



SITUATION REPORT for NY, NJ, CT, PA and DC
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GENERAL SITUATION

The Biden administration announced today that they are enhancing efforts from the private sector to reach some of the nation's most vulnerable seniors for vaccinations, as part of the administration's overall goal of distributing vaccines more equitably amid hesitation in some disproportionately impacted communities.

Teachers and child care staff are now being offered vaccine appointments at some 9,000 pharmacy locations nationwide, even if their state hasn't declared them eligible yet. The push to get every educator their first vaccine dose this month is part of President Joe Biden's latest directive aimed at reopening classrooms by using a federally run program that ships doses directly to pharmacies. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which manages the program, announced the effort on its website. And as of Wednesday morning, CVS – one of the pharmacies participating in the program – had already updated its website to note that "teachers K-12 and childcare workers" are eligible to sign up for a vaccine shot in every state.

Johnson & Johnson CEO Alex Gorsky said that it is likely to have a Covid-19 vaccine available for children under the age of 18 by September.

A new Federal Emergency Management Agency vaccination site opened today in Westchester County. It didn't take long for thousands of people to sign up. The site is part of state and federal efforts to reach hard-hit communities.

New York City expects to receive its initial shipment of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday, 4 March and will dedicate it to homebound seniors and others who cannot get to distribution centers.

Under New York State's pilot program, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be administered at three state-run sites. The locations will be open 24 hours a day and administer the shots overnight, starting Thursday, 04 March at Yankee Stadium, and then at the New York State Fair and Javits Center on Friday, 5 March.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that gathering limits are set to increase for residential, social and venues in New York state.

Beginning March 22:

Residential gatherings: Indoors stays at 10-person limit, outdoors increases from 10 to 25.

Social gatherings: Indoor limits goes from 50 people to 100, while outdoors goes from 50 to 200.

Beginning April 2: event, arts and entertainment venues: Reopening at 33% capacity, up to 100 people indoors, 200 people outdoors, with attendee testing, capacity increases to 160 people indoor, 500 people outdoor.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy has opened up the vaccines to hundreds of thousands of additional New Jersians — including teachers, grocery store employees, those with asthma and considered overweight. Murphy acknowledged the frustration but said the state is allowing more people to sign up because it expects the quantity of doses to “explode” by April. Officials expect supply from the federal government to greatly increase in the coming weeks, especially with the arrival of Johnson & Johnson’s vaccine.

NEW YORK STATE

How to renew your driver's license in New York State. [Click here](#).

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

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

How Do I Find a vaccination site in or near my NYC neighbourhood? You can find a COVID-19 vaccine site using the [Vaccine Finder tool](#). The finder is designed to make the process easier for New Yorkers to find provider locations closest to their home and to schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 Vaccination: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page>

How to get vaccinated in New York State:

In New York State you can use the "Am I Eligible" app or <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> to check your eligibility and schedule an appointment. NY State also has a hotline to schedule a vaccine: 1-833-NYS-4VAX (1-833-697-4829).

How to get vaccinated in New York City:

In New York City you can visit www.nyc.gov/vaccinefinder to make an appointment for a vaccine online. The phone number to schedule a vaccine is 877-VAX-4NYC (1-833-697-4829).

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

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

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

Coronavirus in N.J.: What's [reopened](#), what concerts, festivals and shows are rescheduled, canceled.

For updated information on the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's Licensing Centers and Vehicle Centers please [click here](#) . Most renewals, replacements, changes of address, and other transactions can be processed online.

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

HEALTHCARE

COVID-19 Vaccine (Dep. of Health): <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>

How to get vaccinated in New Jersey:

You can reserve your spot to get a vaccine now by pre-registering at <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>. The site asks questions to determine when you are eligible to receive a vaccination.

Summit Medical Group said that they are not accepting any more COVID-19 vaccine appointments for now. The group is asking people not to call about appointments. They will be reaching out to patients when more vaccines can be scheduled.

This is the New Jersey COVID-19 [information hub](#).

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

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>

For information on the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles [click here](#). Most Driver's Licences, ID cards and vehicle registrations have been extended through December 2020.

HEALTHCARE UPDATES

CVS Pharmacy is beginning vaccinations this week at two Connecticut locations, according to the company. CVS locations in Putnam and Waterford are now accepting appointments for eligible Phase 1b residents, including people ages 75 and over and long-term care residents and staff, [its website states](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccinations>

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

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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

For updated information on COVID-19 from the State government, [click here](#).

PA residents are encouraged to download the [COVID Alert PA app](#).

HEALTHCARE UPDATES

COVID-19 Vaccination: <https://www.pa.gov/guides/get-vaccinated/>

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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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 \(Washington, D.C.\)](#)

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

Indoor dining is now allowed in Washington, D.C. up to 25% capacity.

Department of Motor Vehicles: make an appointment at dmv.dc.gov.

HEALTHCARE UPDATES

COVID-19 Vaccine: District Health Department website vaccinate.dc.gov.

How to [Book a COVID-19 Vaccine](#) appointment in DC, Maryland and Virginia.

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 for individuals with compromised immune systems (regardless of age), senior citizens, as well as caregivers: 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

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

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](#).