

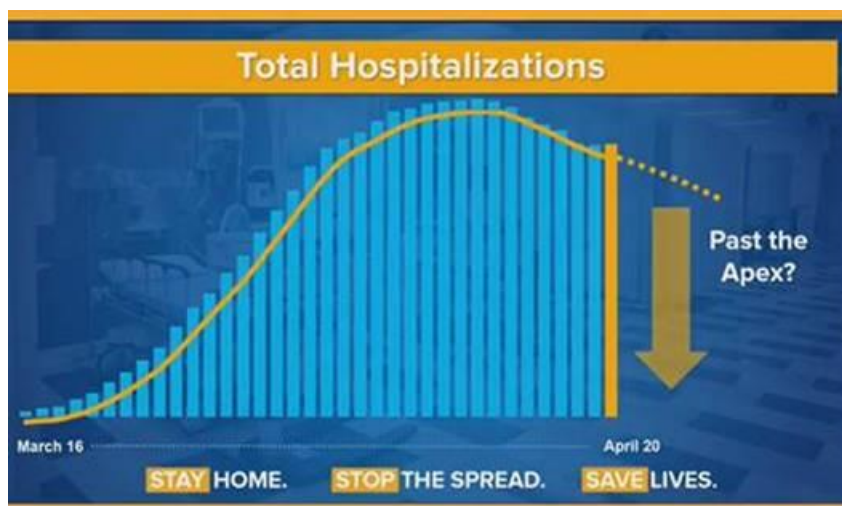
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As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 crisis together, please continue reaching out to us as issues arise for you and for your businesses. We are and will continue to remain in regular contact with key stakeholders at the State Agencies and with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

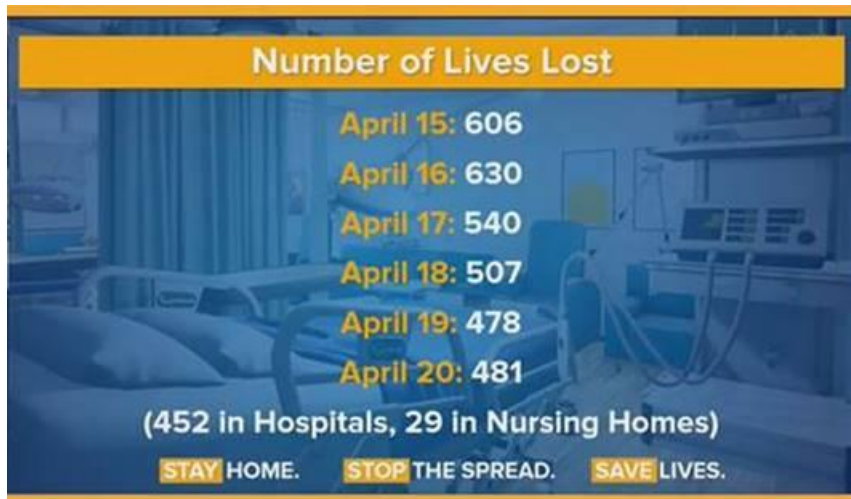
WHAT'S NEW TODAY

Governor Cuomo Press Briefing

- The curve continues to flatten and the numbers are down for the eighth straight day. The amount of net hospitalizations and number of intubations continues to decrease, but there are still new COVID hospitalizations every day (1,300 yesterday).



- There were a total of 481 COVID-19-related deaths on April 20th. Of this 452 were hospital deaths, and 29 were in nursing homes. This represents a slight increase from the previous day – but for the last several days the number was generally flat. A total of 14,828 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus.



- **The Governor today announced a regional approach to reopening the economy. This will be based upon each region’s COVID-19 facts and circumstances.** Different regions of the State have different curves and variations. While we are one State, we have to take into account and understand these variations order to get the economy open as soon as possible.



- Factors that will be taken into consideration include hospitalization rates, hospital capacity, infection rate and if the region is on the ascent, descent or on a plateau.



- Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul will be in charge of the Western New York regional public health and reopening strategy, Former Lieutenant Governor Bob Duffy will coordinate the Finger Lakes Region. There will not be regional committees formed, it will be a coordination between State and local officials and the decision will be data driven.
- Any plan to reopen the economy and society, both regionally and statewide, will revolve around testing because testing is the best way to track the infection rate. New York is testing more than any other state in the U.S., but more testing needs to be done. Testing will be the focus during Cuomo's meeting with President Trump today.
- The Governor stated there needs to be better coordination between the Federal government and states on testing. The Federal government should provide the national private manufacturers with what they need, and then the manufacturers can feed the state laboratories and states can manage the testing from there.



