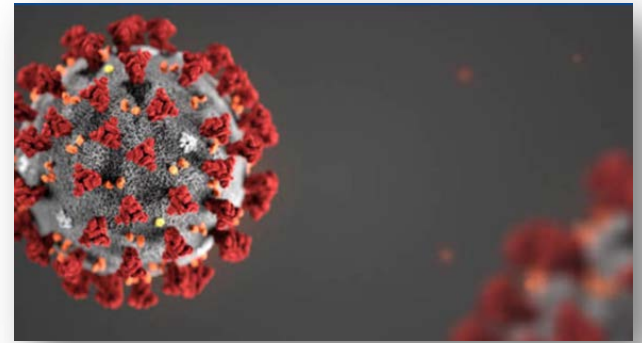




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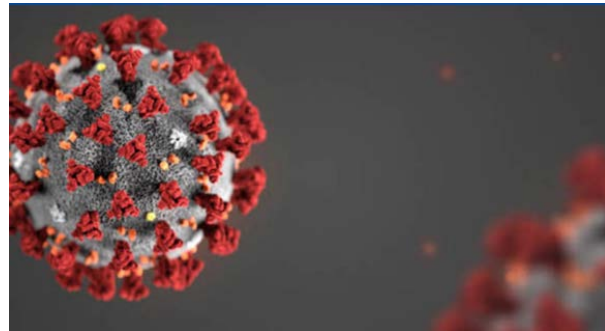
An Update for NYS Healthcare Providers on COVID-19

July 30, 2020

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Agenda

- Global, National, New York State Updates
- Testing Updates
- Travel Advisory
- Community Mitigation and Reopening
- Vaccines (COVID vaccine and ACIP/School updates)
- Travel Advisory in Healthcare
- Telehealth
- Preparation for Fall
- Healthcare Provider Wellness
- Resources
- Pre-planned Q & A: Chat box not feasible with level of attendance



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- **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

Disclaimer

- The situation is rapidly evolving, as is our understanding of this new virus.
- All of the information presented is based on our best knowledge as of today.

Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global, 7/29/2020

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

Region	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
Global	16,558,289	656,093
Western Pacific	295,613	8,262
Europe	3,283,277	211,616
South-East Asia	1,892,056	42,233
Eastern Mediterranean	1,507,734	38,815
Africa	738,344	12,519
Americas	8,840,524	342,635

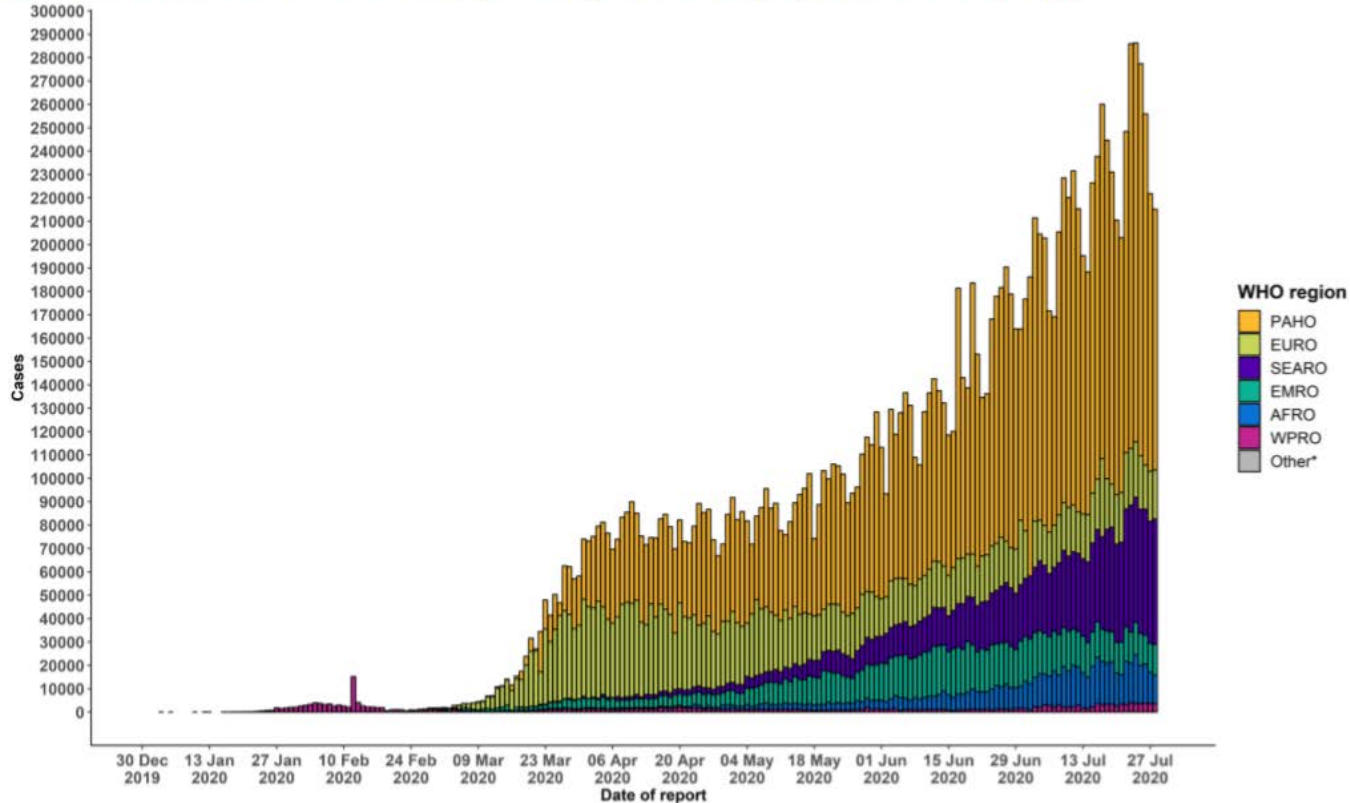


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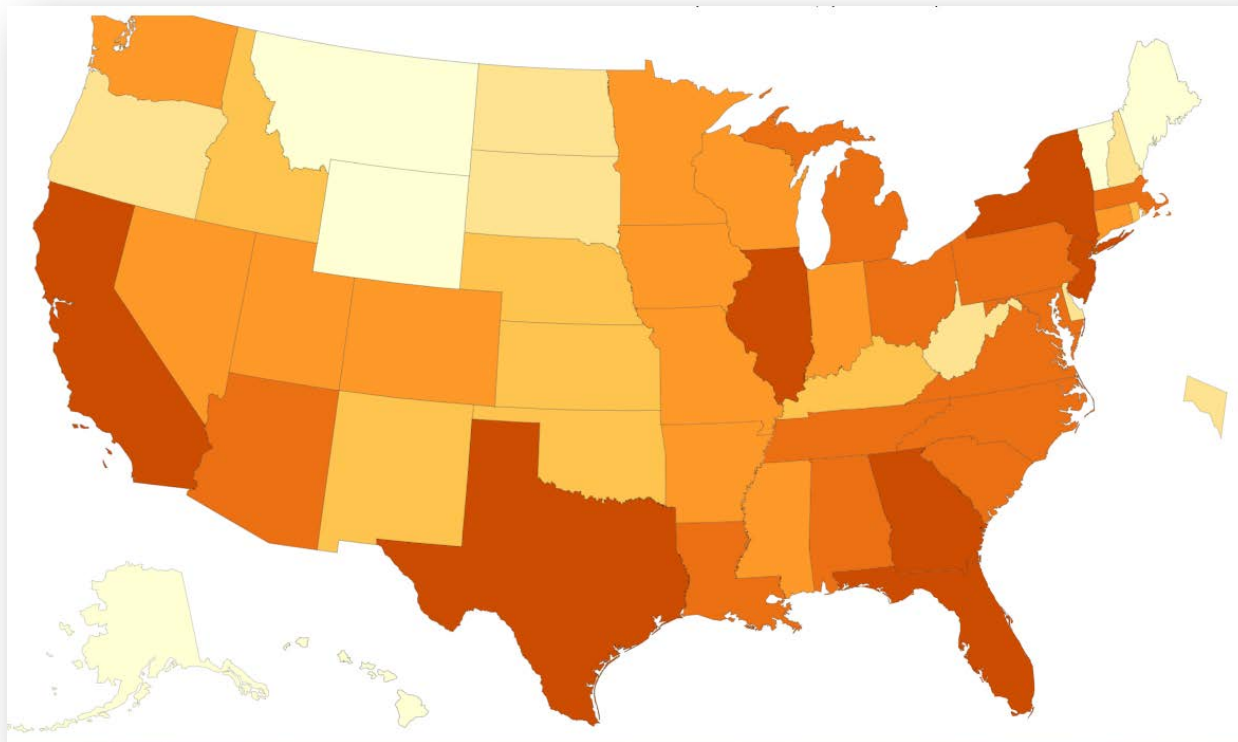
Figure 2. Number of confirmed* COVID-19 cases, by date of report and WHO region, 30 December through 29 July**



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CDC COVID Data Tracker (July 29, 2020)

