

An Update for NYS Healthcare Providers on COVID-19

May 13th, 2021

Agenda



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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.

 All of the information presented is based on our best knowledge as of today.



COVID-19 Global Update

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Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global, 5/9/2021

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

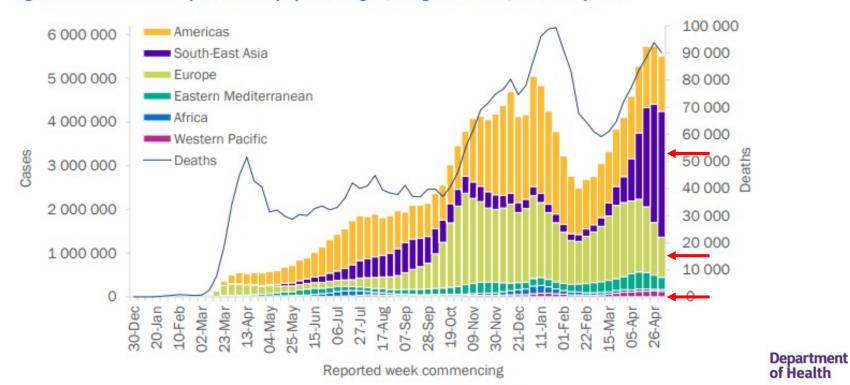
Region	Confirmed Cases	Deaths		
Global	157,362,408	3,277,834		
Western Pacific	2,597,134	39,179 ← Up 3500		
Europe	52,871,662	1,104,629		
South-East Asia	25,552,640 ← Up 5.6M	309,197 ← Up 60K		
Eastern Mediterranean	9,428,375	189,052		
Africa	3,357,846	83,904		
Americas	63,554,005	1,551,860		



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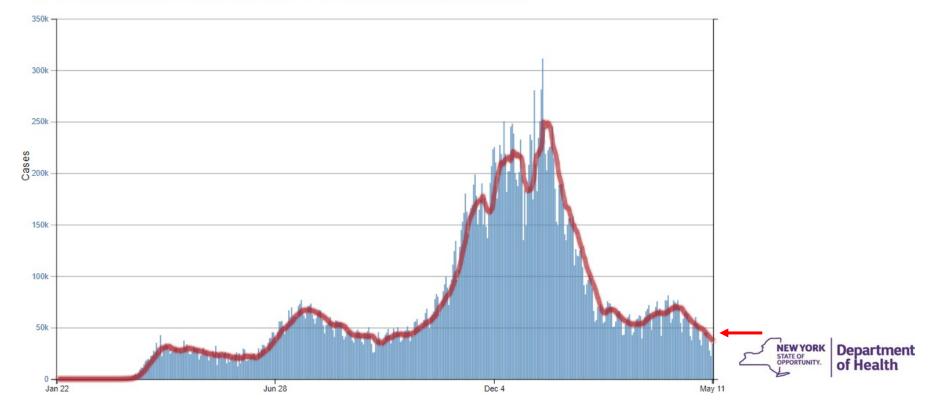
Figure 1. COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 9 May 2021**



Situation Summary: COVID-19 U.S. (May 12, 2021)

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

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC



CDC COVID Data Tracker (May 12, 2021)

TOTAL CASES

32,608,287

+34,291 New Cases

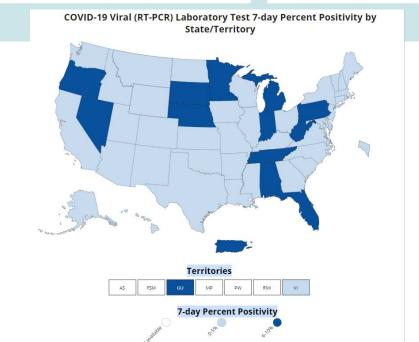
7 DAY CASE RATE PER 100,000 **77.7**

TOTAL DEATHS

580,073

+643 New Deaths

CDC | Updated: May 12 2021 12:48PM





NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker (May 11, 2021)

