vaccines)
- Will contain the shipping tracking number
- Be sure to whitelist these emails to ensure they don't go to Junk folder:
  - Pfizer.logistics@controlant.com: Pfizer vaccine shipment and tracking info
  - donotreply@pfizer.com: Pfizer ancillary kit shipment
  - onsitemonitoring@controlant.com: Temperature notifications and alerts for Pfizer shipping container
  - CDCCustomerService@McKesson.com: Moderna and Janssen vaccine shipment and tracking info
  - SNSSupport@McKesson.com: Ancillary kit info

How to find tracking info in NYSIIS

- Go to Manage Orders from left menu bar
  - Check the status hyperlink

Manage Orders			
			Create Order

Order List Show: ◯ Current ◯ Historical ◯ Both

Current Orders

User	Submit Date	Status	Order #
▇▇▇▇▇▇	03/30/2021	SENT TO CDC	2
	03/12/2021	SHIPPED	1

Sent to CDC = order has been submitted to CDC to process

Shipped = shipping details have been loaded from CDC to NYSIIS. Detailed can be found by clicking the hyperlink

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How to find tracking info in NYSIIS

- After clicking the blue hyperlink, you see order details including vaccine type and quantity. Click status hyperlink again

		Historical Notes							
		Created By	**Create Date**		**Note**				
Vaccines Ordered									
Item #	Qty Ordered	Vaccine Group	Trade Name	NDC	Doses on Hand	Doses Admin	Qty Apprvd	Qty Shipped	Status
1	3510	COVID-19, mRNA,LNP-S,PF, 0.3mL	Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine	59267-1000-02	0	-	3510	3510	SHIPPED

- Then you see more details, including lot number. Click Ship Info hyperlink

Transfer Vaccine Item						
Qty	**Vac Group**	**Trade Name**	**Lot Number**	**Exp Date**	**NDC Description**	**Ship Info**
3510	COVID-19	Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine	ER8727	07/31/2021	Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine, 1170 dose	UPS PREMIER GOLD SER

How to find tracking info in NYSIIS

You will see a shipping info open in another browser tab.

Shipment Information	
Shipment Tracking Number	1ZR29Y95A200129301
Shipment Carrier	UPS PREMIER GOLD SER
Delivery Number	0844720968
Delivery Line Number	000010
Date Shipped	20210315
NYSIIS Order Number	404279
NYSIIS Order Line Item Number	863919
NYSIIS Order Created Date	20210312
VTrckS Order Number	0508857577
VTrckS Order Line Number	000010
VTrckS Order Created Date	20210312
NDC	59267-1000-02
Quantity Requested	3510.000
Lot Number	ER8727
Lot Expiration Date	20210731
Quantity Shipped	3510.000
Unit of Measure	DO
Order Line Fulfilled	Y
Order Line Split Indicator	N
Expedited Shipment	N
Manufacturer	PFIZER

Enter tracking number into carrier's tracking search online to determine est. delivery date

Receiving the shipment

- Make sure you have cleared appropriate storage space for the shipment

- Upon receipt, open the vaccine package immediately and
  - check the temperature reading on transport DDL
  - inspect the vaccine (broken vials, etc.)
  - compare the vaccine received and quantity with the packing list

- Any issues must be reported the same day of delivery by emailing covid19vaccine@health.ny.gov

- Place the vaccine in appropriate storage

Important: Do not attempt to cancel order or refuse shipment

- If you find you will not be able to use the allocation, in part or fully within seven days, it is important you still accept delivery

- Vaccine orders are packed very soon after being placed; cancellations are NOT possible

- Accept the delivery and place vaccine in appropriate storage

- Email the COVIDvaccineNotUsed@health.ny.gov to get help finding an alternate provider to redistribute the vaccine to

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Accept Inventory in NYSIIS

- Immediately after storing vaccine, log into NYSIIS to accept the order into inventory

    - Instructions are attached with all email notifications from the Vaccine Program

- Moderna and Janssen vaccine contain a "placeholder" expiration date. Lookup the expiration date(s) for the lot number(s) received and update in NYSIIS Inventory

    – Moderna: https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/vial-lookup

    – Janssen: https://vaxcheck.jnj/

COVID-19 Updates

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Agenda

COVID-19 updates

- NYS updates on vaccine roll-out

- Vaccine Efficacy in HCW and stopping transmission

- IDSA/AST COVID vaccine in transplantation

- Peds vaccine updates

- COVID vaccine resources

- Questions

NYS Vaccine Update

- ~ 9 million doses administered total; 6 million first doses and 3 million second doses

