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SITUATION REPORT for NY, NJ, CT, PA and DC  
30 November 2020

## GENERAL SITUATION

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo outlined four additional strategies (in addition to using hospitalizations as a main metric to trigger zone designations and closures) the state will employ to combat the spread of Covid-19: a) Increasing testing across the state, b) Working toward vaccine distributions, c) Keeping schools open safely, d) Keeping the 10-person limit on private gatherings that the governor announced earlier in the fall. Regarding schools, Cuomo said that the goal was to keep grades K-8 open wherever it was safe. The state will implement testing on a weekly basis for schools in orange and red zones. On the vaccine, Cuomo noted that delivery could start in the next few weeks, and that he is working with fellow governors on distribution plans but noting that widespread distribution will likely not occur until "late spring or early summer."

Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled a [new 5-part plan](#) to battle COVID New York. The plan added an emergency stop provision to New York's COVID guidelines so that he could, if hospitals get overwhelmed, add in a New York Pause. He unveiled a series of [emergency hospital procedures](#).

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said the process for viewing the Rockefeller Christmas tree will include reserved time slots, restrictions on the number of people in pods viewing at one time and a 5 minutes time limit. [More about the process please click here](#).

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is urging people to follow state guidelines and get tested for Covid-19 in the "aftermath of Thanksgiving." NYC Health and Hospitals will tweet about low wait times at certain places a few times a day, and will also launch [Testandtrace.NYC](#) which will update wait times at 51 sites.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said schools are some of the safest places in the city while explaining his decision to reopen public elementary schools and resume in-person classes. Students in 3K, Pre-K and grades K-5 can [resume in-person classes](#) on Monday, Dec. 7 and the city will address when middle and high schoolers can return to in-person classes in the future. There will be weekly testing in every school, and students will need to be tested and get a consent form to come, de Blasio said about the reopening directives put in place.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy in an effort to fight the second wave of the coronavirus announced that he's lowering New Jersey's outdoor gathering restrictions for the second time this month from 150 to 25 people ahead of the busy December holiday season, though there are some exemptions. The governor's latest order takes effect at 6 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 and will be in place indefinitely. [Read about the new rules here](#).

## NEW YORK STATE

No new prospective [trial jurors \(criminal or civil\) will be summoned for jury service in New York](#) until further notice because of the increase in COVID-19 cases and new directives from Governor Cuomo regarding indoor gatherings. Pending criminal and civil jury trials will continue to conclusion.

How to renew your driver's license in New York State. [Please click on the link.](#)

Virtual [Community Calendar](#)- Virtual events, community info and more.

The State is progressively applying the [Reopening New York](#) plan. The entire State is now in phase 4, with certain exceptions for New York City.

The Mayor of New York has set up the [COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund](#), with donations going to support healthcare workers and essential staff, local small businesses, displaced hourly workers, families, youth and vulnerable New Yorkers.

For a full list of NYC City Agency service updates see:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page>

## HEALTHCARE

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran was joined by Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital officials to announce the opening of a drive-through COVID-19 rapid testing facility in the Five Towns area in response to an increase in infections. The site is located at the Five Towns Community Center at 270 Lawrence Avenue in Lawrence and will be expanded to the Five Towns Jewish Community Center in the coming weeks. Appointments can be made by calling 516-390-2888. Hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

If you think you need a COVID-19 test in the State of New York, start here:

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

Find a test site near you: [click here](#)

[COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing, NYU Langone Health](#) (the results are available within 1-2 days)

Parents: know the signs of Paediatric Multi-Symptom Inflammatory Syndrome to protect your child. Learn more: <https://on.nyc.gov/2T8Lybn>

Notify NYC alerts in العربية, বাংলা, 中文, Français, Kreyòl Ayisyen, Italiano, 한국어, Polski, Русский, Español, اردو or עברית: <https://on.nyc.gov/change-language>.

To refer your friends and family to this service please visit <https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/Home/ReferAFriend>.

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 health care workers: workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access these emotional support services.

## MASS TRANSIT

The Subway has resumed regular service, though there is no service between 1 and 5 a.m.

Busses are running at regular service. Fare payment is now required on all busses and boarding will be through the front door.

Off-peak fares remain in effect on LIRR and MetroNorth.

While ridership remains lower than normal levels, the MTA is encouraging riders to avoid the rush-hour commute if they can.

See COVID-19 updates [here](#).

Access-A-Ride: <https://new.mta.info/accessibility/paratransit>

NYC Ferry: <https://www.ferry.nyc/>

NY Department of Motor Vehicles (transactions and services impacted by COVID-19): <https://dmv.ny.gov/offices>

NY Department of Motor Vehicles (online transactions): <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/all-online-transactions>

## NEW JERSEY

\*\*\*Updated: [NJMVC closures and updates](#)

Latest [list of schools](#) that have paused in-person learning due to COVID-19 cases.

See N.J. reopening guides [here](#).

Licensing Centers and Vehicle Centers opened to walk-in customers for most transactions July 7. Important changes are posted on the website of the NJMVC. All driver licenses, non-driver IDs, vehicle registrations, inspection stickers, and temporary tags expiring before May 31 have been extended to September 30. Those expiring between June 1 to August 31 have been extended to December 31. Commercial driver licenses expiration dates were previously extended to September 30. Most renewals, replacements, changes of address, and other transactions can be processed online. Please [click here](#) to read more.

## HEALTHCARE

Coronavirus test in New Jersey:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/locations?query=Testing+Centers+in+NJ&tabOrder=all%2CpromotedContent%2Clocations%2Cresources%2Cstatus%2CNJfags%2CAASfags%2Ccoronavirus>

Coronavirus Testing: [Where to find testing centers in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut](#)

For more information on COVID-19 in NJ: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

The following link lists most of the healthcare providers in the United States and their actions in relation to COVID-19:

<https://www.ahip.org/health-insurance-providers-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19/>

## MASS TRANSIT

New Jersey Transit has resumed normal service, with increased vehicle frequency where possible to reduce occupancy. Please [view more details](#) here.