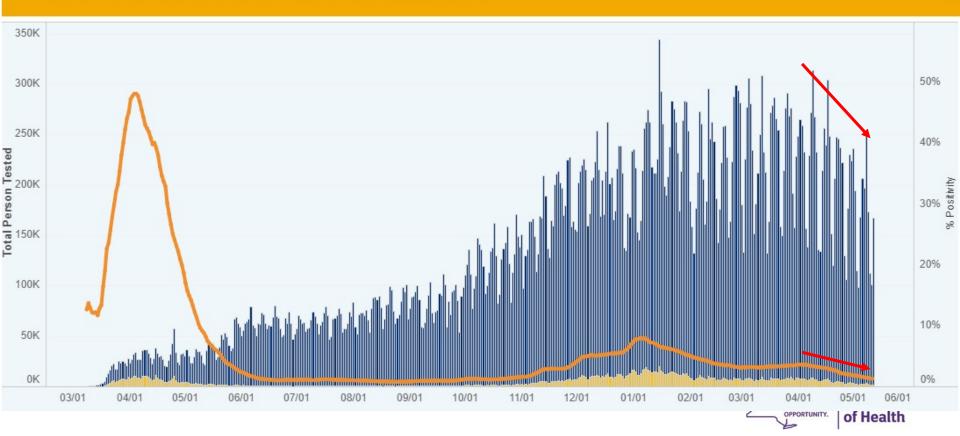
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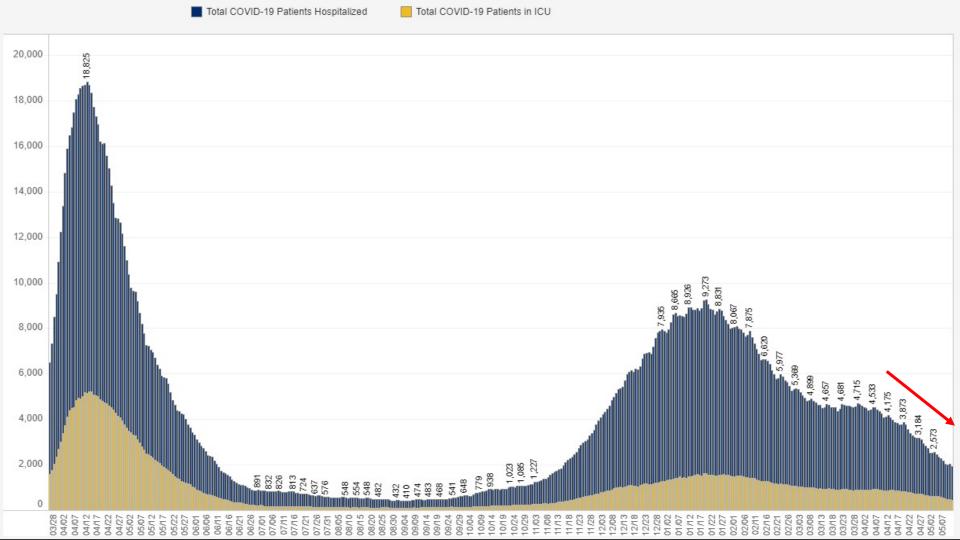
	Total Persons Tested	Total Tested Positive	% Positive Results	New Positives Today	Persons Tested Today
Grand Total	53,205,655	2,061,249	3.9%	1,830	165,892
ALL NYC	22,786,041	924,993	4.1%	687	79,512
NYS Excluding NYC	30,419,614	1,136,256	3.7%	1,143	86,380

Test Results - Yesterday		\downarrow	1	
	Total Persons Tested	Total Tested Positive	% Positive, Yesterday	% Positive, 7-day Avg
Capital Region	5,160	118	2.3%	1.4%
Central New York	7,202	102	1.4%	1.1%
Finger Lakes	7,592	206	2.7%	2.8%
Long Island	22,176	235	1.1%	1.2%
Mid-Hudson	17,729	142	0.8%	1.2%
Mohawk Valley	3,599	59	1.6%	1.5%
New York City	79,512	687	0.9%	1.1%
North Country	2,304	40	1.7%	2.0%
Southern Tier	12,079	69	0.6%	0.6%
Western New York	8,539	172	2.0%	2.3%

% Positive Results Over Time - All Regions

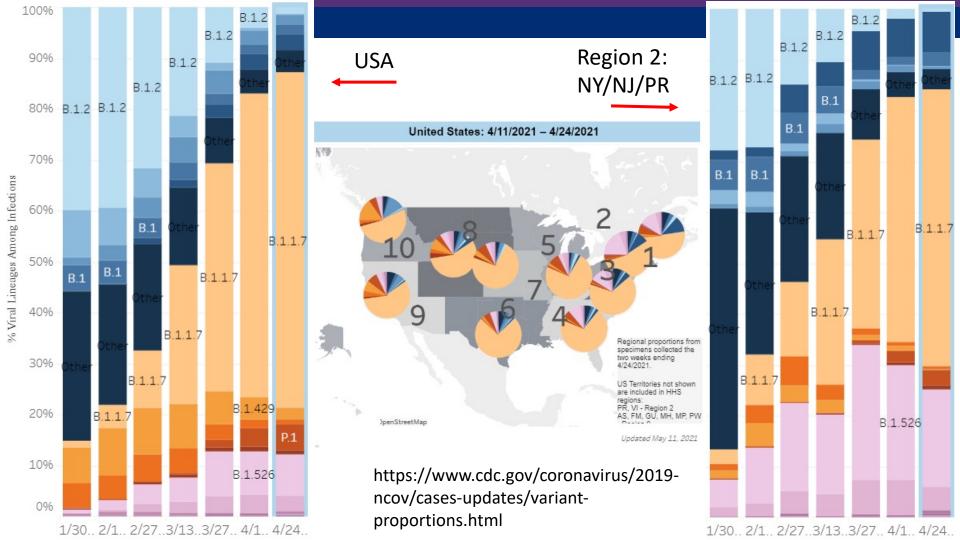






COVID-19 Variants Update





B.1.617—the "India Variants"

Table 2: Overview of B.1.617 sublineages, as of 11 May 2021

Sublineage	B.1.617.1	B.1.617.2	B.1.617.3
Sequences in GISAID	2001	2507	67
Number of countries reporting detections	34 (in 6 WHO regions)	31 (in 5 WHO regions)	4 (in 3 WHO regions)
Number of lineage- defining spike mutations*	7	8	6
Characteristic spike mutations*	G142D, E154K, L452R, E484Q, D614G, P681R, Q1071H	T19R, G142D, del157/158, L452R, T478K, D614G, P681R, D950N	T19R, L452R, E484Q, D614G, P681R, D950N

^{*}Mutations found in >60% of sequences

- B.1.617 sublineages appear to have higher rates of transmission, including observed rapid increases in prevalence in multiple countries (moderate evidence available for B.1.617.1 and B.1.617.2), and
- Preliminary evidence suggests potential reduced effectiveness of Bamlanivimab, a monoclonal antibody used for COVID-19 treatment, and potentially slightly reduced susceptibility to neutralisation antibodies (limited evidence available for B.1.617.1).

