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As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 crisis together, please continue reaching out to us as issues arise for you and for your businesses. We are and will continue to remain in regular contact with key stakeholders at the State Agencies and with the Administration to advocate on your behalf. Below please find updates and new information since our last update.

WHAT'S NEW TODAY

Governor Cuomo Press Conference Updates

- New York State has 59,513 total positive cases of coronavirus and 7,195 new positive cases. New York City has 33,768 total positive cases and 4,002 new positive cases. There have now been 965 COVID-19 deaths in the state.
- The Governor said he will not accept federal Medicaid funds because it is only a \$6 billion one shot that restricts New York's ability to reform the Medicaid system. He said that reform through the MRT-II process will save \$2.5 billion annually, which is better than one shot funding, and it will distribute funds more efficiently.
- The Javits Center will begin hosting patients this week, but that will depend on need.
- The Governor is directing non-essential state workforce to continue to work from home for an additional two weeks through April 15th. The Governor will reevaluate this directive every two weeks.

[Executive Order 202.12](#)

- Moves the State's Presidential Primary and Special Elections to June 23, 2020.
- Delays the state's tax filing day to July 15 to match the Federal filing date.
- Directs all hospitals in the state to allow one person, who does not have a fever, to be present as a support person for a patient giving birth.

NYS Budget

- The Senate Majority Democratic Conference is in Albany today for conference and possibly session to approve a resolution that allows for remote voting. Members will be getting an update on budget negotiations that have remained ongoing through the coronavirus crisis.

- Assembly Majority Conference members met last night and again today via teleconference to discuss budget issues. The Assembly will meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. to pass a resolution to allow for expedited voting and to establish the future possibility of voting remotely during declared states of emergency.

Federal Updates

- The [Centers for Disease Control](#) recommended that New Yorkers avoid non-essential travel to other states.
 - This guidance [does not apply](#) to critical transportation and delivery workers.
 - Governor Cuomo addressed this during his daily press briefing saying he supports it because it is consistent with the restrictions New York has already put in place.
- Senator Schumer’s office has [released a breakdown](#) of funds going to New York from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (C.A.R.E.S.) Act.

Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA)

- MTA Chairman and CEO Pat Foye has [tested positive](#) for coronavirus.

New York Racing Association (NYRA)

- NYRA has [announced](#) that live racing at Aqueduct Racetrack is canceled for the remainder of the winter and spring meets with the building now set to serve as a temporary hospital site during the fight against the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- Empire State Development: [GUIDANCE FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IS SUBJECT TO A WORKFORCE REDUCTION UNDER RECENT EXECUTIVE ORDERS](#)
 - There have been no changes to this guidance since our last update.
- New York State Department of Health has [translated](#) the “STOP THE SPREAD” poster into multiple languages (see bottom of the page).
- New York City: [Agency Suspensions and Reductions](#)
 - There have been no changes since our last update.

Attached please find a comprehensive document with guidance from across government agencies. We will be updating this document as information becomes available and including it in our daily updates.

In addition to our regular email updates, Ostroff Associates has established two dedicated webpages that will be updated in real time with any new information from government sources relating to COVID-19. Please use these websites as a resource and share with others who would benefit.

Update Page: <https://www.ostroffassociates.com/covid-19-updates/>

News Page: <https://www.ostroffassociates.com/category/covid-19/>

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