SITUATION REPORT for NY, NJ, CT, PA and DC
17 May 2021

GENERAL SITUATION

CVS pharmacy and Target both announced today they will no longer require fully vaccinated guests to wear face masks inside their stores following new guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced that the MTA service is back to pre-coronavirus pandemic levels (24/7) as of this morning. In addition, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced today that New York is adding 250 more NYPD officers to patrol its transit system. The 250 additional officers, along with 2,500 already deployed and 500 added earlier, makes this the largest NYPD transit deployment in over 20 years.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that New York state will adopt the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to not require masks or social distancing for fully vaccinated people starting May 19. Unvaccinated people should still wear masks, and masks will still be required of all people on public transit, in schools and some communal settings, he said. The outdoor dining curfew and most capacity guidelines will also end on Wednesday, 19 May. The indoor food and beverage curfew will be lifted May 31.

Gov. Cuomo announced today that the New York City Marathon will return this year on November 7 at 60% capacity with 33,000 runners. Health and safety guidelines will be in place, subject to change as race day approaches. Registration opens June 8.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy announced that New Jersey lifted its quarantine requirement for travelers from out of state, even as the state will continue requiring masks in indoor public spaces. Gov. Murphy said he will sign an executive order today that will lift the state’s mask mandate for outdoor public spaces, effective immediately. In addition, Gov. Murphy noted that New Jersey schools will also reopen for full in-person instruction next school year (2021-2022), with the governor saying that he will allow his executive order allowing remote instruction under certain circumstances to expire at the end of this school year. This will effectively remove the option for full-time remote learning.

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont is lifting most remaining COVID-19-related restrictions on Wednesday, 19 May and he is also ending the indoor mask mandate for people who are fully vaccinated. Some businesses might keep the requirements, so you might still need to wear a mask in some places even if you are fully vaccinated. Masks will still be required in schools for the rest of the school year.
**Washington D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser** announced today that D.C. changed its mask guidance consistent with new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. Residents who aren’t fully vaccinated are encouraged to continue wearing masks. Masks are still required on trains, buses, taxis and planes and in childcare settings, schools, correctional facilities, homeless shelters and transportation hubs like train stations and airports. Businesses and employers can still require that people wear masks.

Washington D.C. will lift most COVID-19 capacity restrictions on Friday, 21 May and the remainder on June 11. Capacity restrictions on restaurants, non-essential stores, places of worship, office spaces, schools and several other types of sites will be lifted. Bars and nightclubs will be able to operate at 50% capacity starting then. Capacity restrictions will be dropped for bars, nightclubs and large sports and entertainment venues June 11. Mayor Bowser also announced that by June 7, up to 50% of D.C. government employees will return to work in their offices and by July 12, all employees will be required to be back at work.
NEW YORK STATE

***Radio City to be at full capacity for fully vaccinated in June:

The Tribeca Film Festival is set to open June 9th at the Pier 76 Park with a showing of Lin Manuel Miranda's "In The Heights". Closing night will feature a red-carpet performance on June 19th at Radio City Music Hall at full capacity, with a 100% vaccinated, mask-free audience.

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.


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, বাঙালি, 中文, Français, Kreyòl Ayisyen, Italiano, 한국어, Polski, Русский, Español, or ייִדיש: 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 24-hour service on May 17.

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

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.

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

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


**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.

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:

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.


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:
Metro-North: http://www.mta.info/mnr
**PENNYSYLVANIA**

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](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx)

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**MASS TRANSIT**

Amtrak to Philadelphia:

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

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

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.