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## Federal Resources

For important updates and statistics on what is happening nationally, you may visit the following:

- CDC:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
- USA.GOV:  
<https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>
- White House:  
[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)
- Food and Drug Administration:  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

## State Resources

For updates on what is happening in New York, you may visit the following:

- State Department of Health:  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>
- State Department of Education:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/coronavirus.html>
- Governor:  
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/>

## General Information

### New York State Coronavirus Hotline

- For more information, call the New York State Coronavirus Hotline at **1-888-364-3065**.

### COVID-19 General Questions

- New Yorkers can ask the State Department of Health (DOH) questions about COVID-19 here:  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/form/ask-us-a-question>

### Know Your Rights

- DOH has created a “Know Your Rights” website with information concerning testing, insurance, unemployment, mortgages and rent, utilities, and price gouging:  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/know-your-rights>

### Protect Yourself and Your Family

- DOH has provided important information on keeping your family safe from COVID-19:  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19>

### Call for Help

- The State is looking for qualified health professionals to assist in the COVID-19 response:  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/information-healthcare-providers>

## CDC Important Information

**How it Spreads:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>

**Symptoms:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html>

**Steps to Prevent Illness:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

**What to Do if You are Sick:**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>

**Frequently Asked Questions:**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

## Important Information for Businesses

### Workforce Reduction Order: Essential Businesses

- Empire State Development guidance for determining whether a business is subject to a workforce reduction order is available here: <https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>
- Request for designation as an essential business: <https://esd.ny.gov/content/request-designation-essential-business-purposes-executive-order-2026>
- Workforce Reduction Order Frequently Asked Questions are available here: [https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/ESD\\_EssentialEmployerFAQ\\_032220.pdf](https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/ESD_EssentialEmployerFAQ_032220.pdf)

### Businesses Offering Support

- Businesses interested in selling crucial medical supplies or products to the State should email: [COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov](mailto:COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov) or call 646-522-8477
- Businesses interested in receiving funding to produce medical supplies or products should email: [COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov](mailto:COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov) or call 212-803-3100

### Small Business Administration Loans

- The Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved a statewide disaster declaration for New York. Eligible small businesses may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans online at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>
  - A related fact sheet can be found here: <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/NY-16346-EIDL-Fact-Sheet.pdf>
  - Empire State Development Resource Guide to COVID-19 SBA Disaster Loans is available here: <https://esd.ny.gov/resource-guide-covid-19-sba-disaster-loans>
- SBA has also provided overall guidance and loan resources for small businesses at: <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources#section-header-4>

### Paid Sick Leave

- For an overview of New York's Emergency COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave program, visit: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/paid-sick-leave-covid-19-impacted-new-yorkers/emergency-covid-19-paid-sick-leave>
  - Guidance for Employers: <https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/covid-19-paid-leave-guidance-employers>
  - Additional information for employers can be found here: [https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/COVID\\_Sick\\_Leave\\_Employers\\_3-18-20\\_1.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/COVID_Sick_Leave_Employers_3-18-20_1.pdf)
- The U.S. Department of Labor released employer requirements related to expanded Family and Medical Leave requirements included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Information is available here: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcrs-employer-paid-leave>

## **Important Information for Businesses (continued)**

### **State Liquor Authority Guidance for Off-Premises Consumption**

- The New York State Liquor Authority guidance to allow establishments to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption is available here: <https://sla.ny.gov/Restrictions-in-Response-to-COVID-19>

### **Shared Work Program as an Alternative to Layoffs**

- The New York State Department of Labor is also reminding businesses of the Shared Work Program that allows workers to work a reduced schedule and collect partial unemployment benefits for up to 26 weeks as an alternative to layoffs: <https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/employerinfo/shared-work-program.shtm>

### **Important Tax Information**

- The State Department of Tax and Finance has released information related to its response to the COVID-19 pandemic here: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/press/alerts/nys-tax-response-to-covid-19.htm>
- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has created a webpage with COVID-19 related information at: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>
  - For information related to extending the filing deadline to July 15: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-day-now-july-15-treasury-irs-extend-filing-deadline-and-federal-tax-payments-regardless-of-amount-owed>
  - For information about implementing the Coronavirus-related paid leave for workers and tax credits for small and midsize businesses to swiftly recover the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/treasury-irs-and-labor-announce-plan-to-implement-coronavirus-related-paid-leave-for-workers-and-tax-credits-for-small-and-midsize-businesses-to-swiftly-recover-the-cost-of-providing-coronavirus>

### **Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act Information**

- WARN Act Information for COVID-19 related closures is available here: <https://www.labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/warn/warnportal.shtm>