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



USA

4,339,997

TOTAL CASES

CDC | Updated: Jul 29 2020 12:15PM

USA

148,866

TOTAL DEATHS

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USA

1,324

**Cases per 100,000
People**

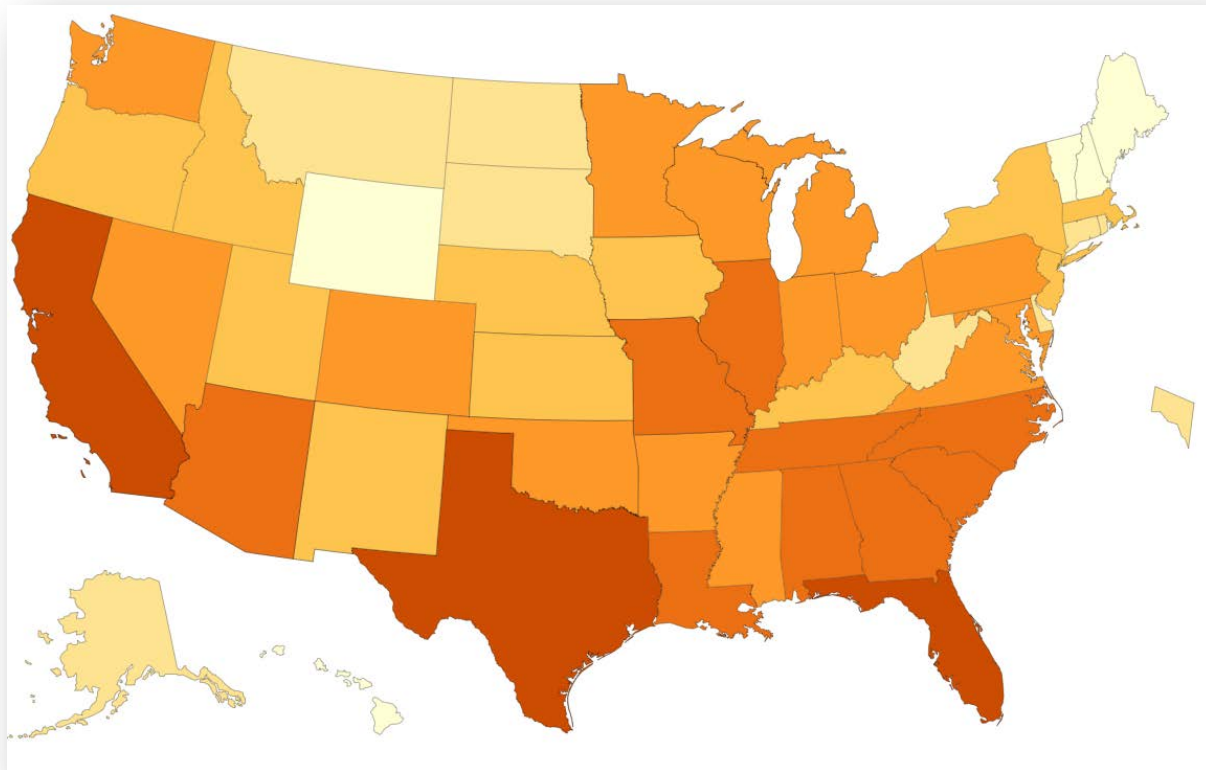
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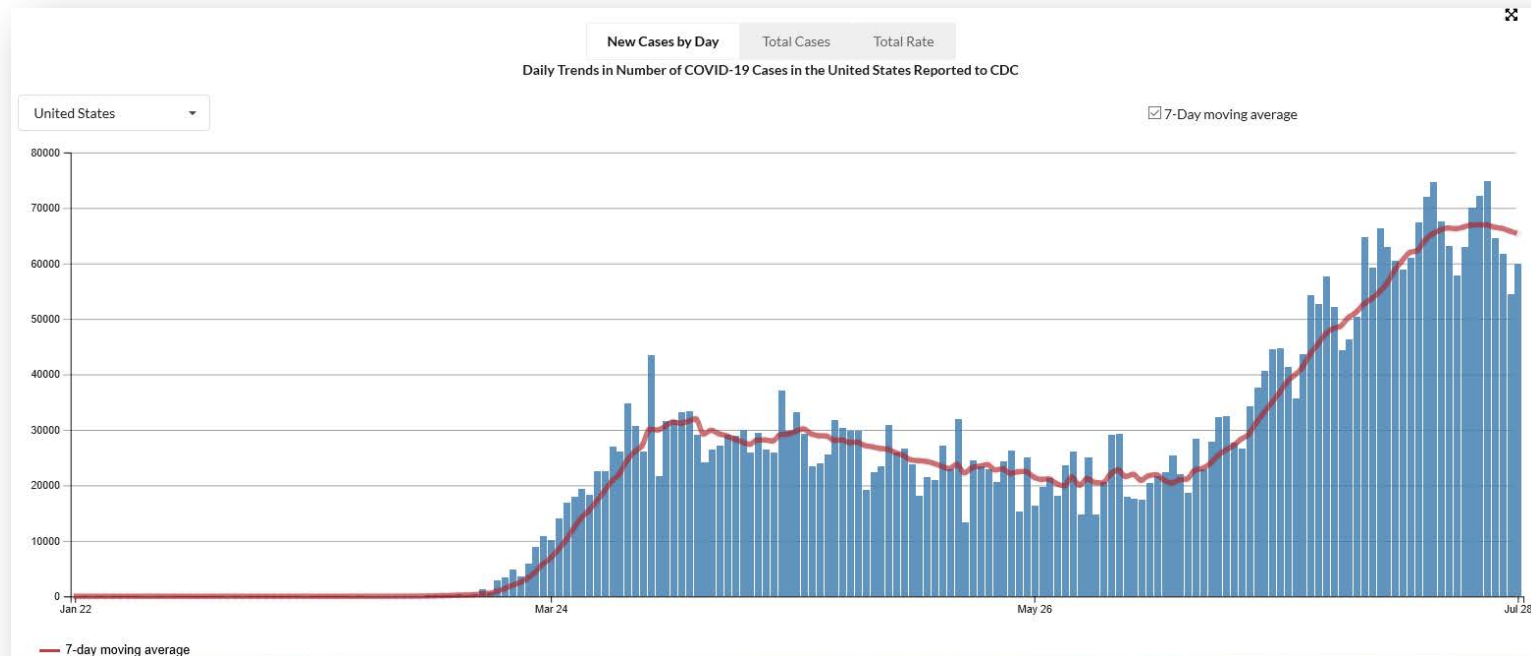
CDC COVID Data Tracker – Last 7 Days (July 29, 2020)

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Situation Summary: Covid-19 U.S. (July 29, 2020)

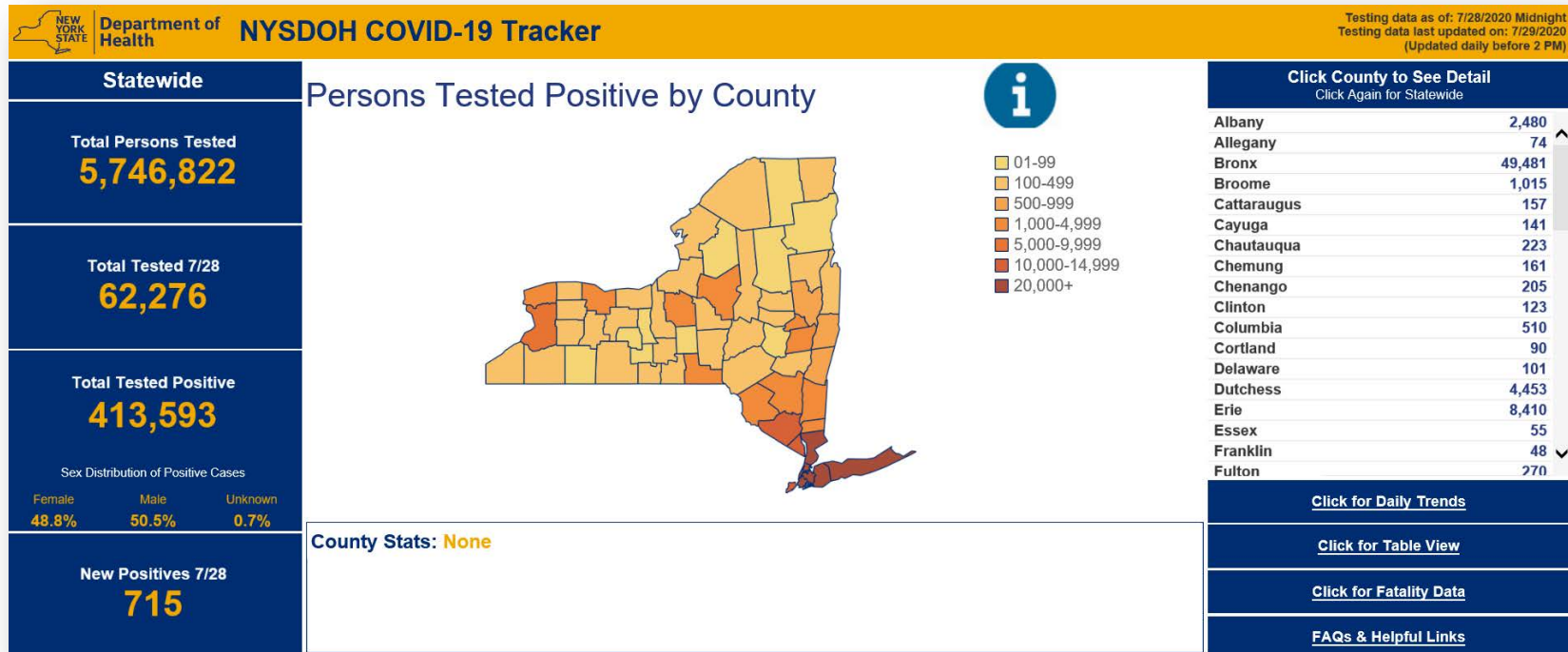
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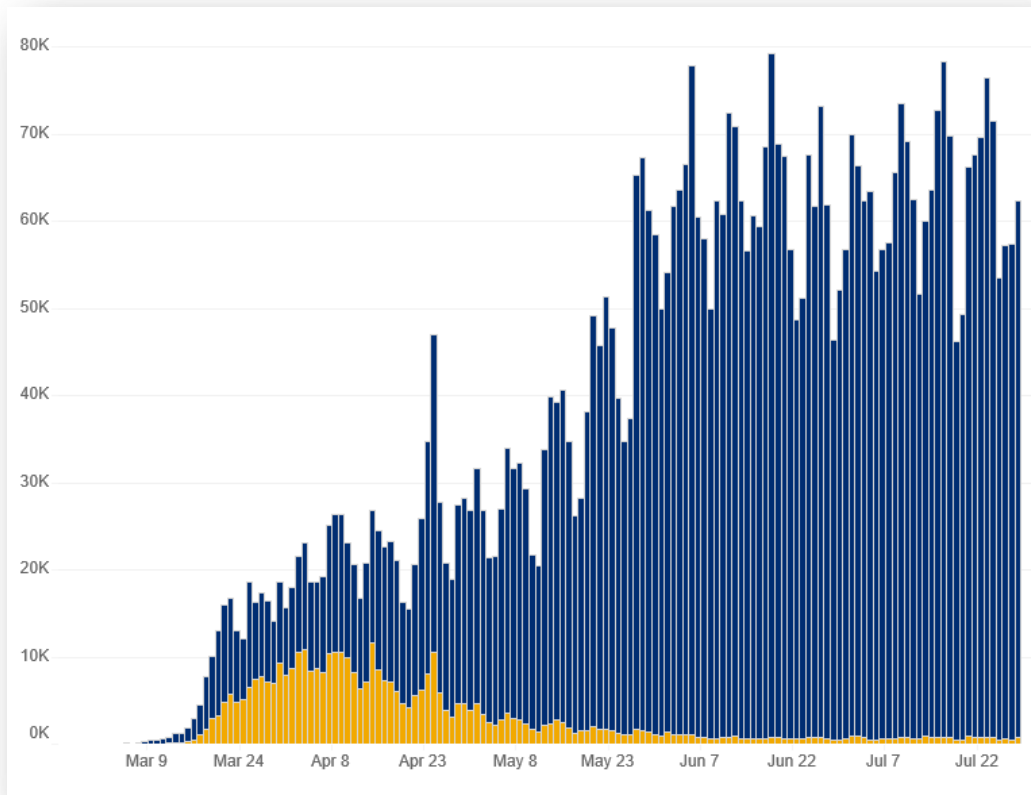
Found at: [NYSDOH COVID-19 website](#)