- On 3/30 opened to individuals aged 30 years+

- On 4/6, vaccination will open to general population/all individuals aged 16 and over

- On May 1, ALL residency restrictions will be lifted. NYS will be able to vaccinate anyone eligible, from anywhere

- CDC updates on underlying conditions link on 3/29

New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker: Vaccination Progress to Date   Vaccine Data as of

People with at least one Vaccine Dose	% of Population with at least one Vaccine Dose	People with completed Vaccine Series	% of Population with cor Vaccine Series
6,068,998	30.4%	3,566,509	17.9%

HEROES-RECOVER

- 8 centers, Dec 2020-March 2021
- 3,950 health care personnel, first responders, and other essential and frontline workers completed weekly SARS-CoV-2 testing for 13 consecutive weeks
- 2,479 (62.8%) received both recommended mRNA doses and 477 (12.1%) received only one dose of mRNA vaccine by the time
- mRNA vaccine effectiveness of full immunization (≥14 days after second dose) was 90% against SARS-CoV-2 infections regardless of symptom status
- Vaccine effectiveness of partial immunization (≥14 days after first dose but before second dose) was 80%
- Mirrors data from TX/CA, with link and link
- Link: MMWR

Decreased viral load post vaccination

- Evaluated reduced viral loads in vaccine breakthrough infections which decreases transmission

- Analyzing positive SARS-CoV-2 test results following inoculation with the BNT162b2 mRNA vaccine it was noted the viral load is reduced 4-fold for infections occurring 12-28 days after the first dose of vaccine

- 95% efficient in preventing disease after 7 days from the second dose, and provides some early protection starting 12 days after the first dose

- https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.02.06.21251283v1 or https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-021-01316-7

- Link to Israel study

Comments (9)

Decreased SARS-CoV-2 viral load following vaccination

Matan Levine-Tiefenbrun, Idan Yelin, Rachel Katz, Esma Herzel, Ziv Golan, Licita Schreiber, Tamar Wolf, Varda Nadler, Amir Ben-Tov, Jacob Kuint, Sivan Gazit, Tal Patalon, Gabriel Chodick, Roy Kishony

doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.02.06.21251283

This article is a preprint and has not been peer-reviewed [what does this mean?]. It reports new medical research that has yet to be evaluated and so should *not* be used to guide clinical practice.

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Updates on vaccine and immunosuppression

AST | AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPLANTATION

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ Sheet
(updated 3/18/2021)

- IDSA and ASTO presented this topic

- Much data is from extrapolated from healthy people studies, concern for immune response, adverse reactions like rejection

- Things to consider include timing of the immunization in relation to transplant

- Prospective cohort study ongoing

- Reactogenicity in N=742, no COVID, 1 acute rejection,

no neuro complications, 3% infection after one dose

- No signals concerning for rejection/neuro issues with

Poor anti-spike antibody response after dose 1 so far

- AST COVID resources [link](#)

Questions that need to be answered for COVID vaccine

Vaccine Evaluation in SOT

Efficacy | Effectiveness | Immunogenicity | Safety

- Vaccine Dosing
- Timing post-transplant
- Type of Transplanted Organ
- Immunosuppression (induction and maintenance, rejection)
- Other immunologic factors (IgG levels, lymphocyte counts etc)

Humoral | Local/Systemic Effects

Cell-mediated | DSA/Rejection

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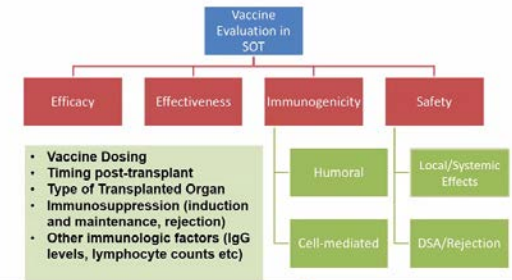
Pfizer vaccine (BNT162b2) efficacy in 12-15 yrs. old's

- Phase 3 completed with 100% efficacy against symptomatic COVID

- The trial included 2,260 trial participants

- 18 people who were in the placebo group developed COVID-19, while none of the people in the vaccinated group did

- Strong antibody responses seen (better than in 16 to 25 yr. old)

- Plan to request an FDA and European Medicines Agency (EMA) EUA amendment

- They also began their Phase 1/2/3 trial of children age 6 months to 11 years last week in a staggered trial

- Moderna has a 3,000-person trial in 12 to17 year-olds that was started in December and has a trial in the 6mo-12yrs group

- Johnson & Johnson will start testing in adolescents

- AstraZeneca is testing its vaccine in children 6 months and older

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COVID Vaccine Resources

- Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) updated guidance on administering vaccines including COVID link

- Quick FAQ document on the 3 vaccines link

- The reference guide is available as both a factsheet (8.5" x 11" format) as well as a poster (11" x 17" format).