### **Agricultural Businesses**

- For the latest guidance for the agricultural industry, please visit: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>

### **Businesses with Questions**

- Individuals and businesses with business-related COVID-19 issues and questions can visit a new web portal and FAQ page set up by ESD: <https://esd.ny.gov/esd-covid-19-related-resources>
- Individuals and businesses can ask COVID-19 related questions here: <https://esd.ny.gov/covid-19-help>
- Empire State Development Regional Contact Information: <https://esd.ny.gov/about-us/contact-us>

## Important Information for Employees

### Paid Sick Leave

- Information on Paid Sick Leave for COVID-19 impacted New Yorkers is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/paid-sick-leave-covid-19-impacted-new-yorkers/emergency-covid-19-paid-sick-leave>
  - Details for individuals and families, including how to apply for benefits, can be found here: <https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/paid-family-leave-family-care>
  - Additional information for employees can be found here: [https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/COVID\\_Sick\\_Leave\\_Employees\\_3-18-20\\_1.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/COVID_Sick_Leave_Employees_3-18-20_1.pdf)

### Unemployment Insurance

- The State Department of Labor (DOL) has instituted new rules that include extended hours and restrictions about when to file unemployment insurance claims based on your last name. More information is available here: <https://labor.ny.gov/pressreleases/2020/march-17-2020-1.shtm>
  - A step-by-step guide for filing for unemployment insurance can be found at: <https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/Unemployment-Filing-Instructions.pdf>
- The U.S. Department of Labor has provided general guidelines on how to file for unemployment insurance. More information can be found here: <https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/unemployment-insurance>

## Important Information for Schools

### Dedicated COVID-19 Websites

- The State Education Department has created a dedicated COVID-19 website that provides information and guidance to school districts across the State here: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/coronavirus.html>
- The State University of New York has created a dedicated COVID-19 resources website that can be found at: <https://www.suny.edu/health-alert/>
  - The City University of New York has created a similar website: <https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/>
- COVID-19 information and resources for schools and school personnel from the U.S. Department of Education can be found here: <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>

### Suspension of State Assessments

- Information about the New York State Education Department suspending the administration of the 2020 elementary- and intermediate-level State assessments is available here: <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/statement-board-regents-chancellor-betty-rosa-and-interim-state-education-commissioner-2>

### School Closures and Nutrition Assistance for Students

- State Education Department Guidance on school closures is available here: <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/state-education-department-issues-updated-guidance-schools-regarding-novel-coronavirus>

## Important Information for Schools (continued)

### Expanded Remote Learning

- Information on State Education Department and New York's Public Television Stations expanded remote learning is available here: <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/state-education-department-and-new-yorks-public-television-stations-announce-expanded>

### COVID-19 Cleaning Guidance

- The Department of Health (DOH) has created an interim cleaning and disinfection guidance document for primary and secondary schools for COVID-19: [https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/health-alert/COVID-19\\_SchoolCleaning-Guidance.PDF](https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/health-alert/COVID-19_SchoolCleaning-Guidance.PDF)

## Important Information for Insurers, Banks, and other Financial Institutions

### Insurance Providers

- Information for Insurers and Providers on Coverage for Telehealth Services is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/coronavirus/telehealth\\_ins\\_prov\\_info](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/coronavirus/telehealth_ins_prov_info)
- Guidance regarding Telehealth Services is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/circular\\_letters/cl2020\\_06](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/circular_letters/cl2020_06)
- Guidance to Insurance Entities Regarding Support for Consumers and Businesses is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/circular\\_letters/cl2020\\_07](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/circular_letters/cl2020_07)
- Guidance to Insurance Entities and Request for Assurance Relating to Operational and Financial Risk is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/circular\\_letters/cl2020\\_05](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/circular_letters/cl2020_05)
- Guidance on Preparedness for Coronavirus (COVID-19) is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/circular\\_letters/cl2020\\_03](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/circular_letters/cl2020_03)
- Guidance on Cancel For Any Reason Travel Benefits is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/circular\\_letters/cl2020\\_04](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/circular_letters/cl2020_04)