- After testing we will need an army of contact tracers and isolation policies to help control the rate of infection.
- Need to be aware of hot spots and increased need in regions of the State that have not really been hit yet. When downstate needed help upstate pitched in. New York is ready to surge capacity and help when regions need it.



- Elective outpatient treatment will be allowed for hospitals in counties without significant risk of a COVID-19 surge in the near term. Westchester, southern Rockland, Erie, Albany and Dutchess and several other counties (not named during the briefing) will be excluded for now.



- On unemployment, the State has 1,000 people handling incoming unemployment calls, and still cannot keep up with the volume. This is a much larger capacity than they have faced before. Once you qualify it is retroactive and you will still get the same benefit even if you have not been able to get through yet.
- The Governor reiterated it is a terrible mistake to not provide funding for states in the stimulus package, one of the reasons he is going to Washington.

[Executive Order 202.22](#)

The Governor has issued Executive Order 202.22 which relates to real estate property tax transactions.

The Executive Order makes the following modifications:

- Article 5 of the Real Property Tax Law, and analogous provisions of any other general or special laws that require a tentative assessment roll to be filed on or before June 1, 2020, to allow the tentative and final assessment rolls to be filed, at local option, up to 30 days later than otherwise

allowable, to allow an assessing unit to set a date for hearing assessment complaints that is at least 21 days after the filing of the tentative roll, to allow notice of the filing of the tentative roll to be published solely online so long as the date for hearing complaints is prominently displayed, to suspend in-person inspection of the tentative roll, and to allow local Boards of Assessment Review to hear complaints remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that complainants can present their complaints through such service and the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding;

- Section 1212 of the Real Property Tax Law, to the extent necessary to allow the commissioner of taxation and finance to certify final state equalization rate, class ratios, and class equalization rates, if required, no later than ten days prior to the last date set by law for levy of taxes of any municipal corporation to which such equalization rate, class ratios, and class equalization rates are applicable;
- Section 1512(1) of the Real Property Tax Law and Sections 283.291 and 283.221 of the Laws of Westchester County, are suspended to allow the County Executive to negotiate with any town supervisor or mayor of any city, to accept a lesser percentage of taxes, special ad valorem levies or special assessments which are otherwise due on May 25, provided that in no event shall any town or city be required to pay more than sixty percent. The County Executive is empowered to determine whether or not penalties for late payment or interest are able to be waived dependent on whether or not such town or city applies the County Executive's criteria for determining hardship due to COVID-19;
- Section 283.221 of the Laws of Westchester County is further suspended to the extent necessary to require the supervisor of a town, to waive payment of penalties for late payment of county and county district taxes under section 283.221 up to July 15, 2020, and waive payment of penalties for late payment of town and town district taxes and assessments in the same manner, provided such town applies the County Executive's criteria for the determination of hardship due to COVID-19;
- Section 1512(1) of the Real Property Tax Law and any penalty provision of the tax code of a city within Westchester County is further suspended to the extent necessary to allow the mayor of that City to waive the payment of penalties for late payment of county and county district taxes and to further waive payment of penalties for late payment of city and city district taxes and assessments in the same manner, provided such city applies the County Executive's criteria for the determination of hardship due to COVID-19;
- Section 5-18.0(2) of the Nassau County Administrative Code, to the extent necessary to allow the Nassau County Executive to extend until June 1, 2020, the deadline to pay without interest or penalty the final one-half of school taxes upon real estate in such county.

[New York City Executive Order 108](#)

- Suspends for the duration of the emergency the review and approval of petitions for revocable consents to operate sidewalk cafes that do not require special permits in case where this would impose limitations on the amount of time permitted for action by agencies, community boards, the City Council or elected officials.
- Suspends for the duration of the emergency the timelines for compliance regarding privately owned public space signage requirements. This applies when a deadline for the submission of a

complete design review package by an owner of a privately owned public space that does not have previously approved signage, or that does have previously approved signage that does not include a statement that such space is open to the public and the hours such space is open.

- Incorporates any and all relevant provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders that address the State of Emergency.

UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Education Department:
 - [Updated Guidance on Work-Based Learning Programs](#)
 - [Updated Guidance on Appearance Enhancement Programs](#)
 - [Updated Guidance on Driver & Traffic Safety Education](#)
 - [2019-20 Accountability Implications Based on April 2020 US Dept. of Ed Waivers and Changes](#)
- New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services:
 - [Public Assistance Applicant Briefing Announcement DR-4480 for 4/21-4/30](#)
 - [Grants Portal Basic Overview Webinars 4/20 – 4/24](#)
- New York State Workers Compensation Board:
 - [COVID-19 Outbreak Response](#)
- New York State Office of Mental Health:
 - [Emergency Telemental Health and Program Guidance](#)
- New York State Department of State
 - [Consumer Alert on COVID-19 Scams](#)
- 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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