SARS-CoV-2 Variants in NY, GISAID pull, 5/9/22

County	B.1.1.7	B.1.526	B.1.526- E484K	B.1.526.2	B.1.351	P.1	B.1.427	B.1.429	B.1.617	Total sequenced
Capital District	106	53	37	10	0	12	1	5	0	1203
Central	81	13	10	3	1	0	13	4	0	497
Finger Lakes	250	15	11	4	0	1	21	4	0	1083
Long Island	321	193	131	92	3	6	12	26	0	1904
Mid-Hudson	185	182	126	108	0	4	8	8	0	1600
Mohawk Valley	16	7	7	2	0	0	15	1	0	513
New York City	4164	5058	4043	2009	30	213	139	272	18	23811
New York Unknown	1416	850	606	277	11	58	120	101	4	5750
North Country	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165
Out-of-State	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	88
Southern Tier	46	18	6	13	0	1	5	6	0	587
Western	37	6	5	2	2	0	30	6	0	941
TOTAL	6624	6397	4983	2520	47	295	364	434	22	38142



COVID-19 Vaccination Program Enrollment, Ordering and Reporting

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Enrollment



COVID-19 Vaccination Program Enrollment

- Locations in New York State outside of the 5 New York City boroughs enroll in the NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Program via an application tool in the Health Commerce System (HCS).
- Requests for vaccine and reporting of doses administered is done through the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).
- New York City locations enroll via the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR).



Enrollment Process For Locations Outside NYC

Step 1: Complete the online COVID-19 Vaccine Program Provider Enrollment application located in the Health Commerce System (HCS). There are a set of <u>resource documents</u> to assist you.

The application includes two sections:

Section A: Provider Requirements and Legal Agreement specifies the conditions of participation and must be filled out for the <u>organization</u> (i.e., network, health system, or medical group).

Section B: Program Provider Profile Form must be filled out for every vaccination provider <u>location</u> receiving and administering COVID-19 vaccine.

Step 2: Ensure the appropriate individuals have access to the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS). New users must complete two NYSIIS Trainings in order to obtain NYSIIS accounts.

- Standard User Training, approximately 45 minutes
- Administrative User Training, approximately 20 minutes

NYSIIS is used to submit requests for vaccine, manage vaccine inventory and report doses administered.

Step 3: Sign and return a "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the COVID-19 Vaccination Program" to demonstrate commitment to complying with New York State's directives regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

The MOU will be emailed to you after you submit an application in the HCS. The MOU is required in addition to the online enrollment application.

Enrollment Process For Locations In NYC

Step 1: Register your facility in the CIR to obtain a CIR facility code. Go to the <u>online registration page</u> to register your facility for the first time or to update an existing registration if your facility has not reported to the CIR in over a year.

• You will need the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number and NYS medical license number of the provider-in-charge to complete the registration.

Step 2: Create a CIR Online Registry (OR) account. To do so, you must complete the two forms listed below, then scan and email them to cir-reset@health.nyc.gov.

- Security Administrator (User Manager) Confidentiality Statement for Online Access and Acceptable Use Protocol (PDF)
- <u>Security Administrator (User Manager) User ID/Password Request Form (Facilities)</u> (PDF)

Step 3: After you have a facility code and OR account set up, you will be able to access the Vaccination Provider Agreement System (VPAS) from inside the OR. Paper forms are not accepted. NYC is accepting only online enrollments. This agreement is for enrollment in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program; it is not a vaccine order.

Once your VPAS agreement has been approved, you will be notified to order vaccine. Please be sure to complete both Parts A and B in VPAS. Part B will appear as a link in the upper left of the screen after completing Part A. Instructions are attached. For assistance with VPAS, email nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov.



Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Requests

- After enrolling, providers may enter Planning Requests for COVID-19 vaccine via the Prebooking Module in the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).
- NYSDOH Vaccine Program allocates vaccine to <u>enrolled</u> providers <u>outside of NYC.</u>
- A new Planning Request must be submitted on <u>each Monday by 5PM</u> to be considered for the following week's COVID-19 vaccine allocation.
- Planning Requests do not guarantee an allocation.
- Multiple vaccine products (Pfizer, Moderna, Janssen) may be requested depending on administration and storage capacity.



Ordering



Vaccine Order Quantities – Pfizer-BioNTech

- Pfizer is currently only available to order in a minimum package size of 1,170 doses (195 6-dose vials).
- Pfizer will soon offer a new, smaller 450 doses package size (75 6-dose vials).

