

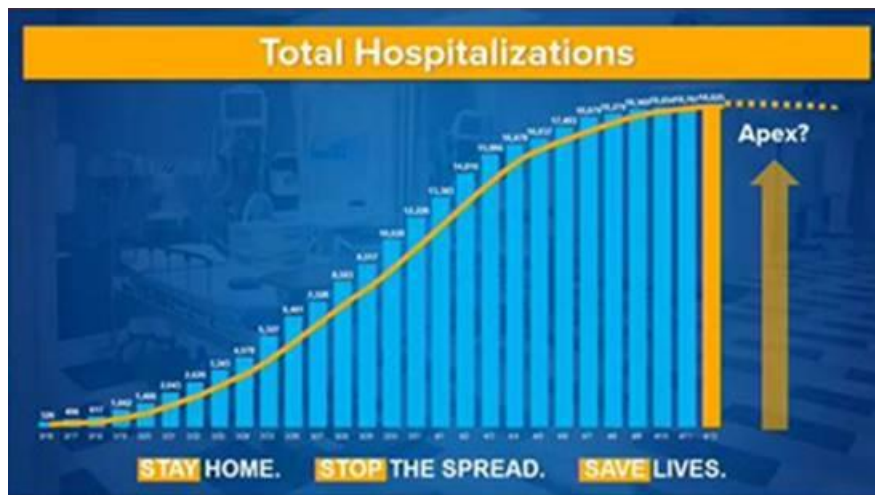
April 13, 2020

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 curve continues to flatten and plateau. Total hospitalizations are increasing slightly, but have remained relatively flat for the last few days. The gross change in new COVID hospitalizations per day is going down, but there were still 1,958 new hospitalizations yesterday.



- There were a total of 671 COVID-19-related deaths yesterday. This represents a decline over previous days – where the number was generally flat. A total of 10,056 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus.



- The Governor outlined a “Reopening” Objective process which includes coordinating the reopening of economic, transportation, schools, etc. while watching the infection rate to make sure there is not a second wave. This objective will be designed by public health and economic experts, not politicians, and will have a regional component.

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- Next Steps**
- **Reopening Plan** – designed by experts, NOT politicians - Public Health + Economic Experts
  - **Regional Design** – larger geographic region the better.
  - **Coordinated Design** – Economic, transportation, schools, etc.
  - **Need Federal Support** – Smart legislation
  - **Testing will be KEY**
  - **Precautions** – masks, gloves, temperature taking are also KEY



- The Governor is discussing a regional reopening plan with neighboring Governors and the group will make an announcement today at 2:00 p.m. The Governor has previously discussed a desire for a regional plan that includes New Jersey and Connecticut.

- The Governor reiterated that there won't be a definitive moment in time that the crisis will end – there will be no “light-switch.” Rather, there will be points of resolution over time where aspects of the crisis improve. The ultimate resolution will occur when there is a vaccine widely available, which could take 12-18 months.

**JUST RELEASED: [Executive Order 202.16](#)**

Through May 12, 2020 the Executive Order issues the following directives:

- The New York City Department of Law shall issue no-action or no-filing letters received during the duration of this executive order within 45 days from submission of such no-action or no-filing application made to the department of law for essential projects involving affordable housing and homeless shelters. For each application granted by the department of law which permits the applicant to solicit public interest or public funds preliminary to the filing of an offering statement or for the issuance of a "no-filing required" letter. The New York City Department of Finance shall process and record condominium declarations for essential projects involving hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing, and homeless shelters within 30 days of receipt of such filing.
- Any political party, political party authority or political party official, which, by virtue of any law has a caucus scheduled or otherwise required to take place in April or May of 2020, shall be postponed until June 1, 2020, without prejudice, however such caucus may continue if the caucus is able to be held remotely, through use of telephone conference, video conference, and/or other similar service, and provided that notice for any party caucus to be held remotely shall be deemed satisfied if such notice includes specific information on remote participation and has been filed with the clerk and board of elections at least five days preceding the day of the caucus and published either by newspaper publication thereof once within the village, or on the party 's website, or through electronic mail to any previous caucus participant for which the party has an electronic mail address.
- For all essential businesses or entities, any employees who are present in the workplace shall be provided and shall wear face coverings when in direct contact with customers or members of the public. Businesses must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for their employees. This provision may be enforced by local governments or local law enforcement as if it were an order pursuant to section 12 or 12-b of the Public Health Law. This requirement shall be effective Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m.

Through May 12, 2020 the Executive Order issues the following suspensions and modifications:

- Sections 8602 and 8603 of the Education Law, and section 58-1.5 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to permit individuals to perform testing for the detection of SARS-CoV-2, or its antibodies, in specimens collected from individuals suspected of suffering from a COVID-19 infection; individuals performing testing must meet the federal requirements for testing personnel appropriate to the assay or device authorized by the FDA or the New York State Department of Health.
- Section 711 of the Real Property and Proceedings Law, Section 232-a of the Real Property Law, and subdivisions 8 and 9 of section 4 of the Multiple Dwelling Law, and any other law or regulation are suspended and modified to the extent that such laws would otherwise create a landlord tenant relationship between any individual assisting with the response to COVID-19 or

any individual that has been displaced due to COVID-19, and any individual or entity, including but not limited to any hotel owner, hospital, not-for-profit housing provider, hospital, or any other temporary housing provider who provides temporary housing for a period of thirty days or more solely for purposes of assisting in the response to COVID-19.

## UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Department of Health: [Interim Guidance for Food Manufacturing Facilities or Food Retail Stores \(UPDATED\)](#)
- 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 since our last update.
- 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/>

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