CDC's U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information gateway page.

- One-page clinical considerations poster link

VaxText

VaxText^{SM} COVID-19 Vaccination Second-Dose Reminder

VaxText is a free text messaging platform that providers can offer to their patients. Patients can opt in to conveniently receive text message reminders to get their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. VaxText offers the added benefit of reminding patients to sign up for v-safe, a tool that allows people to report adverse outcomes following vaccination.

- **Free and at no cost to the provider or patient**
- Offer to vaccine recipients if you do not already have a text or email reminder system in place
- By texting ENROLL to 1-833-VaxText (829-8398), vaccine recipients can opt in to receive a weekly text reminder for their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine or a reminder for when they are overdue for their second dose, in English or Spanish.
- Link for VaxText

CDC: Vaccinate with Confidence

Confidence Consults –

- Technical assistance for state and/or local jurisdictions
- Request a 60-minute consult with a vaccine confidence subject matter expert
- Send an email to confidenceconsults@cdc.gov

COVID Vaccine Administration Training

COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules

COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Providers

Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson): What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know (New March 12, 2021)

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine: What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know (Updated March 12. 2021)

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine: What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know (Updated March 12, 2021)

- CDC is offering a series of brief (15-20 minute) webinars addressing topics around COVID-19 vaccination at this link

- routine clinical and vaccine safety information to guidance for on-site clinic vaccination activities and having conversations with vaccine recipients

Recent topics

- Preventing Vaccine Administration Errors: A Primer for Healthcare Workers

- Getting Shots in Arms: A Primer for Healthcare Workers on Storing and Transporting Vaccines

CDC vaccine education portfolio https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/covid19/

- Vaccine pre-screening sheet link

- Become a vaccinator link

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New York State's Volunteer Program

#igotmycovid19vaccine

Share your excitement about COVID-19 vaccination and inspire your friends! When you have received your COVID-19 vaccine, add IAC's new "I Got My COVID-19 Vaccine" Facebook photo frame to liven up your profile picture!

- You can obtain the frame in two ways:

- Click your profile picture, select "update picture," and then select "add a frame." Search for #igotmycovid19vaccine and select it.

- Accept the frame by clicking this link:
  www.facebook.com/profilepicframes/?selected_overlay_id=2361854253958052

COVID vaccine Resources

- https://alb.518c19.com/

Capital Region Vaccine Equity Collaborative

Covid-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration

https://vaccinefinder.org/

VaccineFinder   Home   Find Vaccines

We found 33 Providers   ≡ EDIT SEARCH

Showing results for **Moderna COVID Vaccine, Pfizer-BioNTech COVID Vaccine** and **Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID Vaccine** near **12209** within **10 miles**

Vaccine availability is subject to change. Appointments are required at most locations. Click a location with vaccine "in stock" to take the next step.

1. Walgreens Co. #9971   0.68 miles   →
   41 Holland Ave · Albany, NY 12202   Out Of Stock

2. FEMA Washington Avenue Armory   1.47 miles   →
   195 Washington Ave · Albany, NY 12210   In Stock

NEW YORK STATE COVID-19 VACCINATION HOTLINE
1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

The COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline is open 7AM - 10PM, 7 days week, to help New Yorkers determine if they are eligible and schedule vaccination appointments.

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CDC Resources for Pregnant People

If you are pregnant and have questions about COVID-19 vaccine

- If you would like to speak to someone about COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy, please contact MotherToBaby. MotherToBaby experts are available to answer questions in English or Spanish by phone or chat

- The free and confidential service is available Monday–Friday 8am–5pm (local time)

To reach MotherToBaby:

- Call 1-866-626-6847

- *ContactUs@mothertobaby.org*

LactMed® database

- Online data base that contains information on drugs and other chemicals to which breastfeeding mothers may be exposed

- Levels of such substances in breast milk and infant blood, and the possible adverse effects in the nursing infant

- Suggested therapeutic alternatives to those drugs are provided, where appropriate

- All data are derived from the scientific literature and fully referenced

- A peer review panel reviews the data to assure scientific validity and currency

- LactMed link

Other Updates

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Excelsior Pass

Excelsior Pass

Excelsior Pass provides a voluntary, free, secure, digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results. It is set in place to accelerate the return to pre-pandemic activities.