Temp Storage: Although the strict ultra-cold frozen temperature requirements are best for long term storage, the vaccine is also able to be safely stored at regular frozen temperatures for TWO WEEKS and in the refrigerator for another FIVE DAYS. We also anticipate new guidance allowing for refrigerator storage for up to 30 days. Stay tuned!

Pfizer-BioNTech Redistribution Pilot

- Some physician practices, especially pediatricians, wish to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for their patients but do not have ultra-low temperature storage and are not able to administer a full tray of 1,170 doses within the requested time frame.
- To assist you, we will facilitate a pilot redistribution process to reduce the Pfizer tray size.
- If your medical practice is enrolled in the NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Program, you
 received a questionnaire to determine how many Pfizer doses you would like to
 retrieve from either your local health department or a State-operated mass
 vaccination site.



Vaccine Order Quantities - Moderna

- Moderna is available in two multiple-dose vial presentations:
 - A multiple-dose vial containing a maximum of 11 doses (0.5mL each) phasing out of the supply chain
 - A new multiple-dose vial containing a maximum of 15 doses (0.5mL each)
- Currently, the minimum order size and increment for Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is 100 doses (1 carton of 10 multidose vials, 10 doses per vial) or 140 doses (1 carton of 10 multidose vials, 14 doses per vial).

Update: Providers should **reliably** extract 10 doses from the current volume vial and plan to extract 14 doses from the new larger vial.

Temp Storage: Moderna vaccine can be safely stored at regular frozen temperatures for up to 6 months, refrigerated for up to 30 days.

Vaccine Order Quantities - Janssen

- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine is available to order in increments of 100 doses (2 cartons of 10 multidose vials, 5 doses per vial).
- Can be safely stored in the refrigerator for 3 months.



Vaccine Ordering – Federal Updates

- The CDC released guidance on May 11th regarding wastage with the critical message to "take every opportunity to vaccinate every eligible person."
- We recognize that as we continue to create more opportunities to vaccinate more people, it may increase the likelihood of leaving unused doses in a vial.
 While we want to continue to follow best practices to use every dose possible, we do not want that to be at the expense of missing an opportunity to vaccinate every eligible person when they are ready to get vaccinated.
- Once punctured, multidose vials must be used within:
 - 12 hours (Moderna)
 - 6 hours (Pfizer)
 - 2 hours (Janssen/J&J)



Reporting



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Reporting

- Accurately and completely reporting doses administered to the appropriate immunization information system (NYSIIS or CIR) within 24 hours of vaccine administration is important and required by Executive Order 202.82, as extended by 202.89.
 - This includes maintaining up-to-date inventory in the same system.
- Providers are responsible for fixing any errors previously entered.
- The Excelsior Pass verifies requests for passes against information entered into NYSIIS and CIR.
 - If data entered into NYSIIS or CIR is incorrect or incomplete because identity cannot be confirmed, fields are missing, or dates do not show they are fully vaccinated – the person cannot get a pass.
- New York State Vaccine Form: The NYS Vaccine Form collects demographic information including critical information on race and ethnicity.
 - It is mandatory for all individuals receiving COVID-19 vaccine.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Ages 12-15 Years COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

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Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Ages 12-15 Years



Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Ages 12-15 Years

- On May 10, 2021, the FDA amended the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to expand its use to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age
- UPDATED EUA Fact Sheets for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine
 - Fact sheet for healthcare providers:
 https://www.fda.gov/media/144413/download
 - Fact sheet for vaccine recipients and caregivers:
 https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download

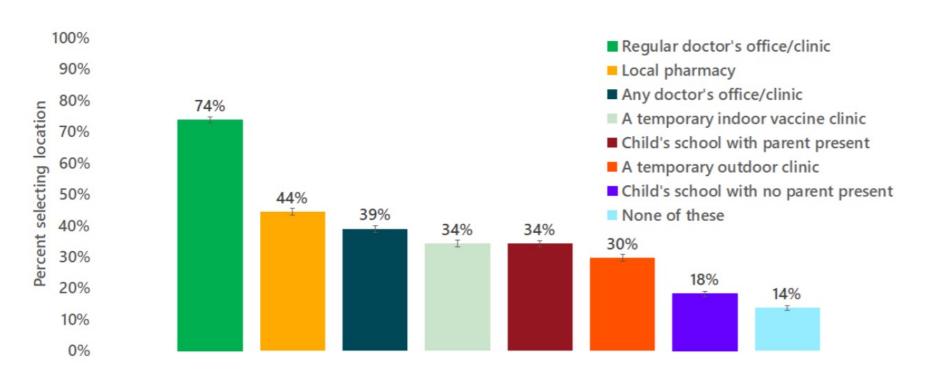


Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Ages 12-15 Years

- On Wednesday, May 12, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents 12-15 years of age
- Same dosage, intervals, contraindications and precautions as for persons age 16 years and older
- Anticipated MMWR publication on Friday, May 14



Acceptability: Comfort with adolescent receiving COVID-19 vaccine at each site CDC/U lowa Survey of Parents and Adolescents, April 2021



Coadministration

- COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may now be administered without regard to timing. This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines on the same day, as well as co-administration within 14 days.
- It is unknown whether reactogenicity is increased with coadministration, including with other vaccines known to be more reactogenic, such as adjuvanted vaccines.
- When deciding whether to coadminister with COVID-19 vaccines, providers could consider whether the patient is behind or at risk of becoming behind on recommended vaccines and the reactogenicity profile of the vaccines.

