GENERAL SITUATION

New York Governor Cuomo said that if the region goes over 9% positivity, schools can stay open if the testing in schools shows they are below the community average. It will be up to school districts to decide. Mayor Bill de Blasio said that he would keep schools in NYC open.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said he wants to see all first responders, educators and school staff vaccinated in the next few weeks, but reminded residents that vaccination is contingent on eligibility criteria. He said that beginning Monday 11 January, testing site workers, contact tracers, outpatient and ambulatory care providers, dentists, physical therapist, workers at specialized clinics and NYPD medical staff can be vaccinated.

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced that NJ has administered more than 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines out of about 400,000 received so far. He added that health care workers in New Jersey who were the first in the state to get the COVID-19 vaccine are receiving their second doses today.

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont released more details regarding tentative phase 1B and 1C vaccine distribution in Connecticut. This comes after a federal advisory panel recommended that people 75 and over, as well as essential workers such as firefighters, teachers and grocery store workers be put next in line for COVID shots. He said that he hopes to have all people in phase 1A vaccinated with both doses by the end of January. He also hopes to start vaccinating residents in phase 1B at that time. Phase 1B covers frontline essential workers and adults over the age of 75 (frontline essential workers will include first responders; teachers/school staff, child care; correctionals; public transit; postal workers; grocery, food and agricultural, and manufacturing workers). Gov. Lamond added that for phase 1C, which is expected in late spring, people 65 and up will be eligible to receive the vaccine. Other essential workers and people with high-risk medical conditions will also be included in this category.

Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced updates on the vaccination rollout in the District. Starting the week of Jan. 11, adults age 65 and older can begin registering for their inoculations on vaccinate.dc.gov. Starting the week of Jan. 25, certain essential workers — including grocery store workers, educators and childcare workers — can start signing up to receive vaccinations. Starting in February, D.C. residents with chronic medical conditions and other essential workers can begin scheduling their vaccinations. Additionally, D.C. Health Director LaQuandra Nesbitt clarified that if a resident misses their scheduled vaccine appointment, their vaccine dose should not go to waste. Any available essential workers or patients should be vaccinated "in lieu of wasting vaccine."
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

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](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 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

***The NJ Motor Vehicle Commission announced that the South Plainfield Licensing Center is closed due to an employee testing positive for COVID-19. It will reopen Friday, January 15.

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

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.

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. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said as suspended indoor dining until 5 a.m. on Jan. 15 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 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

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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.