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NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker (July 29, 2020)

Found at: [NYSDOH COVID-19 website](https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/covid19/)



 Fatalities		
Fatalities by County		
The increase in fatalities reflects new data reported Wednesday, May 6 in addition to confirmed fatalities within nursing homes and adult care facilities that were identified as part of a data reconciliation process earlier this week. Click here for additional detail.		
County	Place of Fatality	Deaths by County of Residence
Grand Total	25,132	25,132
Albany	168	114
Allegany	0	2
Bronx	3,071	3,349

NYS COVID-19 Healthcare Utilization

- Continue to see low rates of COVID associated hospitalization, ICU, and intubation numbers
- Currently hospitalized for COVID-19: 586 (*decreased by 33*)
 - Newly hospitalized: 53
- Current ICU: 142 (*decreased by 12*)
 - Current Intubation: 72 (*decreased by 4*)
- Cumulative discharges: 72,973

SARS-CoV-2 Testing for COVID-19

COVID-19 Laboratory updates

- **Prolonged turn around times for results:**
 - Call ahead
 - Consider smaller NYS labs able to do COVID testing that have shorter turnaround times
- **Importance of filling out the full information on the laboratory test requisition for contact tracing efforts**
 - Full name, DOB, address, phone number



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NYS Contact Tracing Program



July 2020

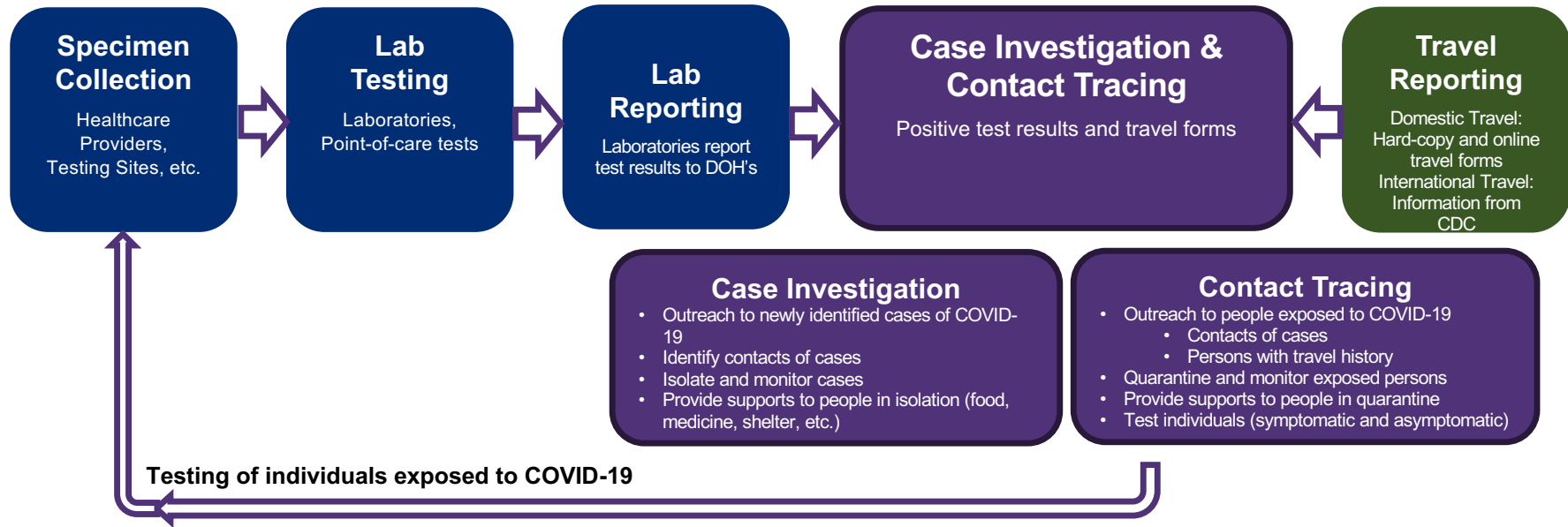
Workforce Capacity and Training

NYS has established a robust contact tracing work force of 2,000 individuals using contract, state and LHD staff

- **Contact Tracers**
- **Team Supervisors**
- **Community Support Specialists**



Contact Tracing Program



Communication and Outreach

New York State has implemented a public educational and outreach campaign to educate NYS residents about contact tracing and to encourage individuals to follow public health guidance.

Please Answer the Phone social media campaign and flyer

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/05/13135_en_nys_contacttracing_flyer_052120.pdf

Contact Tracing Tool for providers and testing sites to distribute to individuals being tested for COVID-19. The tool instructs the individual to identify close contacts and activities which can be then used for contact tracing if the individual tests positive.

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/05/13114_covid19_contacttracing_051420_0.pdf



Communications and Outreach



You're a part of the solution...
now answer the phone!



You've stayed home!



You're wearing masks!



Now, answer the phone!

As we battle coronavirus together, tracing exposures to COVID is important to stop the spread.

The NYS Contact Tracing Program works with confirmed positive COVID-19 people to determine who they have been in contact with. Trained specialists reach out to those contacts about possible exposure. If you have been identified as a contact you will get a call from **"NYS Contact Tracing"** (518-387-9993).

Because the disease can be transmitted without symptoms, notifying people about a possible exposure is critical to stop the spread.

So, if you get a call from **"NYS Contact Tracing"** (518-387-9993) please answer. It is confidential and private.

Please Answer the Phone
so we can keep NY moving forward
and stop the spread of COVID-19.

health.ny.gov/coronavirus

Contact Tracing Tool for People Being Tested for COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will get a call from a public health representative to identify any contacts you have had. This form can help you identify your contacts so you will be ready for the call.

STEP 1

Identify date of first symptoms

If you have had symptoms, put the date you first felt sick OR if you have had no symptoms then put your date of testing

SUBTRACT 2 DAYS: / / = YOUR CONTACT TRACING DATE

STEP 2

Who has been in your house with you since your contact tracing date?

Include people who live in your home, and people who may have visited like friends, a babysitter or anyone else providing in-home services.

	Name of Person	Date Last in Home	Their Phone Number
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

STEP 3

Make a list of what you did each day since your contact tracing date with as much detail as possible.

Include things like hanging out with neighbors, going to work, running errands, appointments, social or recreational activities outside the house, and if you used public transportation to get there. Use another piece of paper if needed.

Day One: <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

Day Two: <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

Day Three: <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

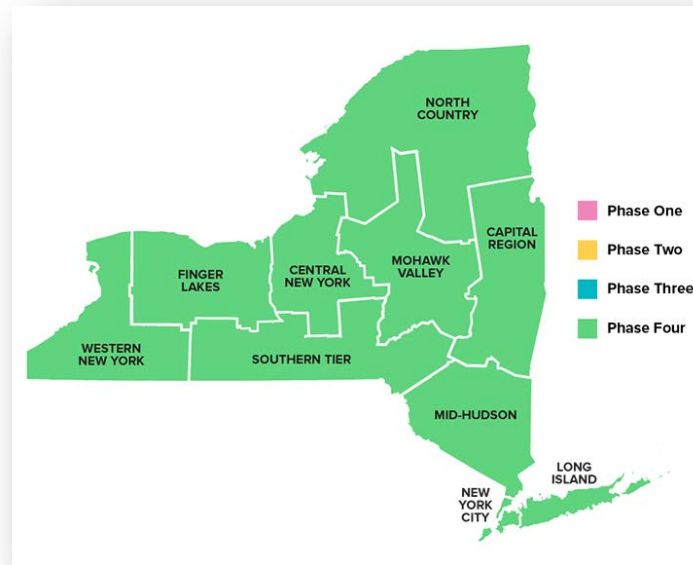
Day Four: <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

Community Mitigation and Reopening Strategies

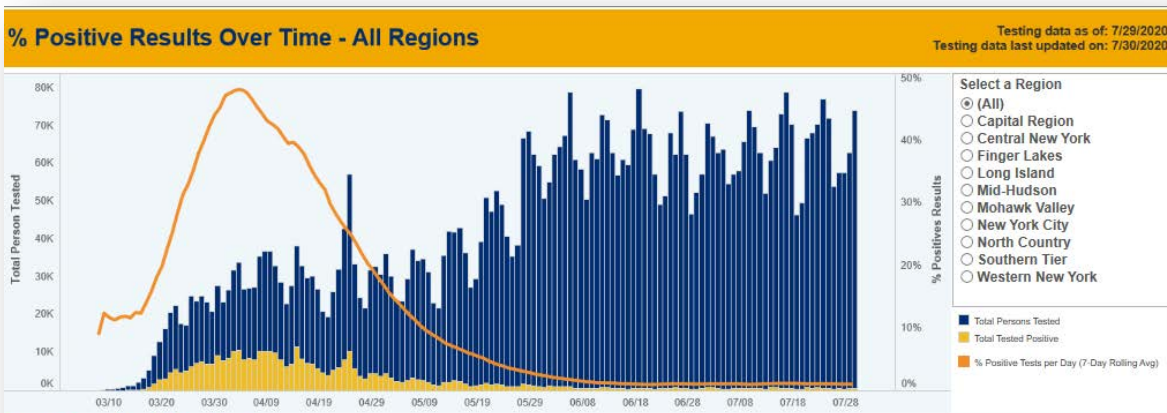
NYS Community Mitigation and Reopening Strategy

- **Phase 4**

- **Capital region, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Central New York, Southern Tier, Finger Lakes, Western NY, Long Island, and the Mid-Hudson Region**
- Higher education, Pre-K to Grade 12 schools, low-risk outdoor and indoor arts & entertainment, media production, professional sports competitions with no fans
- Malls in phase 4 regions can open if they have advanced HVAC systems
- **NYC (*without indoor activity-malls, restaurants, cultural institutions*)**



Percentage Positive Results By Region Dashboard



Test Results - Yesterday

	Total Persons Tested	Total Tested Positive	% Positive Results
Capital Region	2,761	58	2.1%
Central New York	2,282	26	1.1%
Finger Lakes	4,523	27	0.6%
Long Island	11,978	144	1.2%
Mid-Hudson	10,867	142	1.3%
Mohawk Valley	1,822	17	0.9%
New York City	29,897	312	1.0%
North Country	1,131	3	0.3%
Southern Tier	2,729	19	0.7%

[NYS Percentage Positive Results by Region Dashboard](#)