Routine adolescent vaccines

- Updated coadministration recommendations may facilitate catch up vaccination of adolescents.
- As of May 2, 2021, overall VFC provider orders (other than influenza) are down by 11.7 million doses compared with 2019.
- This gap is largest in vaccines primarily given to adolescents.
 - Tdap down 18.9%
 - HPV down 19.3%
 - Meningococcal conjugate vaccine down 15.1%

Clinical considerations for people with a history of MIS-C or MIS-A

 Children with MIS-C have high antibody titers to SARS-CoV-2; however, it is unknown if this correlates with protection against reinfection and for how long protective antibody levels persist.

 It is unclear if people with a history of MIS-C or MIS-A are at risk for recurrence of the same dysregulated immune response following reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 or in response to a COVID-19 vaccine.

Clinical considerations for people with a history of MIS-C or MIS-A

- People with a history of MIS-C or MIS-A may choose to be vaccinated.
- Considerations for vaccination may include:
 - Clinical recovery from MIS-C or MIS-A, including return to normal cardiac function
 - Personal risk of severe acute COVID-19 (e.g., age, underlying conditions)
 - Level of COVID-19 community transmission and personal risk of reinfection
 - Lack of safety data of COVID-19 vaccines following these illnesses
 - Timing of any immunomodulatory therapies

Clinical considerations for people with a history of MIS-C or MIS-A

• Current evidence suggests that the risk of SARS-CoV-2 reinfection is low in the months after initial infection but may increase with time due to waning immunity. Thus, people with a history of MIS-C or MIS-A should consider delaying vaccination until they have recovered from illness and for 90 days after the date of diagnosis of MIS-C or MIS-A, recognizing that the risk of reinfection and, therefore, the benefit from vaccination, might increase with time following initial infection.

NEW CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Pediatrician Toolkit

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/toolkits/pediatrician.html

Pediatric Healthcare Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit

Updated May 12, 2021 Print



As parents' most trusted source of information on vaccines, pediatric healthcare professionals play a critical role in helping parents/guardians understand the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and assuring them that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

Your strong recommendation is critical for vaccine acceptance. Tell parents/guardians how important COVID-19 vaccines are to protecting their children's health.

Remind parents that after their family is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, they may start to do some things they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.



COVID-19 Vaccine Safety



Vaccine-Related Anxiety and Syncope

- The CDC recently reported a case series of anxiety-related events at 5 Janssen vaccine mass vaccination clinics
 - Reported symptoms included tachycardia, hyperventilation, dyspnea, chest pain, paresthesia, lightheadedness, hypotension, headache, pallor and syncope
- Syncope can happen after many types of vaccinations
- Patients who faint after vaccination generally recover within a few minutes, but potential for injury is a significant concern
- Falls due to fainting can be prevented by having the patient sit or lie down during and after vaccination
- Patients should be observed for at least 15 minutes following vaccination, as described on the next slide



Post-Vaccine Observation

- All COVID-19 vaccine recipients should wait on-site following vaccination for the following periods to monitor for the occurrence of immediate adverse reactions:
 - 30 minutes:
 - History of an immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a vaccine or injectable therapy,
 - People with a contraindication to a different type of COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., people with a contraindication to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines receiving Janssen COVID-19 vaccine), and
 - History of anaphylaxis due to any cause.
 - 15 minutes:
 - All other people

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Preliminary Findings of mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine Safety in Pregnant Persons

- Active surveillance of post-vaccination events among pregnant persons using the v-safe pregnancy registry
- Frequency of adverse pregnancy and neonatal outcomes among COVID-19 vaccine recipients were similar to baseline rates
- Pregnant vaccine recipients had similar adverse reactions as non-pregnant recipients, aside from higher rates of nausea and vomiting

v-safe After Vaccination Health Checker

Provide recipients with <u>CDC v-safe information</u> and encourage them to participate in

v-safe for active safety monitoring

- V-safe is a new voluntary, smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins for COVID-19 vaccine recipients
- V-safe allows participants to report any side effects after COVID-19 vaccination to CDC in almost real time
- It also gives them a convenient reminder to get their 2nd COVID-19 vaccine dose
- CDC is requesting healthcare providers give patients a v-safe information sheet at the time of vaccination and encourage them to enroll and fill out the surveys when prompted to do so

