GENERAL SITUATION

CDC Director Robert R. Redfield said that the U.S. government will require all international airline passengers to show proof of a negative Covid-19 test before boarding flights to the United States. Passengers will be required to get a viral test within three days before their flight to the US departs, and to provide written documentation of their lab results, or documentation of having recovered from Covid-19. The CDC order for universal passenger testing including U.S. citizens returning from abroad. The order will go into effect Jan. 26. CDC officials also noted that if a passenger does not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery, or chooses not to take a test, the airline must not allow the passenger to board.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is working on a plan to use Yankee Stadium as a vaccination site. The move comes after the mayor announced the Gotham Health Clinic on Staten Island is opening today as a 24-hour mega vaccination site. The New York City Health & Hospital Corona in Queens will follow by opening on Saturday, and Citi Field in Queens Empire Outlets on Staten Island will open later this month.

New York is currently focused on vaccinating people in high-risk categories including health care workers, emergency responders, and long-term care facility staff and residents, with people with certain serious medical conditions, people over 65 and certain essential workers slated to be next in line for priority vaccination. Read more about the city’s priority groups here. Additionally, if you believe that you or one of your family members falls into one of the priority categories, you can search the map to find a facility near you that has vaccines available, according to data updated by the state on Jan. 11. The yellow and green circles show clusters of vaccine locations. If you click them, the map will zoom in to show more locations. Clicking a red medical location marker will show you the vaccine location’s name and address and the phone number to call to inquire about appointments and availability for people in your situation. You can also use the search button at top right to search for your address, your neighborhood or zip code to zoom to vaccine locations nearest your home.

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy said Wednesday that the state will begin offering COVID-19 vaccinations to those 65 and older on Thursday, as well as anyone between the ages of 16 and 64 who has a medical condition.
How to get vaccinated in Connecticut: As the state begins to move toward the next phase of the COVID-19 vaccination program, there will be an online appointment system as well as a telephone appointment system set up for people who don't have computer access. What to Know About Phases 1A, 1B of COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in CT.

Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser extended the city's indoor dining restrictions until Jan. 22, days after President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration.
NEW YORK STATE

*** 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 for vaccination.


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 use to check your eligibility and schedule. New York State also has a vaccination hotline you can call 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, operational 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, will go 24 hour soon.

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

New vaccine sites set to open in NYC: More vaccination sites are set to open across New York. One of the current vaccination sites is the Gotham Health clinic, located not far from Yankee Stadium in the Melrose section of the Bronx.

Drive-thru vaccination locations: Governor Andrew Cuomo announced large state sites like the Javits Center, SUNY and CUNY campuses will serve as drive-thru vaccination locations.

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 Paediatric 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, اردو 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.


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

COVID-19 vaccine: [Here’s the expanded list of 119 locations providing vaccinations](https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine)


**How to get vaccinated in New Jersey:**
COVID-19 vaccines are on the way to hospitals and clinics across 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.

For updated information on the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission’s Licensing Centers and Vehicle Centers please [click here](https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/). Most renewals, replacements, changes of address, and other transactions can be processed online.


**HEALTHCARE**

Mega vaccination sites in NJ: The first mega sites will open Friday, 8 January at the Rockaway Townsquare Mall in Morris County and the Rowan College of South Jersey.

This is the New Jersey COVID-19 [information hub](https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine).

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](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml).

Please visit the [NJ Transit website](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml) 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

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

Coronavirus Testing: Where to find testing centers in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut

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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**


COVID-19 cases are at an all-time high in Pennsylvania. For updated information from the State government, [click here](https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine).

PA residents are encouraged to download the [COVID Alert PA app](https://covidalert.pa.gov).

**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**


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.)

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

The District of Columbia is currently in Phase 2 of the ReOpen DC plan. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser extended the suspension of indoor dining until Jan. 22, 2021.

Department of Motor Vehicles: make an appointment at 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 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:

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.