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
Disclaimer

• The situation is rapidly evolving.

• All of the information presented is based on our best knowledge as of today.
COVID-19 Global Update

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Acting Director
Division of Bureau of Communicable Diseases
### Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global, 3/28/2021


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Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global, 3/28/2021
www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports
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**
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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

![Graph showing positive results over time](image-url)
## Test Results - Yesterday

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[Graph showing COVID-19 patients hospitalized and in ICU]
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
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
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
SARS-CoV-2 Variants Circulating in the United States

VOC: Variant of Concern

VOI: Variant of Interest

* B.1.526, the “NY variant”

# Variants in New York

*GISAID data ONLY, 3/25 pull*

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“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.
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/
## COVID-19 Vaccines by Age Groups

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<th>Moderna</th>
<th>Janssen</th>
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<td>If inadvertently given, administer Moderna vaccine as second dose, 28 days later</td>
<td>If inadvertently given, do NOT need to restart nor repeat series</td>
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<td>18+ years</td>
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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
NEW CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Printable Resources


- Summary Document for Interim Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines

- COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Errors and Deviations
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
Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Requests

• NYS Vaccine Program allocates vaccine to enrolled providers outside of NYC
• Planning Requests are made via the Prebooking Module in New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS)
• A new Planning Request must be submitted each Monday by 5PM 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

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

Thursday – Thursday
Vaccine is administered
How much vaccine should you request?

• Only request **first doses** for Pfizer and Moderna.
  – 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.
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
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 NYSIS 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 NYSIS 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 NYSIS 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 NYSIS “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

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- 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
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.

- Then you see more details, including lot number. Click Ship Info hyperlink.
How to find tracking info in NYSIIS

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

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.
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
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
mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing infections in real-world conditions

Nearly 4,000* health care personnel, first responders, and essential workers were tested weekly for the virus that causes COVID-19

Those who were fully vaccinated were 90% less likely to get infected

* Effedermans of Phase 3 trials and Rovita (6M) vaccines among 15,162 study participants in eight U.S. locations from December 14, 2020, to March 11, 2021. Participants with collected specimens weekly regardless of symptoms and collected additional specimens if they became sick.

CDC.GOV bit.ly/MMWR32921
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

- [Link to Israel study](https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.02.06.21251283v1) or [https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-021-01316-7](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-021-01316-7)
Updates on vaccine and immunosuppression

- 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](#)
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 to 17 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
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).

- One-page clinical considerations poster [link](#)
VaxText℠ 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

- 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
#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](http://www.facebook.com/profilepicframes/?selected_overlay_id=2361854253958052)
COVID vaccine Resources

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

- https://vaccinefinder.org/

- Capital Region Vaccine Equity Collaborative
  Covid-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration

- 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.
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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Chief Medical Officer
Office of Quality and Patient Safety
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
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.

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


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 COVID-19 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.

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.

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
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.*

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.

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
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.
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

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
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.

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For more information, please visit the NYSDOH website.
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 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.
Healthcare Provider Well-Being
Healthcare Provider/Physician Wellness

Supporting Healthcare Provider Well-Being in COVID & Beyond

July 9, 2020

Howard Zucker, MD, JD
Commissioner of Health, New York State

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.
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

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
How to manage COVID-related stress and anxiety

Mental Health in the Next Phase of Coronavirus
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
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
CDC COVID-19 Website

Additional COVID-19 Resources
NYS resources

- [https://forward.ny.gov/early-warning-monitoring-dashboard](https://forward.ny.gov/early-warning-monitoring-dashboard)
- Testing/tracing
- New infections/severity based on hospitalization
- Hospital capacity

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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](http://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.cdc.gov/), [NHSN Nursing Home COVID-19 Data Dashboard](nhsn.cdc.gov/)

• 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](https://www.cdc.gov/cid). To learn more, please visit: [Estimated COVID-19 Burden](https://www.cdc.gov/cid)
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
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:

- Medicaid:
  www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/
NYSDOH COVID-19 Website

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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 NYFRONLINE 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.

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Mirror Clings

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

TO NYS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

THANK YOU!