GENERAL SITUATION

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced after days of pressure from New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and others that he is expanding the vaccine distribution network from just hospitals to a larger network that will allow an expansion of who can get the vaccine. The distribution network will be expanded to non-hospital providers, like CityMD, which will in turn expand the pool of eligible recipients. Gov. Cuomo said that reservations will start Monday, 11 January for both phases 1a and 1b, but health care workers in 1a must remain a priority. The expansion will cover police, correction officers, some essential workers, and people who are 75 years and older.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said he is not pleased with the rate of distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in hospitals and to hospital staff. Gov. Cuomo said the state would accelerate the distribution by adding a new distribution network as a supplement, starting next week. The network will include 500 pharmacies.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced five new vaccination sites will be open, one in each of the five boroughs, with the hope that city workers who are members of 1b will be authorized to be vaccinated. Category 1b includes frontline essential workers, day care workers, firefighters, and police and correction officers.

When can you get the COVID-19 vaccine? Find out where you are in line. Please note that prioritization may vary by state and this interactive is meant to give an estimate. You may fall into a different category based on special circumstances or different requirements in your state. The priority groups used here were determined by a special committee of the National Academies of Sciences to offer guidance to the federal and state governments.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said that those who live and work in NJ won’t pay for the vaccination, even if they don’t have insurance. Gov Murphy said that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention negotiated a deal with vaccine providers whereby they would have to accept any insurance as payment. In addition, people without insurance would not be charged at all.

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont announced that CT became the first state in the nation today to vaccinate all nursing home residents in the state with the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
NEW YORK STATE

***COVID-19 Vaccine locations


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. 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

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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](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.nj.gov/transportation 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/67201

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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/


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](https).

PA residents are encouraged to download the [COVID Alert PA app](https).

HEALTHCARE UPDATES

Testing sites in Pennsylvania can be found [here](https).

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


Bus service from/to Philadelphia to NYC and from NYC to Philadelphia: [https://us.megabus.com/route-guides/philadelphia-to-new-york-bus](https://us.megabus.com/route-guides/philadelphia-to-new-york-bus)
**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://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing).

- **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.