Please visit the [NJ Transit website](#) for specific schedule information.

## CONNECTICUT

Connecticut has reverted to [“Phase 2.1” of its reopening plan](#).

Coronavirus Testing: [Where to find testing centers in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut](#)

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles had been closed since March because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but some in-person services have reopened. DMV will provide a 90-day extension to residents with expiring licenses, identity cards and learner's permits. [Please read more about the services.](#)

## HEALTHCARE UPDATES

All COVID-19 testing sites in Connecticut: <https://www.211ct.org/search/67201508>

Governor Ned Lamont Frequently asked questions in relation to COVID-19 in Connecticut: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/COVID-19-FAQs.pdf?la=en>

For more information on COVID-19 in CT: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

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<https://www.ahip.org/health-insurance-providers-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you are displaying symptoms consistent with those of COVID-19, and are unable to get into contact with your primary care physician, please reach out to one of the following hotlines:

Hartford Healthcare Hotline: (860) 972-8100

Yale New Haven Health: (833) 484-1200

Bristol Hospital Coronavirus Info Line: (860) 261-6855

Stamford Health: (203) 276-4111

## MASS TRANSIT

Amtrak and commuter trains through eastern Connecticut:

<https://www.visitconnecticut.com/state/train-information/>

Bus services Hartford, CT/NYC/Hartford, CT:

<https://www.greyhound.com/en-us/bus-from-new-york-to-hartford>

<https://peterpanbus.com/destinations/new-york-city-to-hartford/>

<https://www.busbud.com/en/bus-new-york-hartford/r/dr5reg-drkmd4>

Metro-North: <http://www.mta.info/mnr>

## PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania is applying a three-phase [Reopening Plan](#) that will allow counties to transition through red, yellow and green phases as work, congregate settings, and social interactions gradually reopen. Currently, all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties are in full green phase.

## HEALTHCARE UPDATES

Testing sites in Pennsylvania can be found [here](#).

For more information on COVID-19 in PA:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

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<https://www.ahip.org/health-insurance-providers-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19/>

## MASS TRANSIT

Amtrak to Philadelphia:

<https://amtrakguide.com/directions/amtrak-to-philadelphia/>

Bus service from/to Philadelphia to NYC and from NYC to Philadelphia:

<https://us.megabus.com/route-guides/philadelphia-to-new-york-bus>

## [DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA \(Washington, D.C.\)](#)

D.C. Public Schools in mid-September began considering plans that could bring students back to in-person classes by Nov. 9, 2020. The city is also starting to plan how it will administer a COVID-19 vaccine once one is proven effective and made available. [Read more.](#)

Metrorail service has increased to the highest levels since the pandemic began – and more stations are opening soon. [Read more.](#)

The District of Columbia is currently in Phase 2 of the [ReOpen DC](#) plan.

Department of Motor Vehicles: make an appointment at [dmv.dc.gov](https://dmv.dc.gov).

## HEALTHCARE UPDATES

All testing sites in Washington, D.C.: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing>

## FOOD RESOURCES

Residents that are homebound because of COVID-19 can request support from the District for food and other essential items. Call 1-888-349-8323 or click [here](#)

### [Aldi](#)

- Special hours for seniors and immunocompromised: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 am

### [Dollar General](#)

- Special hours for seniors: 8 am - 9 am daily

### [Family Dollar](#)

- Special hours dedicated to at-risk customers, including senior citizens, individuals with pre-existing health conditions, and pregnant women: 8 am - 9 am daily

### [Giant](#)

- Special hours dedicated to individuals with compromised immune systems (regardless of age), senior citizens, as well as caregivers for customers who are unable to shop because of their health: 6 am. - 7 am daily

### [Harris Teeter](#)

- Special hours dedicated to seniors: Mondays and Thursdays 6 - 8 am
- ExpressLane Online Shopping for Seniors 9 am – 2 pm for seniors on Thursdays, free pickup (SD60) for Seniors, \$5 delivery for Seniors (SDDEL), in addition to regular 5% Senior club discount every Thursday.

### [Safeway](#)

- Special hours for seniors, expecting mothers, and immune-compromised individuals: 7 am - 9 am Tuesdays and Thursdays

### Target

- Special hours for seniors, pregnant women, and those defined by the CDC as vulnerable or at-risk: first hour, each Tuesday and Wednesday

### Trader Joe's

- Special hours for those 60+ and customers needing extra assistance: 8 am - 9 am

### Walmart

- Special hours for seniors and at-risk populations: 6 am - 7 am daily

### Whole Foods

- Special hours for those 60+: 7 am - 8 am daily

## TRAVEL

Amtrak (updates during COVID-19):

[https://www.amtrak.com/coronavirus?intcmp=wsp\\_hp-hero\\_link\\_service-updates\\_frame1](https://www.amtrak.com/coronavirus?intcmp=wsp_hp-hero_link_service-updates_frame1)

Travel Advisories: The U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

Country Specific Information from the U.S. Dep. of State:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/COVID-19-Country-Specific-Information.html>

Flight / hotel / cruise reservations change and cancellation policies: (scroll down)

[https://help.amextravel.com/service/?inav=travel\\_help2#/articles/872/61/25689](https://help.amextravel.com/service/?inav=travel_help2#/articles/872/61/25689)

Most airlines in the US have stopped blocking the middle seat to provide distancing between passengers, and some have reverted to booking planes to capacity. See more [details here](#).