There are currently three types of Passes:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Pass (valid for 30 days after the Pass is retrieved, at which time a new Pass may be retrieved)
- COVID-19 PCR Test Pass (valid until midnight on the third day after a test)
- COVID-19 Antigen Test Pass (valid for 6 hours from the time of a test)

https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass-frequently-asked-questions
Download from Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Alternatively, you may retrieve your Pass from the Excelsior Pass website at https://epass.ny.gov

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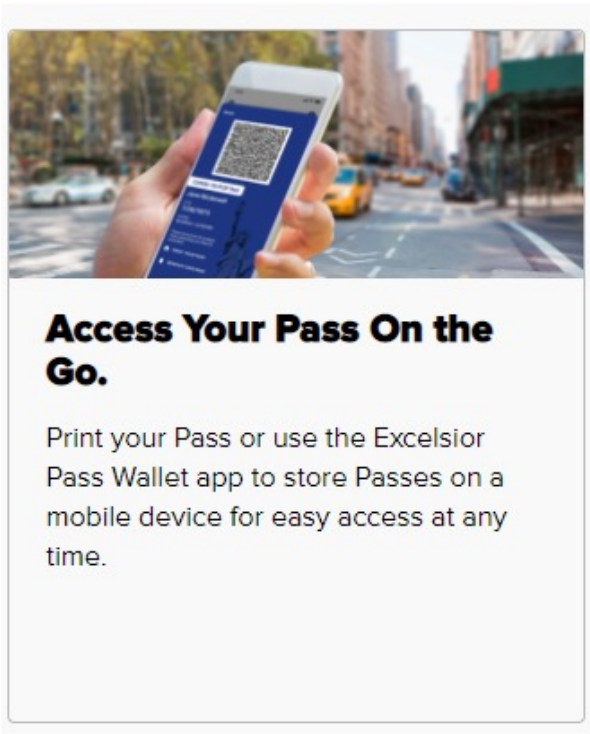
Excelsior Pass cont.

How do I present my Pass?

You can present your Pass on your smartphone via a screenshot or the Excelsior Pass Wallet application. You can print a paper Pass from the Excelsior Pass website and present the printed version.

Can I use one Pass in multiple places?

Yes. Your Pass can be used for as long as it remains active, at as many places as you would like. Once a Pass expires, however, it will no longer be accepted at participating businesses or venues.

After a Pass expires, you will need to follow the requirements for retrieving a new Pass, which may include additional testing.

Access Your Pass On the Go.

Print your Pass or use the Excelsior Pass Wallet app to store Passes on a mobile device for easy access at any time.

FAQ: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass-frequently-asked-questions

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FDA COVID-19 Vaccine Update

FDA COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- Learn more about EUAs for COVID-19 vaccines from the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER).

- Who approves COVID-19 vaccines?
- Why should I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/learn-more-about-covid-19-vaccines-fda

https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-newsroom/press-announcements

Guidance Updates

Guidance Update

Health Advisory for Adult Care Facility Visitation - Effective March 25, 2021:

Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status).

Residents in isolation or observation, and residents with suspected or confirmed COVID19 status, irrespective of vaccination status, should not have visitors outside of compassionate care or end-of-life situations.

As of April 1, 2021, out-of-town visitors traveling from other U.S. states or territories are no longer required to test or quarantine upon arrival in New York State. These travelers are still encouraged to test before entering adult care facilities for visits.

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/updated_adult_care_facility_visitation.pdf

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Guidance Update cont.

Health Advisory: Reopening Guidance for Medical Model Adult Day Health care (ADHC) program - Effective March 25, 2021:

Phase #1: Approved **Off-site** ADHC programs located in all areas across the state can open beginning **April 1, 2021**. a. Off-site ADHC programs can submit the required reopening plan described below to the Department for review starting March 17, 2021.