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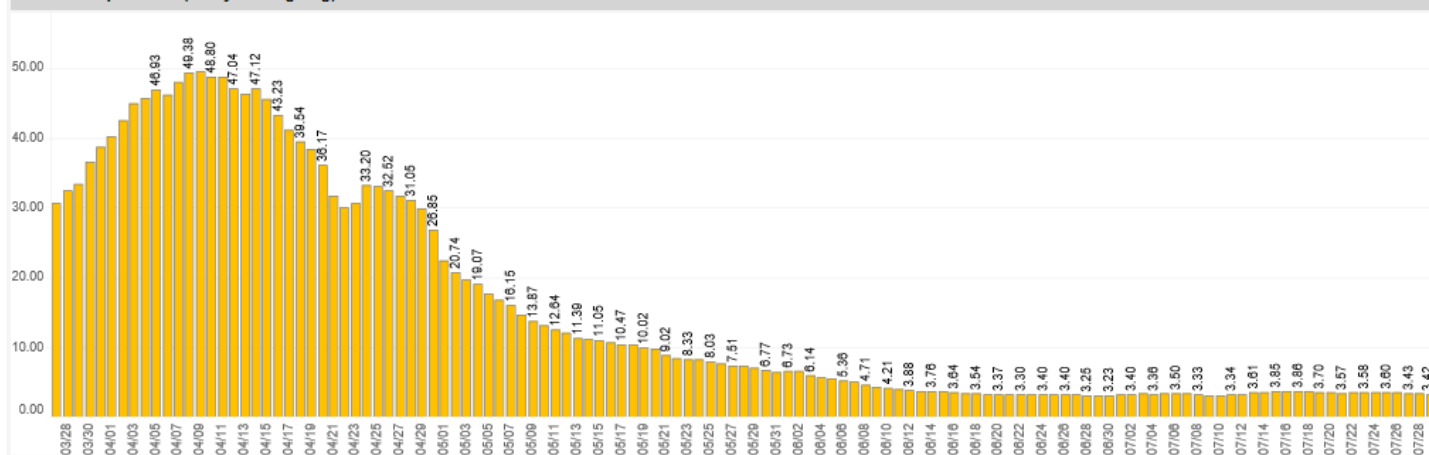
Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard

COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard - STATEWIDE

Data as of: July 29, 2020
Last updated on: July 30, 2020

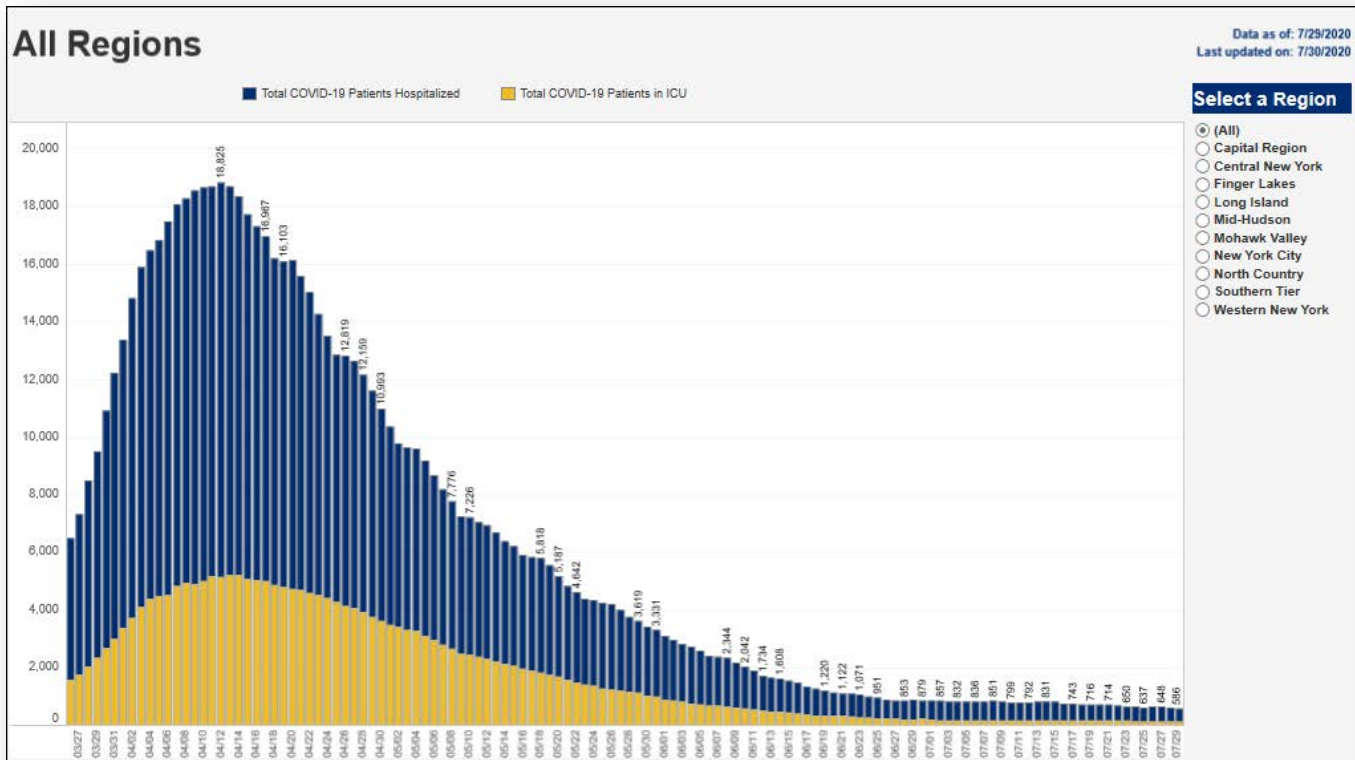
Testing/Tracing Targets		New Infections		Severity of Infection	Hospital Capacity		Select a Region
Maintain 30 per 1,000 Diagnostic Tests	Maintain Required Case and Contact Tracing Capacity	% Positive Tests per Day (7-Day Rolling Avg)	New Cases per 100K (7-Day Rolling Avg)	Gross New Hospitalizations per 100k (7-Day Rolling Avg)	Share of Total Hospital Beds % Available (7-Day Rolling Avg)	Share of ICU Beds % Available (7-Day Rolling Avg)	
64,576 / 19,542	9,628	1.0%	3.42	0.40	29%	41%	<input checked="" type="radio"/> STATEWIDE <input type="radio"/> Capital Region <input type="radio"/> Central New York <input type="radio"/> Finger Lakes <input type="radio"/> Long Island <input type="radio"/> Mid-Hudson <input type="radio"/> Mohawk Valley <input type="radio"/> New York City <input type="radio"/> North Country <input type="radio"/> Southern Tier <input type="radio"/> Western New York
Show Trend		Show Trend	Show Trend	Show Trend	Show Trend	Show Trend	

New cases per 100K (7-day Rolling Avg)



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Daily Hospitalization Summary by Region



[NYS Daily Hospitalization Summary by Region](#)



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NYS Travel Advisory

- In partnership with NJ and CT, NYS has issued a travel advisory for individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19, requiring a 14-day quarantine (*issued June 25, 2020*)
- [NYSDOH COVID-19 Travel Advisory Website](#) maintains a current list of states meeting the criteria for the required quarantine
- **Current list (34 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico):**
 - Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin
- This is based upon a seven day rolling average, of positive tests in excess of 10%, or number of positive cases exceeding 10 per 100,000 residents



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NYS Travel Advisory - FAQs

- The requirements of the travel advisory do NOT apply to any individual passing through designated states for a limited duration (i.e., less than 24 hours) through the course of travel (stopping at rest stops for vehicles, buses, or trains or lay-overs for air travel, bus travel, or train travel)
- Exceptions for essential workers
- Beginning July 14th, enforcement teams stationed at Port Authority and regional airports to request proof of completion of the NYS Traveler Form
- A NYSDOH emergency health order mandating out-of-state travelers from designated states to complete NYSDOH traveler form
 - Enforcement and fines
- [NYSDOH Traveler Health Form](#)

COVID Vaccine Update

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- 140 candidates in preclinical evaluation
- 23 candidates in clinical evaluation
- Of the candidates undergoing clinical trials:
 - 10 candidates undergoing only Phase 1 trials
 - 8 candidates undergoing combined Phase 1/2 trials
 - 2 candidates are in Phase 1 trials and Phase 2 trials separately
 - **3 candidates are undergoing Phase 3 trials:**
 - **An inactivated candidate by Sinovac**
 - **A non-replicating viral vector candidate by University of Oxford and AstraZeneca (a weakened non-human adenovirus)**
 - Phase II currently enrolled in U.K., Phase III to start next month
 - **An RNA candidate by Moderna and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**
 - Phase I completed, Phase II fully enrolled, Phase III started

[Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security COVID-19 website](#)



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The NEW ENGLAND
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

An mRNA Vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 — Preliminary Report

Lisa A. Jackson, M.D., M.P.H., Evan J. Anderson, M.D., Nadine G. Rouphael, M.D., Paul C. Roberts, Ph.D., Mamoudou Makhene, M.D., M.P.H., Rhea N. Coler, Ph.D., Michele P. McCullough, M.P.H., James D. Chappell, M.D., Ph.D., Mark R. Denison, M.D., Laura J. Stevens, M.S., Andrea J. Pruijssers, Ph.D., Adrian McDermott, Ph.D., et al., for the mRNA-1273 Study Group*

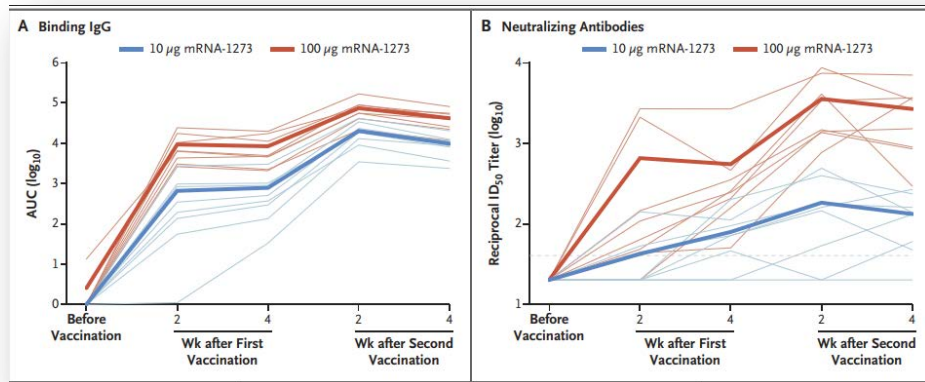
- mRNA candidate by Moderna and NIAID
- Phase 1 dose-escalation open-label trial
- 45 healthy adults (18-55 years of age), received 2 vaccinations, 28 days apart
- After the 2nd vaccination, serum-neutralizing activity was detected by 2 methods in all participants evaluated, with values similar to control convalescent serum specimens
- The mRNA-1273 vaccine induced anti-SARS-CoV-2 immune responses in all participants, and no trial-limiting safety concerns were identified
- These findings support further development of this vaccine
- Still need data on whether the neutralizing antibody titers will predict efficacy
 - Need a large clinical efficacy study
- Authors report a planned phase 3 trial of this mRNA SARS-CoV-2 vaccine is imminent



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- Rhesus macaque, nonhuman primates, received low or high dose of mRNA-1273, a vaccine encoding the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2, or no vaccine, at week 0 and week 4
- Induced antibody levels and neutralizing activity (exceeding those in human convalescent-phase serum) and type 1 helper T-cell (Th1) CD4 T-cell responses and low or undetectable Th2 or CD8 T-cell responses



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Evaluation of the mRNA-1273 Vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 in Nonhuman Primates

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Vaccines to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) are urgently needed. The effect of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) vaccines on viral replication in both upper and lower airways is important to evaluate in nonhuman primates.

