SITUATION REPORT for NY, NJ, CT, PA and DC
6 January 2021

GENERAL SITUATION

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has asked the federal government to require international travelers entering the state to show proof of a Covid-19 test before entry. Gov. Cuomo said he wanted US Customs and Border Control personnel to ask for proof at all New York airports or to allow Port Authority personnel to obtain proof.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is pushing for adults in the city aged over 75 to be prioritized for vaccination against Covid-19, amid worsening trends in that age group. Eligibility for vaccination is ultimately approved by state officials. The state currently has a five-phase vaccination priority plan. The first two phases prioritize healthcare workers, long-term care facility patients and other key workers. Adults over the age of 65 are under phase 3 of the plan. The mayor has said he hopes to begin pre-registration of seniors at some of the available vaccination hubs in the city.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said that NJ will open its vaccine program up to police and fire personnel starting Thursday, 7 January. Until now, only health care workers and nursing home residents and staff have been able to get the vaccinations.

Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser announced target dates for the next vaccination signups, which will all be scheduled using the District Health Department website vaccinate.dc.gov. Starting the week of January 11, residents age 65 and older can schedule to receive a vaccine. Starting the week of January 25, signups can be made by “specific categories of essential workers, including public safety workers, grocery store workers, workers in preK-12 educational settings and child care settings.” Starting the week of February 1, residents with chronic medical conditions and other essential workers can make appointments.

Mayor Bowser announced that D.C. will be under a curfew starting at 6 p.m. today, after protesters broke into the U.S. Capitol as Congress debated the presidential vote count. The curfew will be in effect until 6 a.m. Thursday, 7 January. The Mayor’s office issued a statement saying that “during the hours of the curfew, no person, other than persons designated by the Mayor, shall walk, bike, run, loiter, stand, or motor by car or other mode of transport upon any street, alley, park, or other public place within the District.”
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

***New vaccine sites set to open in NYC: More vaccination sites are set to open across New York today. 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

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.


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](https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine). 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](https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine) here.

Please visit the [NJ Transit website](https://www.njtransit.com) 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

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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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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.)**

***COVID-19 Vaccine: District Health Department website [vaccinate.dc.gov](http://vaccinate.dc.gov).***


Department of Motor Vehicles: make an appointment at [dmv.dc.gov](http://dmv.dc.gov).

**HEALTHCARE UPDATES**

All testing sites in Washington, D.C.: [https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing](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](https://reopen.dc.gov/indoor-dining-suspension).

- **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.