Phase #2: Approved ADHC programs co-located on the grounds or immediately adjacent to the sponsoring nursing home where there are no active COVID-19 cases associated with the co-located nursing home, and the nursing home meets the eligibility criteria for visitation open beginning **April 15, 2021.** Co-located ADHC programs can submit the required reopening plan described below to the Department for review starting March 15, 2021.

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/adult_day_programs_reopening_guidance.pdf

Guidance Update cont.

Health Advisory for Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation - Effective March 25, 2021:

Outdoor Visitation
While taking a person-centered approach and adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, outdoor visitation is preferred even when the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated* against COVID-19.

Indoor Visitation
Facilities should allow indoor visitation at all times and for all residents (regardless of vaccination status), except for a few circumstances when visitation should be limited due to a high risk of COVID-19 transmission* (exception-compassionate care visits should be permitted at all times).

* For more information please visit:
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/updated_nursing_home _visitation_guidance.pdf

Guidance Update cont.

Interim Health Advisory: COVID-19 Updated Guidance for Hospital Visitation-Effective March 25, 2021:

Beginning April 1, 2021, hospitals may allow each patient to **have up to TWO visitors** at a time for up to four hours per day, unless otherwise disallowed by the hospital according to the patient's status, condition, circumstances, or hospital policy.

Special allowances for labor and delivery, pediatrics, patients with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), end of life situations, and procedures.*

* For more information please visit:
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/hospital-visitation-3-25-2021.pdf

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Guidance Update cont.

Interim health Advisory: Ensuring Access to Health Care Services During COVID-19 - Effective March 22, 2021:

In-person healthcare services should not be postponed.

Starting April 1, 2021, individuals may bring a companion with them to healthcare appointments. Companions must also wear appropriate face coverings, practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, and comply with temperature checking and symptom screening.

It includes best practices to contact patients.

* For more information please visit:
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/doh_covid19_accessroutinehealthcare_032221.pdf

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Guidance Update cont.

- Guidance for Health Care Providers (HCP) with systemic signs of symptoms after COVID-19 Vaccination

- Guidance for workers who have signs or symptoms after COVID-19 Vaccination

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/information-healthcare-providers
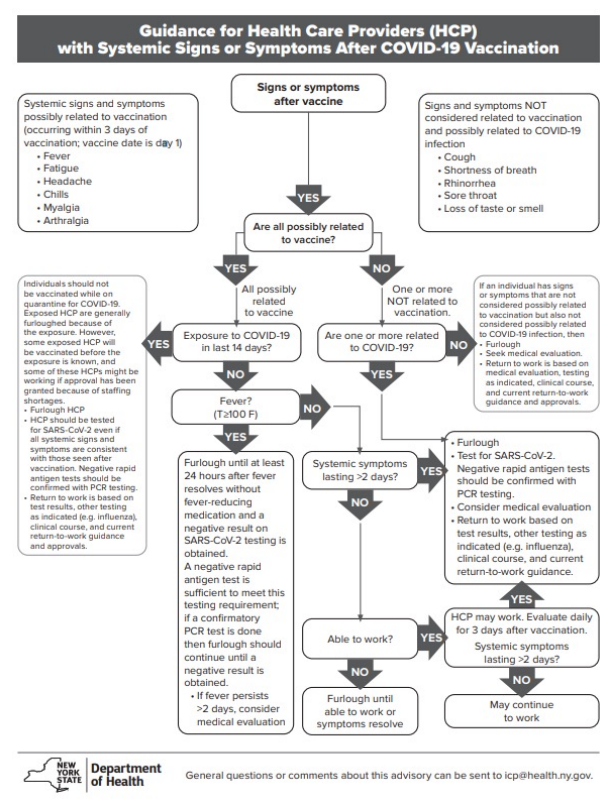
Monoclonal AB Update

Monoclonal Antibody update

- Monoclonal antibody treatments for Covid19 are no longer being distributed through a state allocation system.

- Therapies are now available through direct ordering only. **All treatment sites meeting EUA requirements must now order Covid-19 monoclonal antibody therapies directly from AmerisourceBergen Corporation (ABC), the drugs' sole distributor.** The products remain free of charge to requesting sites.

- HHS will continue to monitor all direct orders and retains the capacity to resume allocation of these and future therapies if needed. Treatment sites should review the direct ordering process guide and place orders directly with ABC at this site

Link to: Direct Order Process

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Monoclonal Antibody Update

- Treatment sites wishing to place direct orders will be required to provide ABC with a board of pharmacy license or physician letter of authorization, attest to their designated class of trade, and ensure that product administration will be conducted according to the drugs' EUAs.

- Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the direct order process for COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies, you may contact HHS/ASPR at COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov or ABC at C19therapies@amerisourcebergen.com.

Link to: Direct Order Process

COVID-19 Resources

COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Compilation

What is the Provider Compilation Document?

- Contains links to the most recently available COVID-19 guidance for

  healthcare providers

- Includes links and guidance for:

  - Vaccinations, testing, quarantine, infection control and other relevant

    information for outpatient healthcare providers

- Updated weekly or as new guidance is released

COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Compilation

- Link on NYSDOH web page: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/information-healthcare-providers

Information for Healthcare Providers

COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS

Providing up-to-date information about the COVID-19 outbreak for NYS healthcare providers, including:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers
- Weekly health care provider updates
- COVID-19 webinars, health advisories, printable materials and guidance
- COVID-19 Testing Information
- Joining the NYS health care provider reserve workforce
- Creating a Health Commerce Account

WEEKLY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER UPDATE COMPILATION

For questions, contact covidproviderinfo@health.ny.gov

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NYSDOH COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Compilation
As of February 4, 2021, 9:00 AM
The information in this compilation is current only as of the above date and time.

Purpose: The purpose of this publication is to provide healthcare providers in New York State with a consolidated reference document of guidance released by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. This document displays hyperlinks to the current guidance documents. Additional COVID-19 resources may be found on the NYSDOH Information for Healthcare Providers webpage. Recordings of COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Updates are also available on the NYSDOH webpage.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers

Link to Guidance
NYSDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage
• How to Order COVID-19 Vaccine • Documents and Guidance on Administering the COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Prioritization • Provider Training
Determine Eligibility for a Vaccine and Find a Local Vaccination Site to Make an Appointment

Testing and Specimen Collection

Link to Guidance
NYSDOH COVID-19 Testing Webpage
• Antigen Testing • Antibody Testing • Molecular Testing • Protocols for Drive-Through Testing
DOH Wadsworth Center Coronavirus Testing Guidance Webpage
• Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport • Guidance on Pooling • Test Results Reporting • Infectious Disease Requisition

Quarantine, Travel and Exposure

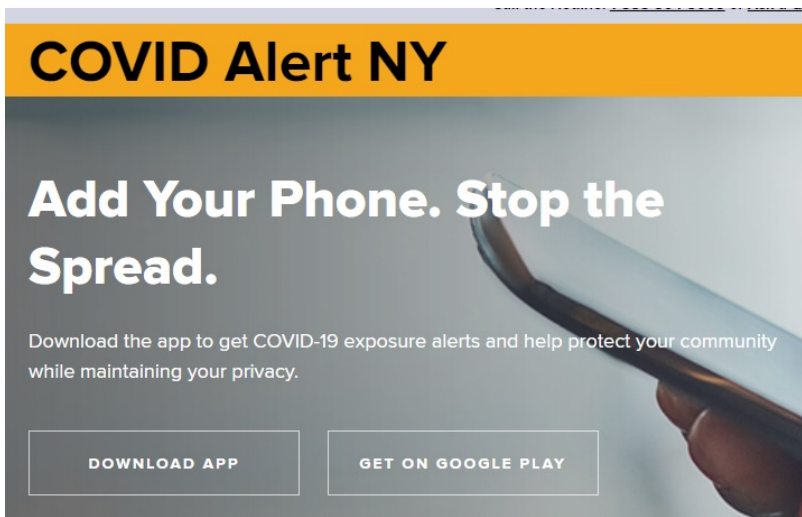| Link to Guidance	Date
COVID-19 Travel Advisory Webpage	
Guidance on Use Of COVID-19 Sick Leave	01/20/21
UPDATE to Health Advisory: Revised Protocols for Personnel in Healthcare and Other Direct Care Settings to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure	01/07/21
Quarantine for persons exposed to COVID-19	12/26/20
Interim Guidance for Individuals Traveling To New York State for Medical Treatment	11/09/20
NYSDOH and NYSDOL Guidance on Use of COVID-19 Sick Leave for Health Care Employers	06/25/20
Symptom-Based Strategy to Discontinue Home Isolation for Persons with COVID-19	05/30/20
Contact Tracing Tool for People Being Tested for COVID-19	05/14/20
Discontinuation of Isolation for Patients with COVID-19 who are Hospitalized, in Nursing Homes, or in	04/10/20

NY State DOH COVID-19 Hotline

Call the Hotline: **1-888-364-3065** or **Ask a Question**

New Yorkers Can Now Report Vaccine-Related Fraud by Calling **833-VAX-SCAM (833-829-7226)** or Emailing STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov

COVID Alert NY

Add Your Phone. Stop the Spread.

