GENERAL SITUATION

COVID-19 vaccination passport: Some major tech companies and health organizations are teaming up to create a COVID-19 vaccination passport. The way it works is simple: people can upload a document proving they were vaccinated to their Apple Wallet or Google Pay. Then places like movie theaters, schools, or businesses can view it to allow people inside. Some airlines are already accepting the digital pass instead of a negative test.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said that due to the high demand and low supplies he wants to go straight to the source, bypass the federal government and buy his own doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. He claims that, unlike vaccine maker Moderna, Pfizer doesn’t have to take orders from the federal government.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said that at least 23,000 New Yorkers had appointments for first vaccine doses rescheduled because of lack of supplies. This comes after the Mayor said the city will not have enough first doses to vaccinate people following delays to deliveries of the Moderna vaccine. The Mayor reiterated the call for vaccines he says are held in the federal stockpiles to be released now.

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy extended the public health emergency in New Jersey for another 30 days. The governor said New Jersey has built the capacity for an aggressive vaccination push, with four mega-sites open and two more coming online soon. As far as county-run and community-based sites, 130 are open and 100 to come online soon.

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced the tiered approach to Phase 1b will proceed as follows:
- Scheduling now: Individuals over the age of 75
- Scheduling next (likely early February): Individuals between the ages of 65 and 74
- Scheduling soon (likely late February or early March): Frontline essential workers and individuals with underlying medical conditions who have an increased risk for severe illness
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](https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page)

HEALTHCARE

New York State opened its third mass vaccination site in our area Thursday morning at Jones Beach. The site will operate as a drive-thru.

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/](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](http://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.

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](https://on.nyc.gov/2T8Lybn)
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](https://www.mta.info/coronavirus).

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

USPS blue collection boxes in and around the State Capitol Complex in Trenton are temporarily out of service as a security measure ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration. The suspension of service began on Saturday and is set to return on Monday, Jan. 25. Information about collection box locations and collection times can be found online at USPS.

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 130 N.J. vaccination sites. (1/18/21)


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/. 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

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.
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For more information on COVID-19 in CT: [https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus](https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus)

For information on the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles [click here](https://portal.ct.gov). 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](https://www.211ct.org/search/67201508)

Coronavirus Testing: [Where to find testing centers in New York, New Jersey, 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/](https://www.visitconnecticut.com/state/train-information/)

Bus services Hartford, CT/NYC/Hartford, CT:  
Metro-North: [http://www.mta.info/mnr](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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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.)

Everything to Know About Security Ahead of Inauguration Day

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.