METHODS

Nonhuman primates received 10 or 100 µg of mRNA-1273, a vaccine encoding the prefusion-stabilized spike protein of SARS-CoV-2, or no vaccine. Antibody and T-cell responses were assessed before upper- and lower-airway challenge with SARS-CoV-2. Active viral replication and viral genomes in bronchoalveolar-lavage (BAL) fluid and nasal swab specimens were assessed by polymerase chain reaction, and histopathological analysis and viral quantification were performed on lung-tissue specimens.

RESULTS

The mRNA-1273 vaccine candidate induced antibody levels exceeding those in human convalescent-phase serum, with live-virus reciprocal 50% inhibitory dilution (ID₅₀) geometric mean titers of 501 in the 10-µg dose group and 3481 in the 100-µg dose group. Vaccination induced type 1 helper T-cell (Th1)-biased CD4 T-cell responses and low or undetectable Th2 or CD8 T-cell responses. Viral replication was not detectable in BAL fluid by day 2 after challenge in seven of eight animals in both vaccinated groups. No viral replication was detectable in the nose of any of the eight animals in the 100-µg dose group by day 2 after challenge, and limited inflammation or detectable viral genome or antigen was noted in lungs of animals in either vaccine group.

CONCLUSIONS

Vaccination of nonhuman primates with mRNA-1273 induced robust SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing activity, rapid protection in the upper and lower airways, and no pathological changes in the lung. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and others.)

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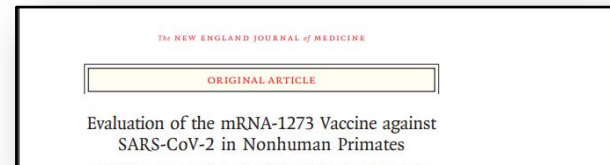
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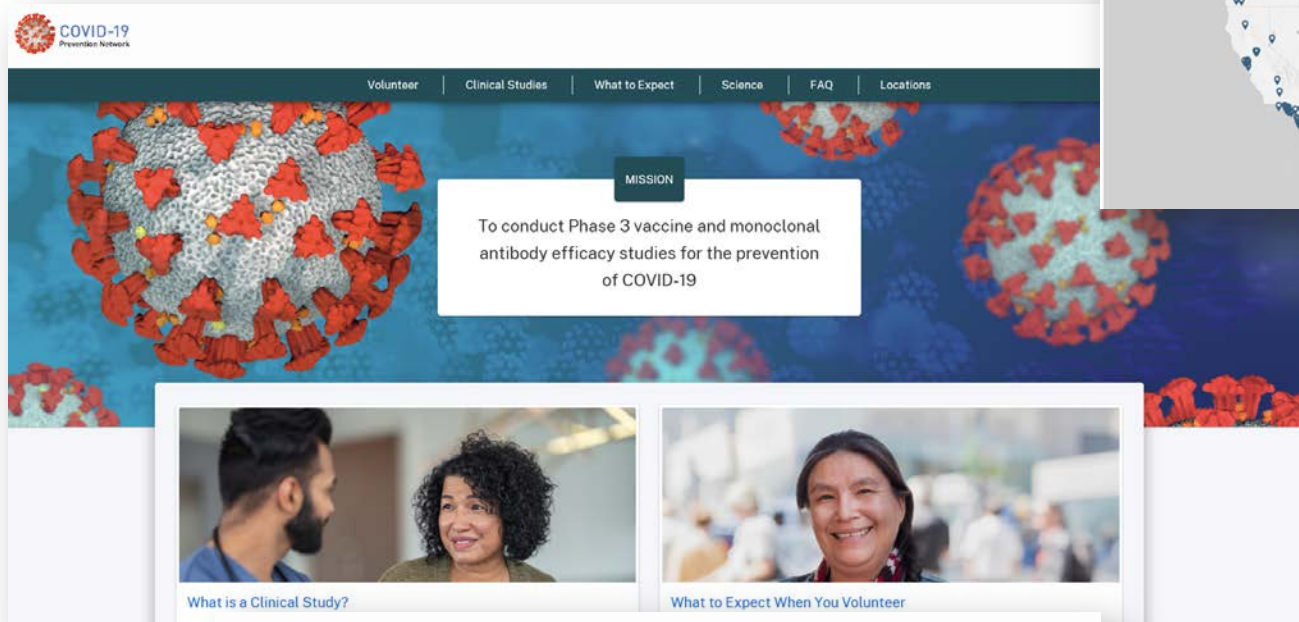
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- At week 8, challenged with SARS-CoV-2, intratracheal and intranasal
- Two days after challenge, only one of eight animals in each of the vaccine dose groups had detectable subgenomic RNA in BAL fluid, as compared with eight of eight animals in the control group
- By day 2, none of the eight animals in the 100- μ g dose group had detectable RNA detected in nasal swab specimens, as compared with five of eight animals in the 10- μ g dose group, and six of eight animals in the control group
- On day 4, two of eight animals in the 10- μ g dose group and one of eight animals in the 100- μ g dose group had low levels of RNA detected in the nose
- The peak levels of RNA over days 2 through 7 were significantly lower in both the 100- μ g dose group and the 10- μ g dose group than in the control group



COVID-19 Vaccine Update

[COVID-19 Prevention Network website](https://www.covid-19preventionnetwork.org/)



COVID-19 Prevention Network

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MISSION

To conduct Phase 3 vaccine and monoclonal antibody efficacy studies for the prevention of COVID-19

What is a Clinical Study?

What to Expect When You Volunteer

Locations



Interested in volunteering for a COVID-19 Prevention Clinical Study?

Selecting the button below will take you to the CoVPN Volunteer Screening Registry.

[Volunteer Now!](#)

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Overview of NYS School Immunization Requirements

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation removing non-medical (Religious) exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children on June 13, 2019

What schools are affected?

- PHL Section 2164 applies to public, private and parochial
 - Schools
 - Child day cares
 - Nursery schools
 - Prekindergarten programs
- Does not apply to colleges, universities and other post-secondary schools
 - Governed by PHL Section 2165

Requirements for School Admission

- Certificate of immunization documenting the student is completely immunized or has other acceptable evidence of immunity
- Documentation that the student is *in process* of receiving required immunizations
- Medical exemption

Other Acceptable Evidence of Immunity

- Serologic evidence of immunity
 - Accepted for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B
 - Accepted for polio only if test performed prior to September 1, 2019 and positive for each of the 3 polio serotypes
 - Equivocal results not acceptable proof of immunity
- Laboratory confirmation of infection
 - Accepted for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella
- Diagnosis of disease
 - Only allowed for varicella
 - Must be documented by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant

In Process

- **Definition:** received at least first dose of each immunization series and has age appropriate appointments to complete the immunization series
- ACIP catch-up schedule used to determine appropriate spacing of appointments
 - Must receive the subsequent dose of each vaccine within 14 days after the minimum interval
 - Alternative vaccine schedules not acceptable

In Process (cont.)

- 14 days allowed for results of serologic testing
 - If results are negative or equivocal, appointment dates for vaccination must be provided within 30 days from the notification of negative or equivocal serology results
- School may not refuse admission to a child who meets the definition of “in process” to complete the required immunizations

Medical Exemption Requirements

- Reissued annually
- Completed and signed by a physician licensed to practice in NYS
- Sufficient information to identify medical contraindication to specific immunization
- Specify length of time immunization contraindicated
- Submitted on the NYS medical exemption form available at: www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools or NYC medical Exemption form available at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/medical-request-for-immunization-exemption-English>

Exclusion

- Principal or person in charge of school shall not permit students to attend for more than 14 days without being in compliance with PHL
 - 14 days may be extended to 30 days for students from out of state or country if a good faith effort shown to comply

Re-exclusion Throughout the School Year

- If a student does not receive subsequent required vaccine doses no later than 14 days after the minimum interval identified by the ACIP catch-up schedule, the student must be excluded

Exclusion in the Event of a Disease Outbreak

- Children “in process” or with medical exemptions must be excluded in the event of a disease outbreak
- Schools required to maintain a current list of susceptible children at all times

Updates to School Immunization Requirements for 2020-2021

2020-21 School Year

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance¹

NOTES:

Children in a prekindergarten setting should be age-appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age. Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for **each** vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule

Vaccines	Prekindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) ²	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) ³		Not applicable	1 dose	

Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) ⁵	1 dose	2 doses	
Hepatitis B vaccine ⁶	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years	
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine ⁷	1 dose	2 doses	
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸	Not applicable		Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose 2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable	
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable	



Tdap Booster Requirement for the 2020-21 School Year

- Students in **grade 6** need at least 1 dose of Tdap received at 10 years of age or older
 - Doses of Tdap given before age 10 will not count toward the grade 6 requirement
- Students in **grades 7-12** need at least 1 dose of Tdap received at 7 years of age or older
 - Minimum age requirement to roll out over additional grades over the next 7 years
- Students may need more than 1 dose of Tdap if
 - they did not complete the primary DTaP series or
 - they are entering grade 6 and received Tdap before age 10



Meningococcal Vaccine Requirements for Grades 7-11

- Students in **grade 7** need at least 1 dose of MenACWY vaccine received at 10 years of age or older
 - Doses of MenACWY given before age 10 will not count toward the grade 7 requirement
- Students in **grades 8-11** need at least 1 dose of MenACWY vaccine received at 6 weeks of age or older
 - Minimum age requirement to roll out over additional grades over the next 6 years

Meningococcal Vaccine Requirement for Grade 12

- Students in **grade 12** need at least 2 doses of MenACWY vaccine
 - If 1st dose received at 16 years of age or older, then only 1 dose required
 - Minimum interval between doses is 8 weeks
 - Minimum age for 2nd dose is 16 years
 - If 2nd dose received more than 4 days before 16th birthday, then another dose on or after 16 years is required