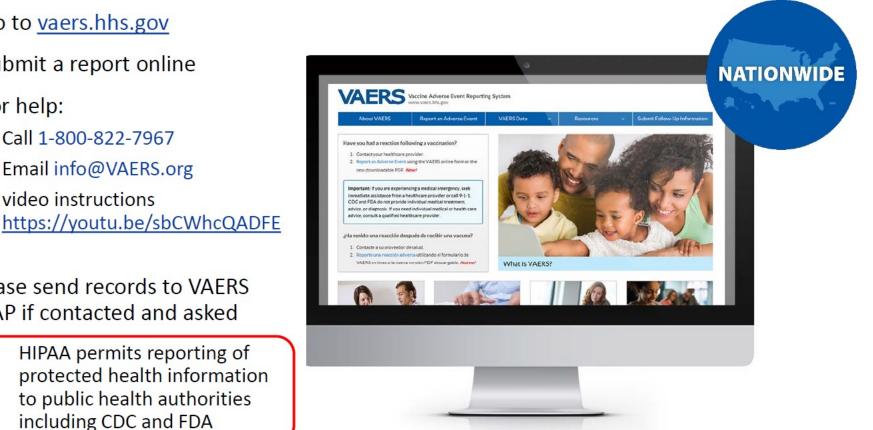


How to report an adverse event to VAERS

- Go to vaers.hhs.gov
- Submit a report online
- For help:

Call 1-800-822-7967 Email info@VAERS.org video instructions

- Please send records to VAFRS ASAP if contacted and asked
 - HIPAA permits reporting of protected health information to public health authorities including CDC and FDA



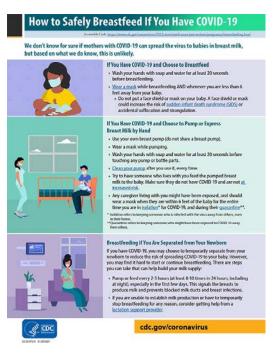
COVID-19 Clinical Updates

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COVID-19 Vaccine and Pregnancy



CDC Tool kit for pregnancy and new parents: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/toolkits/pregnant-people-and-new-parents.html



Pregnant, Lactating, or Planning to Become Pregnant – NYS Guidance 5/11/21

- Any of the 3 vaccine should be offered to pregnant, lactating or people planning to become pregant
- Encouraged but not required to consult with a medical provider
- Latest research did not identify any safety concerns for pregnant people who were vaccinated or for their babies
- No increase in rates of miscarriage or adverse pregnancy effects in pregnant people who received the COVID-19 vaccine
- AJOG article <u>Link</u> showing equivalent titers from naturally infected/vaccinated pregnant and lactating women
- JAMA article <u>Link</u> on antibodies in breastmilk after vaccine
- NEJM Link
- NYS Guidance <u>Link</u>
- ACOG Link
- CDC <u>Link</u>



MotherToBaby and V-Safe

MotherToBaby

- MotherToBaby experts are available to answer questions chat. The free and confidential services is available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (local time)
- To reach MotherToBaby: Call 1-866-626-6847 or chat live or send an email to
- MotherToBaby: https://mothertobaby.org/

V-Safe

- A v-safe pregnancy registry has been established to gather information on the health of pregnant people who have received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Participation is voluntary and participants may opt out at any time https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html





Vaccine Confidence



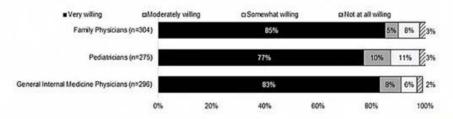
Vaccine Climate Data Presented at ACIP

- 46-60% of parents surveyed plan to get their child vaccinated
- Safety/distrust were the biggest issues
- Parents are more likely to vaccinate themselves compared to their children
- Mothers/lower income people were less likely to have their kids vaccinated
- Fathers/older moms/higher income people were more likely to get vaccinated
- About 50% of parents have an interest in getting the vaccine for their adolescent
- Varied by gender, race, income
- Providers are interested in giving the vaccine compared to other sites like pharmacies, vaccine clinics, mass vaccine sites or even schools
- Adolescents prefer to receive the vaccine in their regular doctor's office followed by pharmacies

Acceptability:

Provider willingness to administer COVID-19 vaccine

- October-December 2020 Survey: family physicians, pediatricians, and internal medicine physicians very willing to administer COVID-19 vaccine in their practices
 - 97% of providers were willing to administer COVID-19 vaccine
 - Largest perceived barrier to vaccination was parent/patient concern about safety of COVID-19 vaccine





Vaccine Confidence Resources

- Fighting misinformation in the time of COVID-19, one click at a time: <u>Link</u>
- COVID-19–Related Infodemic and Its Impact on Public Health: A Global Social Media Analysis <u>Link</u>
- Resources from Johns Hopkins for combatting vaccine hesitancy <u>Link</u>
- Combatting misinformation through reporting Link





CISA COVIDvax

Healthcare providers or health departments in the United States can request a consultation from CISA COVIDvax for a complex COVID-19 vaccine safety question that is

1) about an individual patient residing in the United States or vaccine safety issue and
(2) not readily addressed by CDC or <u>Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices</u>

(ACIP) quidelines

 This request can be made through CDC-INFO by: Calling 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636), or Submitting a request via CDC-INFO webform

To Request a COVID-19 CISA Clinical Consultation CISA COVIDvax for a complex COVID-19 vaccine safety question that is (1) about an individual

patient residing in the United States or vaccine safety issue and (2) not readily addressed by CDC

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- Calling 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636), or
- Submitting a request via CDC-INFO webform

In case of an emergent clinical COVID-19 vaccine safety inquiry, healthcare providers and health department staff can call the CDC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Watch Desk at (770)-488-7100

The EOC Watch Desk will route emergency inquiries to the CISA COVIDvax on-call

staff.



