GENERAL SITUATION

The first home test for COVID-19 that doesn't require a prescription will soon be on U.S. store shelves. U.S. officials authorized a rapid coronavirus test that can be done entirely at home. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Stephen Hahn said that the FDA's action allows the test to be sold in places like drugstores "where a patient can buy it, swab their nose, run the test and find out their results in as little as 20 minutes".

The Food and Drug Administration said its preliminary analysis confirmed the effectiveness and safety of the vaccine developed by Moderna and the National Institutes of Health, bringing it to the cusp of U.S. authorization. A panel of outside experts will offer their recommendation tomorrow, with a final FDA decision expected soon thereafter.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo laid out a vaccine distribution plan today as New York receives more doses.

In preparation for the first snowstorm of the season, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio says the city now has smaller, more agile vehicles to more easily tackle side streets, and that's despite cuts to the sanitation budget this year due to the pandemic. Additional preparations include anti-icing treatments that began before the snow's arrival and salt spreaders that are out on the roads. Restaurants will be permitted to reopen when the alert ends, which is anticipated to be Thursday night but could run into Friday depending on the storm's intensity.

New York City Test and Trace testing sites will have limited hours today and tomorrow due to the approaching winter storm. On Wednesday, all sites will close at 2 p.m., and Thursday all sites will resume testing at 12 p.m.

There are SCHOOL CLOSINGS in the Tri-State area due to the snowstorm: Closings, delays and changes to distance learning

Mass transit during the winter storm in the Tri-state area.
NEW YORK STATE

How to renew your driver’s license in New York State. [Click here](https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page).

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

The Mayor of New York has set up the [COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund](https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page), 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](https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page)

HEALTHCARE

Find a test site near you: [click here](https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page)


[COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing, NYU Langone Health](https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page) (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](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](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](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 NYFRONLINE 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

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


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
PENNSYLVANIA

COVID-19 cases are at an all-time high in Pennsylvania. For updated information from the State government, click here.

PA residents are encouraged to download the COVID Alert PA app.

HEALTHCARE UPDATES

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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https://www.ahip.org/health-insurance-providers-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19/

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.

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.