Download the app to get COVID-19 exposure alerts and help protect your community while maintaining your privacy.

DOWNLOAD APP   GET ON GOOGLE PLAY

GET COVID-19 EXPOSURE ALERTS
Add Your Phone. Stop the Spread.

- COVID Alert NY is a voluntary, anonymous, exposure-notification smartphone app.

- You will get an alert if you were in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

- Knowing about a potential exposure allows you to self-quarantine immediately, get tested and reduce the potential exposure risk to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others.

- The more people who download COVID Alert NY, the more effective it will be.

- Help protect your community while maintaining your privacy.

- The free mobile apps–available to anyone 18 or older who lives, works, or attends college in New York or New Jersey–are available for download from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. COVID Alert NY is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, Korean, Russian and Haitian Creole.

- Download the free app to your smartphone to receive an alert if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
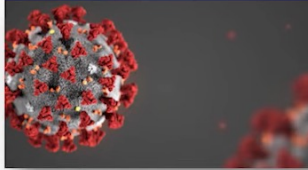
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Healthcare Provider/Physician Wellness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9PRLV-_XQE

Mental Health Resources

- ## **NYS Mental Health Helpline 1-844-863-9314**

- The helpline is staffed by specially trained volunteers, including mental health professionals, who have received training in crisis counseling related to mental health consequences of infectious disease outbreaks, typical stress reactions, anxiety management, coping skills, and telephonic counseling

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Healthcare Provider/Physician Wellness

- The state is partnering with the Kate Spade New York Foundation and Crisis Text Line to provide a 24/7 emotional support service for frontline healthcare workers

- Text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access these emotional support services

- New York State-regulated health insurers will be required to waive cost-sharing, including deductibles, copayments and coinsurance, for in-network mental health services for frontline essential workers during COVID-19

Mental Health Resources

Office of Mental Health   About OMH   Consumers & Families   Behavioral Health Providers   Employment

COVID-19 Resources

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many New Yorkers feeling anxious and stressed.

Learn more about:

- The COVID-19 Vaccine
- Managing anxiety in difficult times
- Coronavirus-related guidance for healthcare providers
- How you can help

VACCINATION INFORMATION

New York State COVID-19 Vaccine webpage
Learn more about the State's distribution plan and if you're eligible for the vaccine.

OMH COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet 📄
Get answers to common questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine.

PUBLIC RESOURCES

NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline: 1-844-863-9314 *
New York has a free, confidential helpline as part of the FEMA response to COVID-19. Call 1-844-863-9314 or visit nyprojecthope.org.

Tips for Mental Wellness 📄 (Español 📄 | বাংলা 📄 | 中文 📄 | РУССКИЙ 📄 | Kreyòl Ayisyen 📄 | 한국어를 📄)
How to manage COVID related stress and anxiety

Mental Health in the Next Phase of Coronavirus 📄 (Español 📄 | বাংলা 📄 | 中文 📄 | РУССКИЙ 📄 | Kreyòl Ayisyen 📄 | יידיש 📄)
A guide of coping tips and resources to help with the ongoing mental health impact of the pandemic.

Mental Health Resources During an Emergency
People often experience anxiety, fear, and helplessness during an emergency. Know the signs and get help.

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/covid-19-resources.html

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Peer to Peer Program

The Medical Society of the State of New York

Are you struggling with everyday life stressors?
MSSNY's P2P Supporters are here to help

Any physician, resident or medical student who wishes to relate to a peer supporter may contact the Medical Society of the State of New York in the following ways:

➢ Email**: P2P@mssny.org**

➢ Phone **1-844-P2P-PEER** (1-844-727-7337)