### Financial Services Providers (Including Banks)

- Guidance to Financial Institutions Regarding Support for Consumers and Businesses is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/industry\\_letters/il20200319\\_consumer\\_support\\_coronavirus](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/industry_letters/il20200319_consumer_support_coronavirus)
- Guidance to Mortgage Servicers Regarding Support for Borrowers is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/industry\\_letters/il20200319\\_coronavirus\\_mortgage\\_relief](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/industry_letters/il20200319_coronavirus_mortgage_relief)
- Order Granting Temporary Relief to COVID-19 Affected Regulated Entities and Persons is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/ea20200312\\_covid19\\_relief\\_order.pdf](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/ea20200312_covid19_relief_order.pdf)
- Guidance to Institutions and Request for Assurance of Operational Preparedness is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/industry\\_letters/il20200310\\_financial\\_risk\\_coronavirus](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/industry_letters/il20200310_financial_risk_coronavirus)
- Guidance to Banks, Credit Unions, and Licensed Lenders Regarding Support for Businesses is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/industry\\_letters/il20200310\\_support\\_businesses](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/industry_letters/il20200310_support_businesses)
- Guidance to Institutions Engaged in Virtual Currency Business Activity and Request for Assurance Relating to Operational and Financial Risk is available here: [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/industry\\_letters/il20200310\\_coronavirus\\_vc\\_business\\_oper\\_fin\\_risk](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/industry_letters/il20200310_coronavirus_vc_business_oper_fin_risk)

## Additional Information for Individuals and Families

### New York State Courts

- The New York State Unified Court System has created a website with important COVID-19 information here: <https://www.nycourts.gov/index.shtml>
- Information related to the Administrative Order Limiting Court Filings can be found here: <https://www.nycourts.gov/limited-filings.shtml>

### First Responders

- Information for First Responders is available here: <https://fasny.com/resources/wellness/>

### Local Officials

- Information for County Officials is available here: <https://www.nysac.org/health>
- Information for Mayors and other Local Government Officials is available here: <https://www.nycom.org/2-uncategorised/1404-coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

### Emergency Tolling

- Information regarding the New York State Thruway Authority emergency tolling procedures is available here: <http://www.thruway.ny.gov/etp/index.html>

### Information for Individuals and Families

- Local Health Department Contact Information is available here: [https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact\\_information/index.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/index.htm)
- Information about freezing New Yorkers' student debt, medical debt, and other state-referred debt payments for at least 30 days is available here: <https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/2020/attorney-general-james-and-governor-cuomo-temporarily-suspend-state-debt>
- Information related to extending the filing deadline from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020 can be found here: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-day-now-july-15-treasury-irs-extend-filing-deadline-and-federal-tax-payments-regardless-of-amount-owed>
- Guidance from the Treasury and IRS Issue on Deferring Tax Payments is available here: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm948>
- Information on Outdoor Recreation from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is available here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/119881.html>
- Information on managing anxiety related to COVID-19 is available here: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/guidance/covid-19-managing-stress-anxiety.pdf>
- New York State Office of Mental Health Guidance in Relation to COVID-19 is available here: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/guidance/>
- Information on the federal expansion of telehealth is available here: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/03/17/secretary-azar-announces-historic-expansion-of-telehealth-access-to-combat-covid-19.html>



## Important Federal Information

### Information Agency Links

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid:** <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality-safety-oversight-general-information/coronavirus>
- **Federal Trade Commission:** <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing>
- **U.S. Food & Drug Administration:** <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- **U.S. Department of Education:** <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture:** <https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>
- **U.S. Small Business Administration:** <https://www.sba.gov/page/guidance-businesses-employers-plan-respond-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- **U.S. Department of Labor:** <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>
- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security:** <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/notices-arrival-restrictions-coronavirus>
- **U.S. Department of State:** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/novel-coronavirus-hubei-province--china.html>
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:** <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/index.asp>
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:** <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- **U.S. Department of the Interior:** <https://www.doi.gov/messaging/coronavirus-updates>
- **U.S. Department of Energy:** <https://www.energy.gov/listings/energy-news>
- **U.S. Department of Commerce:** <https://www.commerce.gov/news>
- **U.S. Department of Justice:** <https://www.justice.gov/news>
- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:** [https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories)
- **U.S. Department of the Treasury:** <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm951>
- **Office of the Director of National Intelligence:** <https://www.dni.gov/index.php/newsroom/news-articles/item/2106-coronavirus>
- **U.S. Election Assistance Commission:** <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>

### Additional Federal News

#### Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act

- A summary of the of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act by the National Conference of State Legislatures is available here: [https://www.ncsl.org/documents/statedfed/Corona\\_Virus\\_FYI\\_032020.pdf](https://www.ncsl.org/documents/statedfed/Corona_Virus_FYI_032020.pdf)

#### Federal Announcements

- The National Conference of State Legislatures has created a website that includes daily announcements from federal agencies: <https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/covid-19-daily-announcements-from-federal-agencies.aspx>

## Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders

- **No. 202.10** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20210-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.9** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2029-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.8** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2028-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.7** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2027-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.6** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2026-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.5** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2025-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.4** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2024-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.3** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2023-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.2** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2022-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202.1** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2021-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- **No. 202** is available here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-202-declaring-disaster-emergency-state-new-york>