COCA call on What Clinicians Need to Know About Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccination of Adolescents

- This COCA Call will give clinicians an overview of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination in adolescents who are 12-to-15 years of age
- Clinicians will learn about the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, vaccine recommendations, and clinical guidance for using the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents in this age group.
- Call on May 14th at 2pm EDT
- https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2021/callinfo_051421.asp



Other Updates

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Guidance Updates



Guidance Update

May 12, 2021: Updated Guidance for Resumption of Non-Essential Elective Surgeries and Non- Urgent Procedures in Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Office Based Surgery Practices and Diagnostic and Treatment Centers

- Must implement a policy that addresses risk assessment, including exposure, travel, and COVID-19 symptoms.
- The policy needs to address when pre-elective procedure testing is to occur and must define a negative COVID-19 test as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen test.

Pre-elective procedure testing five (5) days prior to elective surgeries and procedures using a PCR or antigen test for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 is required for:

- Patients who are not fully vaccinated;
- Unvaccinated patients; and
- Patients for whom COVID-19 screening has identified potential risk/need for testing before procedures

Guidance Update cont.

May 12, 2021: Updated Guidance for Resumption of Non-Essential Elective Surgeries and Non-Urgent Procedures

Pre-elective procedure testing is **not required** for patients who are fully vaccinated or have recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 during the previous three months.

There is no need to test asymptomatic recently recovered patients to prove they are now negative. However, pre-elective procedure testing **remains encouraged** by NYSDOH for all asymptomatic patients scheduled for elective surgery/procedures.

Pre-elective procedure testing for all asymptomatic patients scheduled for elective surgery/procedure is strongly encouraged for all patients irrespective of vaccination or recovery status in **regions with a positivity rate of 2%** or greater in the region according to the NY Forward seven-day average. "Region" refers to the location where the elective surgery or procedure will take place.

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/05/elective surgery guidance update 051221.pdf

NY State Update on Capacity Restrictions of Non-Essential Gatherings:

Outdoor, residential: Effective May 19, 2021, there are no longer any limits on private residential outdoor gatherings.

Indoor, residential: Effective May 19, 2021, up to 50 people are permitted to attend residential indoor gatherings

Indoor events, arts and entertainment venues: Effective May 19, 2021, up to 250 people are permitted to attended indoor social gatherings at events, arts, and entertainment venues.



NY State Announced New Pop-up Vaccination Sites

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced eight new pop-up vaccination sites at MTA station stops in the **New York City, Long Island and Mid-Hudson** regions. The sites will serve up to 300 walk-ins per day on a first come, first served basis utilizing the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Sites: Penn Station, Grand Central Terminal, East 180th Street, 179th Street, Coney Island, Broadway Junction, Hempstead and Ossining. Locations Open **from May 12 to May 16**

MTA to provide a **free** Seven-Day MetroCard or Free LIRR/Metro-North Round Trip Ticket to individuals who get vaccinated at sites. All sites are open for walkin vaccinations on a first come, first served basis; MTA employees can get vaccinated at sites.

https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/video-audio-photos-rush-transcript-governor-cuomo-announces-eight-new-pop-vaccination-sites



Guidance Update cont.

May 3, 2021: Reopening Guidance for Adult Care Facility Day Programs for Non-Residents

To maintain infection control standards and practices, the Department of Health will use a phased approach to reopening.

Phase #1: Beginning May 4, 2021, day programs for non-residents previously approved by the Department may **submit a reopening plan** that addresses the three key areas of operation detailed herein.

Phase #2: Beginning May 17, 2021, day programs for non-residents previously approved by the Department with an accepted reopening plan and where the sponsoring adult care facility meets the eligibility criteria for in-person visitation, **may open**.

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/05/day-program-reopening-05.04.2021.pdf

Guidance Update cont.

May 3, 2021: Health Advisory: *** Revised *** Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions for Patients with COVID-19 Who Are Hospitalized or in Nursing Homes, Adult Care Facilities, or Other Congregate Settings with Vulnerable Residents

Hospitals, nursing homes, adult care facilities, and certain other congregate living facilities are settings with highly vulnerable patients and residents. For persons who are admitted to or remain in these settings, NYSDOH recommends discontinuation of transmission-based precautions for persons with COVID-19 as outlined in this advisory.

- Symptom-based strategy for asymptomatic persons or persons with mild-to-moderate or severe-to-critical critical illness, who are NOT severely immunocompromised
- Symptom-based strategy for persons who are severely immunocompromised
- Test-based strategy



Monoclonal AB Update



Monoclonal Antibody update

CMS Increases Medicare Payment for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Infusions

\$450 for most health care settings. In support of providers' efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, CMS will also establish a higher national payment rate of \$750 when monoclonal antibodies are administered in the beneficiary's home, including the beneficiary's permanent residence or temporary lodging (e.g., hotel/motel, cruise ship, hostel, or homeless shelter)

Visit <u>CombatCOVID.hhs.gov</u> for additional information on COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments.



Monoclonal Antibody update cont.

- Monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 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



COVID-19 Resources



COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Compilation

What is the Provider Compilation Document?