Tdap and MenACWY Requirements Roll Out

School Year	Tdap adolescent booster minimum age	MenACWY dose 1 minimum age
2020-2021	Grade 6: 10 years Grades 7 through 12: 7 years	Grade 7: 10 years Grades 8 through 12: 6 weeks
2021-2022	Grades 6 and 7: 10 years Grades 8 through 12: 7 years	Grades 7 and 8: 10 years Grades 9 through 12: 6 weeks
2022-2023	Grades 6 through 8: 10 years Grades 9 through 12: 7 years	Grades 7 through 9: 10 years Grades 10 through 12: 6 weeks
2023-2024	Grades 6 through 9: 10 years Grades 10 through 12: 7 years	Grades 7 through 10: 10 years Grades 11 and 12: 6 weeks
2024-2025	Grades 6 through 10: 10 years Grades 11 and 12: 7 years	Grades 7 through 11: 10 years Grade 12: 6 weeks
2025-2026	Grades 6 through 11: 10 years Grade 12: 7 years	Grades 7 through 12: 10 years
2026-2027 and beyond	Grades 6 through 12: 10 years	Grades 7 through 12: 10 years

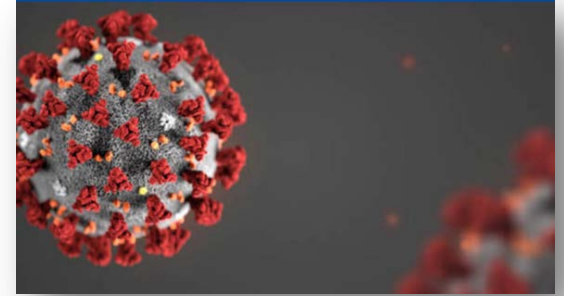
Resources

- NYSDOH School Immunization web page:
<https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/>
- 2020-2021 School Year NYS Immunization Requirements Chart <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>
- Q&A on NYS School Immunization Requirements
https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/school_survey/docs/questions_and_answers.pdf
- NYSDOH, Bureau of Immunization, School Assessment and Compliance Unit (518) 474-1944 or osas@health.ny.gov
- Schools in New York City (347) 396-2433

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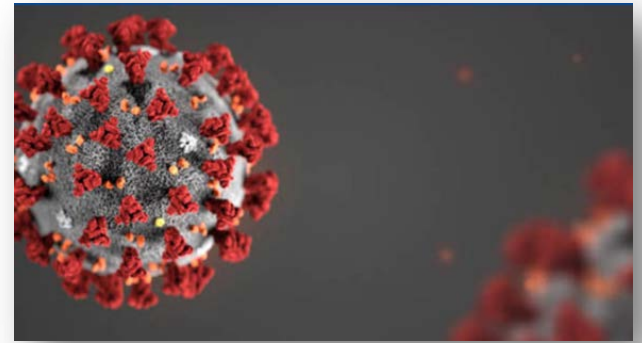
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- Travel Advisory in Healthcare
- Telehealth
- Preparation for the Fall





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Quick Tips for Clinician Wellbeing in The Era of COVID-19

July 30, 2020

**Louis S. Snitkoff, MD, FACP
Immediate Past-President
American College of Physicians, NY Chapter**

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NYSDOH Supporting Well-Being in COVID & Beyond

Kerri Palamara, MD

Archived webinar:

[NYSDOH Supporting HCP Well-Being in COVID & Beyond webinar](#)

[NYSDOH Supporting HCP Well-Being in COVID & Beyond SlideSet](#)



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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



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

- **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

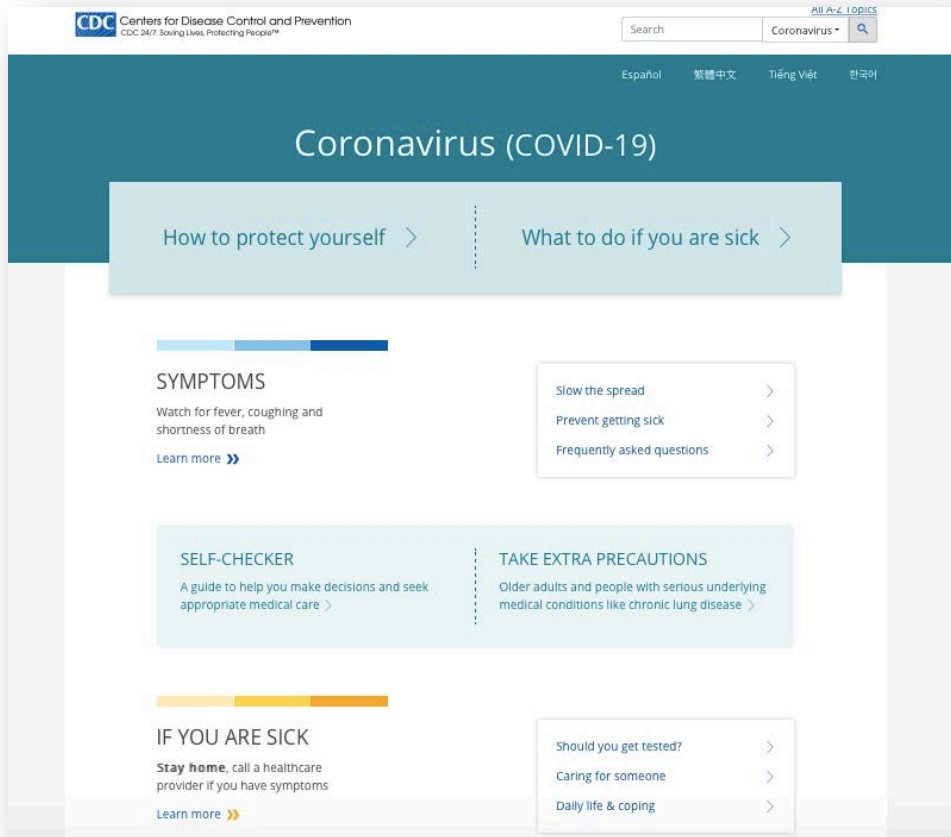


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Healthcare Provider Well-being Resources

<u>MSSNY</u>	<u>AAFP</u>
<u>ACP</u>	<u>AAP</u>
<u>NAM</u>	<u>AHRQ well-being</u> <u>AHRQ burnout</u>
<u>AMA</u>	<u>NIH</u>
<u>IHI</u>	<u>Stanford</u>

CDC COVID Website



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



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Daily Syndromic and Case Data Update

The following documents provide information about people confirmed to have COVID-19 in NYC. They will be updated each weekday morning.

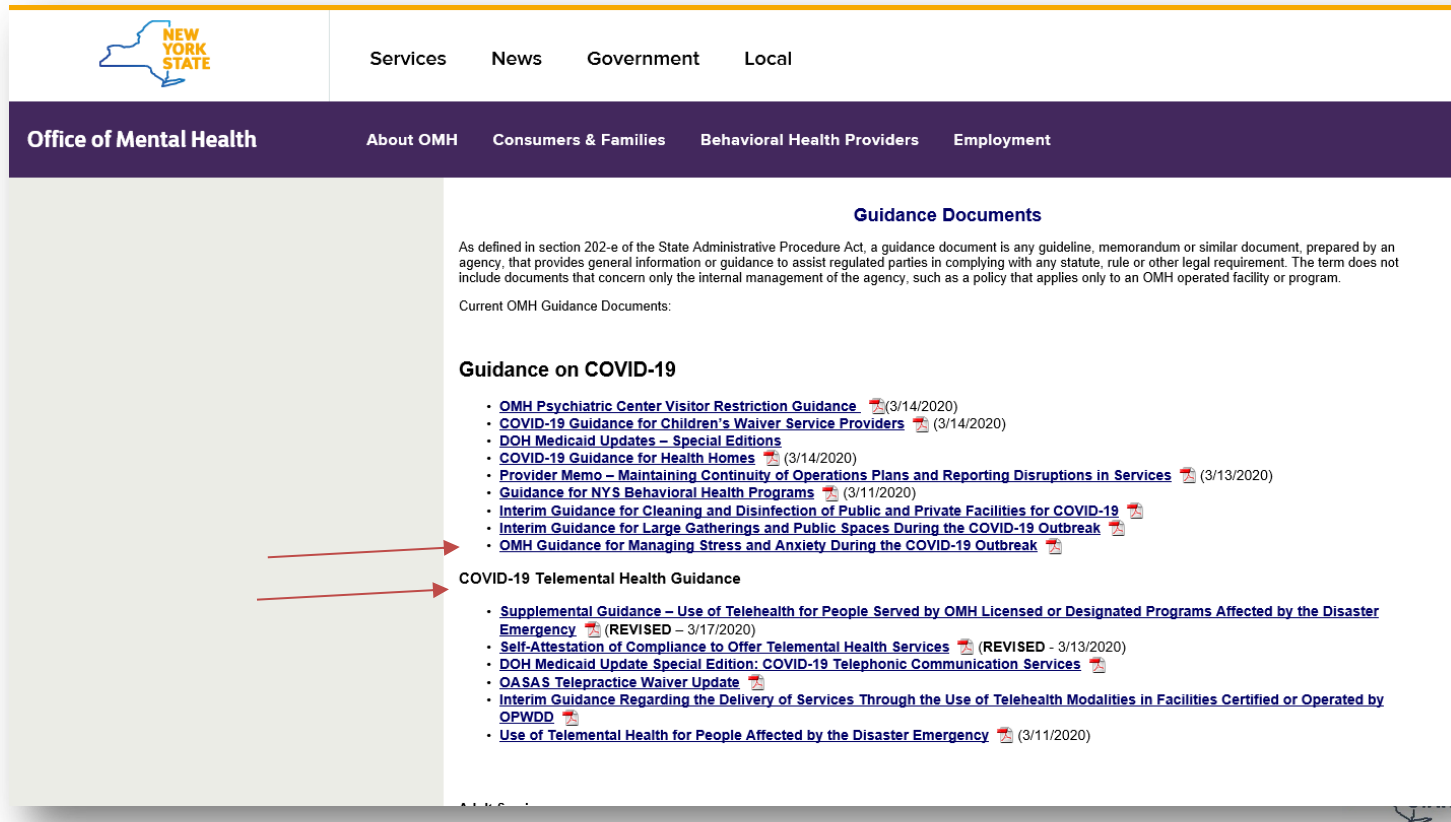
The total number of positive cases in the city are updated continuously. This update reflects data as of the previous day at 6 p.m. Due to public health guidance that people with mild illness stay home and not get tested, these data may not reflect the true number of positive COVID-19 cases in NYC and may overrepresent the volume of hospitalized cases.

As of March 18, 6 p.m.:


- [COVID-19 Daily Case Data Summary](#) (PDF)
- [NYC Flu-like Illness Data 2016-Current](#) (PDF)

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Mental Health Resources



The screenshot shows the New York State Office of Mental Health website. The top navigation bar includes links for Services, News, Government, and Local. Below this is a purple header for the Office of Mental Health with links for About OMH, Consumers & Families, Behavioral Health Providers, and Employment. The main content area is titled "Guidance Documents" and defines a guidance document. It lists current OMH guidance documents, including several COVID-19 related ones. Two red arrows point to the "COVID-19 Telemental Health Guidance" section, which lists documents like "Supplemental Guidance – Use of Telehealth for People Served by OMH Licensed or Designated Programs Affected by the Disaster Emergency" and "Self-Attestation of Compliance to Offer Telemental Health Services".

