GENERAL SITUATION

The White House said the Federal Emergency Management Agency will partner with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) build new mass vaccination sites across the country. It also announced a new COVID-19 health equity task force.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that “fully vaccinated persons who meet criteria will no longer be required to quarantine following an exposure to someone with COVID-19”. The criteria: They must be fully vaccinated – having had both shots with at least two weeks having passed since the second shot. But the CDC says protection may wear off after three months, so people who had their last shot three months ago or more should quarantine if they are exposed. CDC further noted that they also should quarantine if they show symptoms.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will not mandate the reopening of schools when it issues updated guidance this week. The agency will say schools should reopen when it is safe to do so. The CDC’s five key strategies to reopening schools include hand washing, masking, social distancing, cleaning and ventilation, as well as contact tracing, isolation and quarantine. The guidance will not require staffers to be vaccinated, instead describing vaccination as another strategy to “layer,” since many schools were able to safely reopen before vaccines were available, the official noted. The guidelines will also note that screening -- testing people to catch asymptomatic cases or people who are infected but have not yet become ill -- can improve detection of cases. The official said the new guidance is expected Friday, but could come sooner.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced two more mega vaccination sites for New York City. York College in Jamaica, Queens and Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn will both vaccinate some 3,000 people a day starting on February 24. Gov. Cuomo also noted that "this is going to make a dramatic impact because the numbers are so big, these mass vaccinations sites. 3,000 per day, you are talking about 15,000 per week. That dwarfs everything. The Javits Center, now our big mass vaccination site, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, they are like 1,000 a day. 3,000 a day is tremendous numbers".

Gov. Cuomo announced that arenas in New York that hold more than 10,000 people can reopen with a 10% capacity limit starting February 23. People in attendance must have had a negative PCR test within the previous 72 hours. Face coverings must be worn, social distancing enforced, and assigned seats are mandatory.

Gov. Cuomo announced 11 more community-based pop-up vaccination sites are coming online this week at community centers, public housing complexes and cultural centers. The sites are
expected to vaccinate more than 3,100 people throughout the week, with more sites coming online every week. Click here for the full list.

NYC: Citi Field is set to open for vaccinations starting today. Half of the doses there are reserved for Queens residents and the other half for drivers with TLC licenses and food delivery workers. The site will be open 24 hours a day from Wednesday to Saturday. Click here for signup information or call 877-VAX4NYC.

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy said that CVS and Rite-Aid stores will start taking appointments for COVID vaccines starting Thursday, 11 February. The two pharmacy chains will begin receiving COVID vaccine doses directly from the federal pharmacy partnership on Thursday and Friday, the governor said. Both chains said they will start administering the vaccines on Friday.

Connecticut: In the race to get the COVID-19 vaccine, starting Thursday, 11 February, hundreds of thousands more people will be eligible to get the shot in Connecticut. Starting tomorrow, people 65 and older can get the vaccine. That's thousands of more people looking to fill open time slots. Please call 877-918-2224 to schedule an appointment. They've also expanded the hours people are answering the phones. It is now 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Washington, D.C., officials announced that approximately 2,500 vaccination appointments will be made available to D.C. residents who live in priority zip codes and are 65 years old or older on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. Health care workers will also be eligible to sign up for those appointments. The priority zip codes are focused in Wards 5, 7, and 8 and include: 20422, 20011, 20017, 20018, 20002, 20001, 20019, 20020, 20032, 20593. Priority zip codes include areas of D.C. where residents are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. On Friday, February 12 at 9 a.m., about 2,500 additional appointments will be available for all D.C. residents who are 65 years and older or are health care workers in DC.
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.


**How to get vaccinated in New York State:**
In New York State you can use the "Am I Eligible" app and 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)

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

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 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](https://new.mta.info/accessibility/paratransit)

NYC Ferry: [https://www.ferry.nyc/](https://www.ferry.nyc/)

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

NY Department of Motor Vehicles (online transactions): [https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/all-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: [Latest list of more than 200 N.J. vaccination sites](#). (1/22/21)


**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/](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](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/](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.
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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
**PENNSYLVANIA**

For updated information on COVID-19 from the State government, [click here.](https://www.pa.gov/guides/get-vaccinated/)

PA residents are encouraged to download the [COVID Alert PA app.](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx)

**HEALTHCARE UPDATES**


Testing sites in Pennsylvania can be found [here.](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx)

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: [https://amtrakguide.com-directions/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](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
- Special hours for seniors and at-risk populations: 6 am - 7 am daily
- 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:

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.