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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 curve continues to flatten and is slightly down for the first time. The net change in intubations (the number of people on ventilators) continues to decrease. New COVID hospitalizations continue to trend downwards, but 1,649 new hospitalizations occurred yesterday.



- There were a total of 778 COVID-19-related deaths yesterday. This represents an uptick over the previous day – but for the last several days the number was generally flat. A total of 10,834 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus.



- Seven states including New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, have formed a multi-state council to get people back to work and restore the economy.
 - The Council will include a public health expert, an economic development expert, and the Chiefs of Staff for the respective Governor’s offices.
 - The Council will develop a fully integrated regional framework to gradually lift stay at home orders.



- The Governor addressed comments by President Trump stating that the White House has the authority to reopen States. The Governor said this is untrue and urged the President to continue to work collaboratively instead of divisively. The Governor wants to continue to work together with the Federal Government.
- By next week the State will be able to produce 2,000 antibody tests per day. The Governor would like the Federal Government to produce more of them so they can be used to determine which workers are able to return to work first.
- The Governor was asked about NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio’s announcement that the City will purchase 50,000 coronavirus test kits weekly from an Indiana-based company as well as start producing their own tests. The Governor said there are only a handful of companies producing

tests which limits supply while demand is high. He said FEMA should take over coordinating all test distribution and allocate them to the states that are in need.

UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Department of Financial Services: [Guidance to Department of Financial Services \(“DFS”\) Regulated Entities Regarding Cybersecurity Awareness During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- New York State Unified Court System: [Virtual Courts Expanded Beyond the Limited Category of Essential and Emergency Matters](#)
- New York State Department of Motor Vehicles: [COVID-19 information for customers and businesses](#)
- 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](#)
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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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