Support, Empathy & Perspective

The Pfizer Foundation

MLMIC
MLMIC Insurance Company
a Berkshire Hathaway company

CDC COVID-19 Website

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

Additional COVID-19 Resources

NYS resources

- https://forward.ny.gov/early-warning-monitoring-dashboard

- Testing/tracing

- New infections/severity by hospitalization

- Hospital capacity

COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard

Region	Testing/Tracing Targets		New Infections		Severity of Infection	Hospital Capacity	
	Maintain 30 per 1,000 Diagnostic Tests	Maintain Required Case and Contact Tracing Capacity	% Positive Tests per Day (7-Day Rolling Avg)	New Cases per 100K (7-Day Rolling Avg)	Gross New Hospitalizations per 100k (7-Day Rolling Avg)	Percent of Hospital Beds Available (7-Day Rolling Avg)	Percent Avail Rol
STATEWIDE	227,110 / 19,542	9,628	5.6%	65.52	4.98	32%	
Capital Region	10,574 / 1,085	278	6.2%	60.02	3.77	24%	
Central New York	8,026 / 775	458	4.3%	44.64	3.76	29%	
Finger Lakes	10,749 / 1,203	468	4.9%	43.36	5.63	33%	
Long Island	35,706 / 2,839	1,308	6.8%	85.84	6.00	29%	
Mid-Hudson	25,521 / 2,322	1,456	6.7%	73.63	5.08	40%	

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Helpful Links

- [HERO Together: COVID vaccine effects study](#)
- [New York State](#) vaccine tracker
- [NY Times](#) vaccine tracker

Highlighted CDC resources

- **Update to COVID-19 clinical considerations**: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html
- **Nursing Home COVID-19 Data Dashboard:** CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) is supporting the nation's COVID-19 response by providing a Long-term Care Facilities (LTCFs) COVID-19 Module, NHSN Nursing Home COVID-19 Data Dashboard
- **Estimated Disease Burden of COVID-19:** estimates of COVID-19 infections, symptomatic illnesses, and hospitalizations using a statistical model to adjust for cases that national surveillance networks are unable to capture for a number of reasons.
- These estimates and methodology used to calculate them are published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* and available online. To learn more, please visit: Estimated COVID-19 Burden

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CDC Upcoming Pending Topics

- **2/08/2021:** Tools for Essential Workers

- **2/22/2021:** Finding the Silver Lining: Advancing Smoke-Free Protections During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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NYS Medicaid Telehealth Updates and Guidance

NYSDOH COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers website

- **Webinar:** New York State Medicaid Guidance Regarding Telehealth, Including Telephonic, Services During the COVID-19 Emergency - **5.5.2020**
    - Slides (PDF)
    - Recording *Coming Soon*

- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** on Medicaid Telehealth Guidance during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) State of Emergency - (Web) - (PDF) - *Updated 5.1.2020*

Telehealth Guidance

- **American College of Physicians Telehealth Resource:**

www.acponline.org/practice-resources/business-resources/health-information-technology/telehealth

- **CDC Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Setting Guidance:**

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ambulatory-care-settings.html

- **Medicaid:**

www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/

NYSDOH COVID-19 Website

LAST UPDATED: JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 2:30 PM

What You Need to Know

- Visit ny.gov/vaccine to get the facts on the COVID-19 Vaccine in New York.

- The COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act places a moratorium on residential evictions until May 1, 2021 for tenants who have endured COVID-related hardship.

- A new Micro-Cluster Strategy is addressing COVID-19 hot spots that have cropped up across the state.

  - Look up an address to see if falls into a Red, Orange, or Yellow Zone

  - See the restrictions that correspond to each color-coded level of cluster zone

- Indoor and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to no more than 10 people.

- Read New York's COVID-19 Winter Plan to mitigate the spread of the virus and bolster New York's hospital's preparedness.

- New travel guidelines are in effect that allow out-of-state travelers to "test out" of the mandatory 10-day quarantine.

- To report violations of health and safety restrictions and requirements for businesses, gatherings and individuals, please choose the appropriate link below:

  - File a complaint about a business, location or incident in your community.

  - File a complaint against your employer or place of work.

- Health care workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access 24/7 emotional support services. Any New Yorker can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling.

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

NYSDOH COVID-19 Website

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF ALL NEW YORKERS

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Movie Theaters	Ski Facilities	Pregnancy Guidelines	Donate Blood
Employees & Employers	Insurance	Cyber Security	Price Gouging

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

NYSDOH COVID-19 Testing Website

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing

Mirror Clings

To order mirror clings for public use email the NYSDOH:
bmcc@health.ny.gov

QUESTIONS ?

TO NYS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
THANK YOU!

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