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Guidance Documents

As defined in section 202-e of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a guidance document is any guideline, memorandum or similar document, prepared by an agency, that provides general information or guidance to assist regulated parties in complying with any statute, rule or other legal requirement. The term does not include documents that concern only the internal management of the agency, such as a policy that applies only to an OMH operated facility or program.

Current OMH Guidance Documents:

Guidance on COVID-19

- [OMH Psychiatric Center Visitor Restriction Guidance](#) 📄 (3/14/2020)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Children's Waiver Service Providers](#) 📄 (3/14/2020)
- [DOH Medicaid Updates – Special Editions](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Health Homes](#) 📄 (3/14/2020)
- [Provider Memo – Maintaining Continuity of Operations Plans and Reporting Disruptions in Services](#) 📄 (3/13/2020)
- [Guidance for NYS Behavioral Health Programs](#) 📄 (3/11/2020)
- [Interim Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities for COVID-19](#) 📄
- [Interim Guidance for Large Gatherings and Public Spaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#) 📄
- [OMH Guidance for Managing Stress and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#) 📄

COVID-19 Telemental Health Guidance

- [Supplemental Guidance – Use of Telehealth for People Served by OMH Licensed or Designated Programs Affected by the Disaster Emergency](#) 📄 (REVISED – 3/17/2020)
- [Self-Attestation of Compliance to Offer Telemental Health Services](#) 📄 (REVISED - 3/13/2020)
- [DOH Medicaid Update Special Edition: COVID-19 Telephonic Communication Services](#) 📄
- [OASAS Telepractice Waiver Update](#) 📄
- [Interim Guidance Regarding the Delivery of Services Through the Use of Telehealth Modalities in Facilities Certified or Operated by OPWDD](#) 📄
- [Use of Telemental Health for People Affected by the Disaster Emergency](#) 📄 (3/11/2020)

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- For everyone
- For individuals receiving mental health services
- For parents
- For caregivers of older adults
- For mental health providers

March 16, 2020

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Feeling Stressed About Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Managing Anxiety in an Anxiety-Provoking Situation

The outbreak of COVID-19 around the world has led to the spread of fear and panic for individuals and communities. In addition to following physical precautions guidelines, individuals should be taking care of their psychological well-being.

This guide includes tips for the following populations:

- For Everyone
- For Individuals Receiving Mental Health Services
- For Parents, Including Parents of Children with Pre-Existing Anxiety Disorders
- For Caregivers of Older Adults
- For Mental Health Providers

For Everyone:

- Reduce anxiety by reducing risk. Ways to reduce risk include practicing good hygiene (e.g.

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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



The screenshot shows the NYSDOH COVID-19 website. At the top left is the New York State logo. To its right are navigation links: Services, News, Government, and Local. Further right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the word "Search". Below these is a dark purple navigation bar with links: Department of Health, Individuals/Families, Providers/Professionals, and Health Facilities. Underneath this is a light blue bar with the text "Have a Question? Call the Novel Coronavirus Hotline 24/7 at 1-888-364-3065" and a link "Information for Providers". The main header is orange and features the text "Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)" and "Last Updated: March 17, 2020 at 8:15 PM". The background of the main content area is a video showing hands being washed under a running faucet. Overlaid on the left side of the video is the text "Protect Yourself and Your Family". Below this text is a paragraph: "Stay home and Keep a Safe Distance from others in public. It's the only way to help slow the spread of Coronavirus." At the bottom of the video area are two buttons: "WATCH VIDEO" and "SYMPTOMS".

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▶ WATCH VIDEO SYMPTOMS

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Symptoms

The 2019 novel coronavirus may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms.

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COVID-19 Testing

Learn more about testing protocol now that the FDA has approved New York to begin its own testing.

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Know Your Rights

The health and safety of New Yorkers is the top priority, co-pays for telehealth visits have been waived.

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NYS Specimen Collection Sites - COVID-19 Testing

- [NYSDOH Find Test Site Near You Website](#)
 - NYS specimen collection sites, healthcare settings, pharmacies, and other
 - More than 800 specimen collection or testing sites have been identified
 - For the NYS specimen collection sites:
 - Call the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065
- OR
- Visit the NYSDOH website www.covid19screening.health.ny.gov to be screened for eligibility, and if eligible, have an appointment set up at one of the State's testing sites

Interested in being tested for COVID-19? Use this screening tool to share your symptoms and pre-register for testing.

START ASSESSMENT

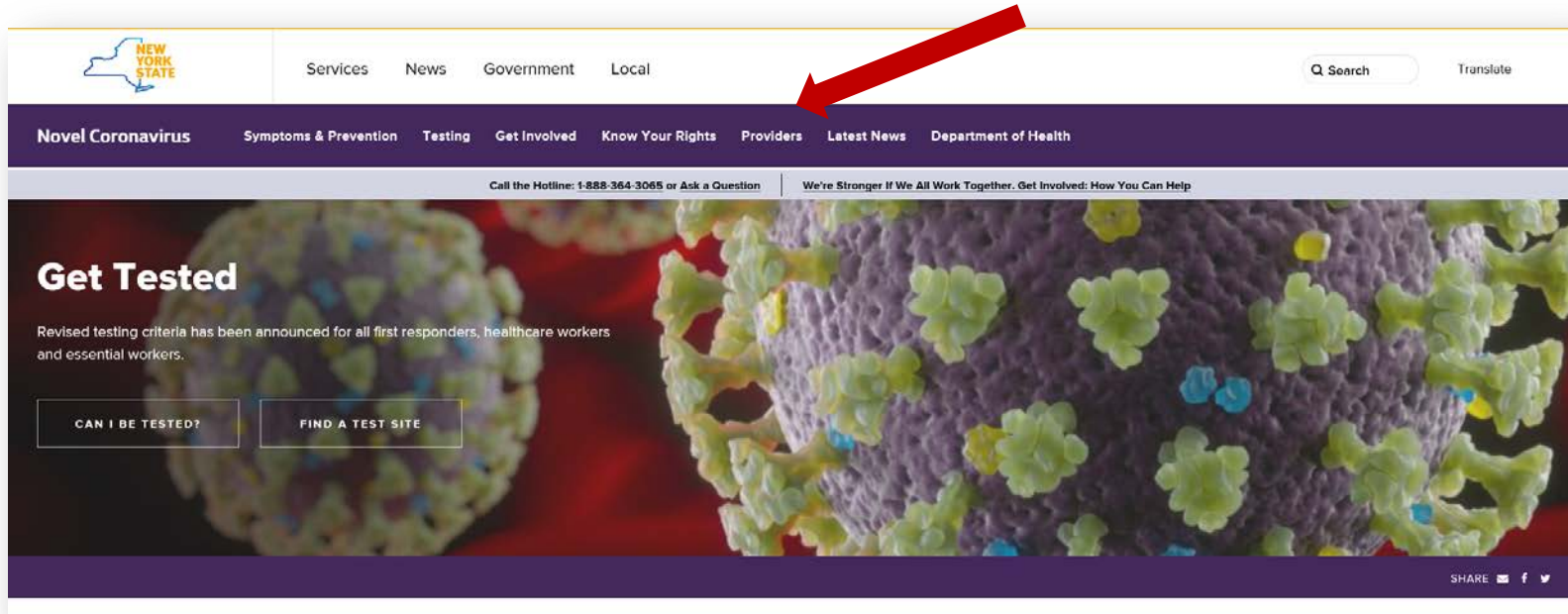
Get information on coronavirus testing near you. Simply enter your address and find locations that provide coronavirus testing.

FIND A TEST SITE NEAR YOU



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**COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Update Compilation:
As of June 17, 2020, 9:00 AM**

The information in this compilation is current only as of the above date and time.

Purpose: The purpose of this weekly publication is to provide healthcare providers in New York State with a consolidated update of guidance released by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. This will show only current guidance for any given topic and will be updated to reflect new guidance.

As a reminder, all advisories and informational messages (including webinar invitations) are distributed through the Integrated Health Alerting Network System (IHANS), an application housed on the [Health Commerce System \(HCS\)](#). If you are not receiving IHANS notifications, please work with your site's HCS coordinator. Additional COVID-19 resources may be found on the NYSDOH webpage under [Information for Healthcare Providers](#).

Recordings of COVID-19 [Weekly Healthcare Provider Updates](#) are also available on the NYSDOH webpage.

Guidance/Health Advisory Topic	Link(s)	Date
Testing/ Specimen Collection	Additional Capacity Guidance (Collection, triage, treatment)	3/19/20
	Specimen Collection and Handling to Allow NP and Saliva Specimen	4/01/20
	Wadsworth Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport	4/01/20
	Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Form	4/09/20
	Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Guidance	4/09/20
	Private Practice Collection Guidance	4/19/20
	The NYSDOH Wadsworth Center's Assay for SARS-CoV-2 IgG FAQ	4/20/20
	Serology Testing	4/30/20
	Specimen Collection Training for Unlicensed Individuals	5/15/20
	Authorization of Licensed Pharmacists to Order COVID-19 Tests	5/15/20
	SARS-CoV-2 Diagnostic Testing FAQ	5/15/20
	COVID-19 Testing Next Steps	5/12/20
Infection Control and PPE	Protocol for COVID-19 Testing Applicable to All Health Care Providers and LHDs	5/31/20
	Requests for PPE should go through your county OEM	3/23/20
	PPE Shortage Guidance	4/02/20
	Optimizing PPE (CDC)	4/22/20
Quarantine/ Isolation	Infection Control Guidance (CDC)	4/24/20
	Guidance for Local Health Departments highlighting definitions and situations for quarantine and isolation.	4/07/20
	Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine, and Isolation	4/16/20
	Discontinuation of Isolation for Patients with COVID-19 who are Hospitalized, in Nursing Homes, or in Other Congregate Settings	4/19/20

For questions about this document please contact covidproviderinfo@health.ny.gov

HCP Compilation

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Face Masks and Coverings for COVID-19



- You must wear a face mask or face covering in public when social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) is not possible, unless a face covering is not medically tolerated. This includes on public transport, in stores and on crowded sidewalks.
- Children over 2 years of age should wear a face mask in public, too. Children under 2 years of age should NOT wear face coverings for safety reasons.
- Cloth face coverings should be made from fabric you can't see through when held up to the light. They must be cleaned before reusing.
- Disposable paper face masks should be used for one outing outside the home. They cannot be properly cleaned.
- The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to continue social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from others), **even when wearing a face covering.**

Putting On Face Covering

- **DO** clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before putting on your face covering.
- Make sure the face covering covers both your nose and mouth.
- **DON'T** wear your mask hanging under your nose or mouth or around your neck. You won't get the protection you need.
- **DON'T** wear the face covering on top of your head, or take it off and on repeatedly. Once it is in place, leave the covering in place until you are no longer in public.