- Contains links to the most recently available COVID-19 guidance for healthcare providers
- Includes links and guidance for:
 - Vaccinations, testing, quarantine, infection control and other relevant information for outpatient healthcare providers
- Updated weekly or as new guidance is released



COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Compilation

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

Information for Healthcare Providers

COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS

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

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



WEEKLY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER UPDATE COMPILATION



NYSDOH COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Compilation As of February 4, 2021, 9:00 AM

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

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers

Link to Guidance

NYSDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage

- How to Order COVID-19 Vaccine
- . Documents and Guidance on Administering the COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Prioritization
- Provider Training

Determine Eligibility for a Vaccine and Find a Local Vaccination Site to Make an Appointment

Testing and Specimen Collection

Link to Guidance

NYSDOH COVID-19 Testing Webpage

- Antigen Testing
- Antibody Testing
- Molecular Testing
- Protocols for Drive-Through Testing

DOH Wadsworth Center Coronavirus Testing Guidance Webpage

- · Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport
- Guidance on Pooling
- Test Results Reporting
- Infectious Disease Requisition

Quarantine, Travel and Exposure

Link to Guidance	Date
COVID-19 Travel Advisory Webpage	
Guidance on Use Of COVID-19 Sick Leave	01/20/21
<u>UPDATE to Health Advisory: Revised Protocols for Personnel in Healthcare and Other Direct Care</u> <u>Settings to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure</u>	01/07/21
Quarantine for persons exposed to COVID-19	12/26/20
Interim Guidance for Individuals Traveling To New York State for Medical Treatment	11/09/20
NYSDOH and NYSDOL Guidance on Use of COVID-19 Sick Leave for Health Care Employers	06/25/20
Symptom-Based Strategy to Discontinue Home Isolation for Persons with COVID-19	05/30/20
Contact Tracing Tool for People Being Tested for COVID-19	05/14/20
Discontinuation of Indiction for Potients with COVID 40 who are Hagnitalized in Nursing Hames, or in	0.4/4.0/20



NY State DOH COVID-19 Hotline

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

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





GET COVID-19 EXPOSURE ALERTS

Add Your Phone. Stop the Spread.





- COVID Alert NY is a voluntary, anonymous, exposurenotification 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 selfquarantine 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.

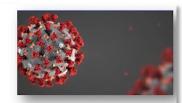


Healthcare Provider Well-Being



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 costsharing, including deductibles, copayments and coinsurance, for innetwork mental health services for frontline essential workers during COVID-19



Mental Health Resources

Office of Mental Health

About OMH

Consumers & Families

Behavioral Health Providers

Employment

COVID-19 Resources

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

Learn more about:

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

VACCINATION INFORMATION

New York State COVID-19 Vaccine webpage

Learn more about the State's distribution plan and if you're eligible for the vaccine.

OMH COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet 7

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 秀 (Español 秀 | 本) 비수文 秀 | P YC C K N Й 秀 | Kreyòl Ayisyen 秀 | 한국어를 秀) How to manage COVID related stress and anxiety

Mental Health in the Next Phase of Coronavirus 🔁 (Español 📆 | বাংলা 🟂 | 中文 📆 | Р УС С К И Й 🟂 | Kreyòl Ayisyen 💆 | ייִדיש 📆) 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.





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



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



Additional COVID-19 Resources



NYS resources

 https://forward.ny.gov/early-warningmonitoring-dashboard

COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard

- Testing/tracing
- New infections/severity hospitalization
- Hospital capacity





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: <u>www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-</u> 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 <u>Long-term Care Facilities (LTCFs) COVID-19 Module</u>, <u>NHSN Nursing Home COVID-19 Data Dashboard</u>
- Estimated Disease Burden of COVID-19: estimates of COVID-19 infections, symptomatic illnesses, and hospitalizations using a statistical model to adjust for cases that national surveillance networks are unable to capture for a number of reasons.
- These estimates and methodology used to calculate them are published in Clinical Infectious Diseases and available online. To learn more, please visit: Estimated COVID-19 Burden



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:

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

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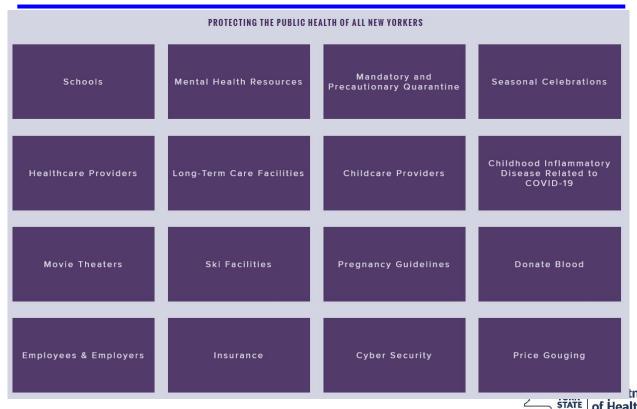
What You Need to Know

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

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



NYSDOH COVID-19 Website



Education Department

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

NYSDOH COVID-19 Testing Website



Mirror Clings



To order mirror clings for public use email the NYSDOH:

bmcc@health.ny.gov





QUESTIONS?

TO NYS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THANK YOU!

