GENERAL SITUATION

Dr. Anthony Fauci said today that people living in the US with no underlying health conditions should expect to get a Covid-19 vaccine at the end of March or beginning of April. Additionally, he said that by the second quarter of 2021, we could see the "overwhelming majority of the population vaccinated".

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo warned that if the state's coronavirus positivity doesn't change, a shutdown could be necessary (all non-essential businesses would be forced to shut down as they did back in the spring). Cuomo identified Erie, Monroe, Central New York, and particularly New York City as areas of concern. In order to avoid another shutdown, Cuomo said that two things need to be done: a) increasing hospital capacity and hospital management and b) slowing the spread of the virus in people’s homes, which accounts for 74% of transmission.

Indoor dining ended in New York City for at least two weeks due to COVID-19 restrictions. Now restaurants are only allowed outdoor seating and takeout, but with storms headed our way it's not likely anyone will be dining outside.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said today that he doesn’t expect to lift the state’s curfew on indoor bars and restaurants, intended to slow the spread of the coronavirus, in time for New Year’s Eve. Food and alcohol sales are prohibited indoors after 10 p.m., and counties and municipalities have the option to shutter nonessential businesses as early as 8 p.m. daily. The rules, which Gov. Murphy put into effect last month, mean this New Year’s celebrations won’t be held inside neighborhood bars or restaurants.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the state has started administering the Covid-19 vaccine to residents. The Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine said that the vaccine was given to health care workers at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh this morning.

Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said that, as of today, indoor dining capacity in D.C. will be reduced from 50% to 25%. The District remains in an adjusted Phase Two of its coronavirus reopening plan, as it has been since Nov. 25.
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

Find a test site near you: click here

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

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


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

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

This is the New Jersey COVID-19 information hub.

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

Governor Ned Lamont Frequently asked questions in relation to CIVID-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

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**

COVID-19 cases are at an all-time high in Pennsylvania. For updated information from the State government, [click here](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx).

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:

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.

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 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

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.