Taking Off Face Covering

- **DO** clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before taking off your face covering.
- Remove your mask only touching the straps.
- Discard the face covering if it is disposable. If you are reusing (cloth), place it in a paper bag or plastic bag for later.
- Wash your hands again.
- When cleaning a cloth face covering, **DO** put in the washer (preferably on the hot water setting).
- Dry in dryer at high heat. When it is clean and dry, place in a clean paper or plastic bag for later use. If you live in a household with many people, you might want to label the bags with names so the face coverings are not mixed up.

FILTER

- Health Advisories
- Webinars
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ATTENTION ALL PATIENTS



If you have

fever



cough



trouble
breathing



- Call this number _____.
- Tell them your symptoms.
- Ask where you should go and what you should do.
- Put on a mask before going inside.

ATTENTION ALL VISITORS



**NO VISITORS
ARE ALLOWED
AT THIS TIME**

If you feel there is an urgent need for visitation,
please contact _____.

DO NOT VISIT

COVID-19 Symptom Check

I am deaf or hard of hearing. I am using this card to communicate.

I may need a certified sign language interpreter, captioning or other ways to communicate.

I have circled the best ways to communicate with you.



Interpreter



Text



Writing



Lip Read



Gesture



Assistive
Listening Device

Quick Communication

Some questions may be answered by pointing to yes, no, don't know.

YES

NO

DON'T
KNOW

THIS IS MY LEVEL OF PAIN:



No
Pain



Mild
Pain



Moderate
Pain



Severe
Pain



Very
Severe
Pain



Worst
Possible
Pain

THESE ARE MY SYMPTOMS:



Fever



Cough



Shortness
of Breath



Sore
Throat



Lost Sense
of Taste/Smell



Muscle
Aches



Chills



Headache

OTHER SYMPTOMS I HAVE: _____

I HAVE HAD SYMPTOMS THIS MANY DAYS:



I HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE
(within 6 feet) WHO HAS COVID-19:

Yes

No

Unsure



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COVID-19 Testing Next Steps

You are being tested for a virus that causes COVID-19. If you have symptoms of the disease, or if you have been in contact with someone who is infected, you will be asked to stay apart from others. This is also called isolation or quarantine. COVID-19 spreads easily. Staying apart helps stop the disease from spreading.

Symptoms Include:

Fever, cough, difficulty breathing



Other symptoms may include: Chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose, fatigue, wheezing, or new loss of taste or smell.

You Should Be Isolated If:

- You have symptoms and think you may have been infected with the virus.

You Should Be Quarantined If:

- You have been in close contact with someone known to have COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms. Close contact means sharing the same household, direct physical contact, or being within six feet for more than 10 minutes.

See back for more information.

If You are an Essential Worker:

You can **ONLY** return to work while you wait for your test results if:

- You have your employer's permission to do so.
- You **DO NOT** have symptoms.
- And you have **NOT** had contact with a person known to have COVID-19.

In addition, you must continue to:

- Practice social distancing (stay more than 6 feet from others).
- Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Wear a mask when less than 6 feet away from others in public.
- Take your temperature and monitor your symptoms daily.

How to Isolate or Quarantine:



Stay home, except to visit a doctor.



If you must see a doctor, call ahead and avoid using public transport such as subways, buses, taxis.



Don't have visitors.



Separate yourself in a room that is not shared with others. Stay at least 6 feet away from others at all times.



Use a separate bathroom, if possible, and disinfect after each use.



Arrange for food, medicine, and other supplies to be left at your door.



Cover your coughs and sneezes. Throw away used tissues. Bag your trash and leave outside your door.



Don't touch pets.



Arrange for others to care for your children, if possible.



Wear a face mask if you must be around others.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds each time, or if unavailable, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Test Results

You will be contacted with your results.

If you test positive on a diagnostic test for the virus, you must continue isolation. You will get a call from a public health representative to identify any contacts you have had.

If you test negative, but you have been in close contact with a person known to have been infected, you must still continue quarantine until 14 days have passed from your last contact with a person known to have COVID-19. Even though you may feel well now, you are at risk of getting the disease and you may get sick. It can take up to 14 days to get the disease.

Your local health department can help you determine when it is safe to stop isolation or quarantine. Find them at www.nyscho.org/directory

Learn more at coronavirus.health.ny.gov

Support and Job Assistance

Any New Yorker under a mandatory or precautionary order to stay home may be eligible for job-protected sick leave and compensation. Learn more at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protecting-public-health-all-new-yorkers#employee>

If you need help caring for yourself or your children while in isolation or quarantine, call your local health department. Find them at www.nyscho.org/directory

Stay apart now. Be together later.

Contact Tracing Tool

for People Being Tested for COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will get a call from a public health representative to identify any contacts you have had. This form can help you identify your contacts so you will be ready for the call.

STEP 1

Identify date of first symptoms

If you have had symptoms, put the date you first felt sick OR if you have had no symptoms then put your date of testing

____/____/____
SUBTRACT 2 DAYS: ____/____/____ = YOUR CONTACT TRACING DATE

STEP 2

Who has been in your house with you since your contact tracing date?

Include people who live in your home, and people who may have visited like friends, a babysitter or anyone else providing in-home services.

	Name of Person	Date Last in Home	Their Phone Number
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

STEP 3

Make a list of what you did each day since your contact tracing date with as much detail as possible.

Include things like hanging out with neighbors, going to work, running errands, appointments, social or recreational activities outside the house, and if you used public transportation to get there. Use another piece of paper if needed.

Day One: ____/____/____		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

Day Two: ____/____/____		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

Day Three: ____/____/____		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

Day Four: ____/____/____		People you were with		
Activity	Location	Name	Address	Phone Number

To order materials from NYSDOH:

bmcc@health.ny.gov

Available in Spanish

[NYSDOH Contact Tracing Tool](#)



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For Their Contacts

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[NYS Contact Tracing Answer the Phone](#)



NEW YORK STATE  **CONTACT TRACING**

You're a part of the solution...
now answer the phone!

 You've stayed home!

 You're wearing masks!

 Now, answer the phone!

As we battle coronavirus together, tracing exposures to COVID is important to stop the spread.

The NYS Contact Tracing Program works with confirmed positive COVID-19 people to determine who they have been in contact with. Trained specialists reach out to those contacts about possible exposure. If you have been identified as a contact you will get a call from **"NYS Contact Tracing."**

Because the disease can be transmitted without symptoms, notifying people about a possible exposure is critical to stop the spread.

So, if you get a call from **"NYS Contact Tracing"** please answer. It is confidential and private.

Please Answer the Phone
so we can keep NY moving forward
and stop the spread of COVID-19.

health.ny.gov/coronavirus

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NYSDOH COVID-19 Testing Resources

[NYSDOH SARS-CoV-2 Diagnostic Testing](#)

SARS-CoV-2 Diagnostic Testing



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What is SARS-CoV-2?

SARS-CoV-2 stands for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus Type 2, which is the name of the virus causing the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Other symptoms have been reported including chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose, fatigue, wheezing, and new loss of taste or smell. Some people with COVID-19 develop symptoms and some do not. Both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can transmit COVID-19 to others. Talk to your health care provider if you have any of these symptoms.

How do I know if I am infected with SARS-CoV-2?

Diagnostic tests detect SARS-CoV-2 in samples collected from your nose or throat. A diagnostic test is the only way to know if you are infected with SARS-CoV-2. These tests can be performed for those with or without symptoms.

How does the SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test work?

The test uses a technique called Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) to determine if genetic material from the virus is present in the sample collected. If there is no SARS-CoV-2 virus present in the sample, then no genetic material will be detected.

My report says I have a positive result. What does that mean?

This means you have SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). You should consult with your health care provider, who will monitor your symptoms and provide guidance about how your illness should be managed. It is important to understand that, if you are infected with SARS-CoV-2, you may transmit the virus to others. You should follow NYSDOH guidance about isolation and physical distancing.

My report says I have a negative result. What does that mean?

A negative test result means that SARS-CoV-2 was not detected in your sample. However, a negative result does not guarantee that you are not infected. If you continue to feel unwell or develop symptoms resembling those of COVID-19, you should isolate yourself and ask your health care provider if you should be tested again. If you had close contact with someone known to have COVID-19, you should remain in quarantine for 14 days after exposure, even if you had a negative test result.

My report says I have an inconclusive or indeterminate result. What does that mean?

This means that the test was not able to determine whether SARS-CoV-2 was or was not present. Talk to your health care provider, as they may decide you should be tested again.

For more information on COVID-19 in NYS go to: <https://health.ny.gov/coronavirus>

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FROM: NYS Department of Health (Department) Bureau of Surveillance and Data Systems (BSBS)

Health Advisory: COVID-19 Serology Testing

Background

Serological tests for determining the presence of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 are now available from commercial manufacturers. Serology tests are used to determine if antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 are present. Certain serology tests can look for the general presence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, while others can determine if specific types of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, such as IgM and/or IgG, are present.

FDA and Serological Testing

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is allowing commercial manufacturers of COVID-19 serology tests to distribute these tests to laboratories once they notify the FDA that they have validated their test. A list of manufacturers that have notified the FDA can be found at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/flags-diagnostic-testing-sars-cov-2>.

Although there are manufacturers that have notified the FDA that their tests have been validated, and the FDA has approved the distribution of the tests, the data demonstrating the accuracy and reliability of the tests has not been reviewed by the FDA. In addition, these tests have not necessarily been granted approval under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) process. Tests being distributed prior to the approval under the FDA's EUA process can only be performed by laboratories approved to conduct high complexity testing. These tests are not considered waived and, therefore, cannot be used at the point of care.

Laboratories using COVID-19 serological tests from these commercial manufacturers are required to include specific disclaimers when issuing test results, including the following:

- This test has not been reviewed by the FDA.
- Negative results do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection, particularly in those who have been in recent contact with the virus. Follow-up testing with a molecular diagnostic test should be considered to rule out infection in these individuals.
- Results from antibody testing should not be used as the sole basis to diagnose or exclude SARS-CoV-2 infection, or to inform infection status.
- Positive results may be due to past or present infection with non-SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus strains, such as coronavirus HKU1, NL63, OC43, or 229E.

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Questions or Concerns

- Call the local health department www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/
- In New York City: Notify the NYC DOHMH provider access line (PAL)
 - 1-866-NYC-DOH1 or 1-866-692-3641 (works 24 hours/day x 7 days/week)
- Providers who are unable to reach the LHD can contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at **518-473-4439** during business hours or the NYSDOH Public Health Duty Officer at **1-866-881-2809** evenings, weekends, and holidays

QUESTIONS ?

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