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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 Briefing

- The Governor announced this afternoon that there are now 83,712 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in New York State, and 47,439 confirmed cases in New York City. There have been 1,941 deaths from COVID-19 in the state.
- Based on current modeling the State is projecting the apex to occur at the end of April. How effective social distancing measures are will greatly impact the strain on the health care system. One model, by the Gates Foundation funded IHME, says that the impact could be seen through July.
- Regeneron is creating 500,000 test kits at no charge. The first batch will be delivered Monday and will continue with 25,000 units per day ongoing.
- The State will close down New York City playgrounds and basketball courts but leave open park spaces available.

NYS Budget

The Governor announced a conceptual budget agreement during his press conference but would not provide details. Legislative leaders are briefing their members today and if there is an agreement the remaining budget bills will pass today. The Governor said it will be a robust budget with a number of policy items included.

Both Houses of the Legislature plan to meet today to continue acting on budget bills. At this time several final bills have yet to be introduced.

Where all of the NYS budget bills stand as of now:

- Public Protection and General Government (S 7505-B/ A 9505-B)

- Final bill has been introduced and has been passed by the Senate. Currently in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.
- Education, Labor and Family Assistance (S 7506-A / A 9506-A)
 - Final bill has not yet been introduced.
- Health and Mental Hygiene (S 7507-A / A 9507-A)
 - Final bill has not yet been introduced.
- Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (S 7508-A / A 9508-A)
 - Final bill has not yet been introduced.
- Revenue (S 7509-B / A 9509-B)
 - Final bill has been introduced and been passed by the Senate. Currently in the Assembly Rules Committee.
- State Operations Budget Bill (S 7500-A / A 9500-A)
 - Final bill has not yet been introduced.
- Legislature and Judiciary Budget Bill (S 7501 / A 9501)
 - Final bill has not yet been introduced.
- Debt Services Budget Bill (S 7502 / A 9502)
 - Final bill has been introduced and has been passed by both houses of the legislature.
- Aid to Localities Budget Bill (S 7503-C / A 9503-C)
 - A final bill has been introduced and has been passed by the Senate. It is currently in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.
- Capital Projects Budget Bill (S 7504-C / A 9504-C)
 - Final bill has been introduced and has been passed by the Senate. It is currently in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee

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.

- [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A BUSINESS IS SUBJECT TO A WORKFORCE REDUCTION UNDER RECENT EXECUTIVE ORDER ENACTED TO ADDRESS COVID-19 OUTBREAK](#)
 - **NEW** Question and Answer: If my business supports construction and other projects within the energy industry, which projects are considered essential?
- New York City Department of Buildings: [FAQs: Essential and Non-Essential Construction In New York City During the Covid-19 New York State Emergency](#)
- U.S. Treasury:
 - [SMALL BUSINESS PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM](#)
 - [PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM \(PPP\) INFORMATION SHEET: BORROWERS](#)
 - [Paycheck Protection Program Application Form](#)
- NYS Department of Health: [Comprehensive Guidance Regarding Use of Telehealth including Telephonic Services During the COVID-19 State of Emergency \(UPDATED\)](#)
- NYS Department of Labor:
 - [Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification](#)
 - [UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS: UPDATED FAQs](#)
- New York City: [Agency Suspensions and Reductions](#)
 - [Updated: Administration for Children's Services \(ACS\)](#)
 - [Updated: Department for the Aging \(DFTA\)](#)
 - [Updated: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene \(DOHMH\)](#)
 - [Updated: Department of Parks and Recreation \(DPR\)](#)
 - [Updated: Department of Social Services \(DSS\)](#)
 - [Updated: Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence \(ENDGBV\)](#)

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/>

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.
