

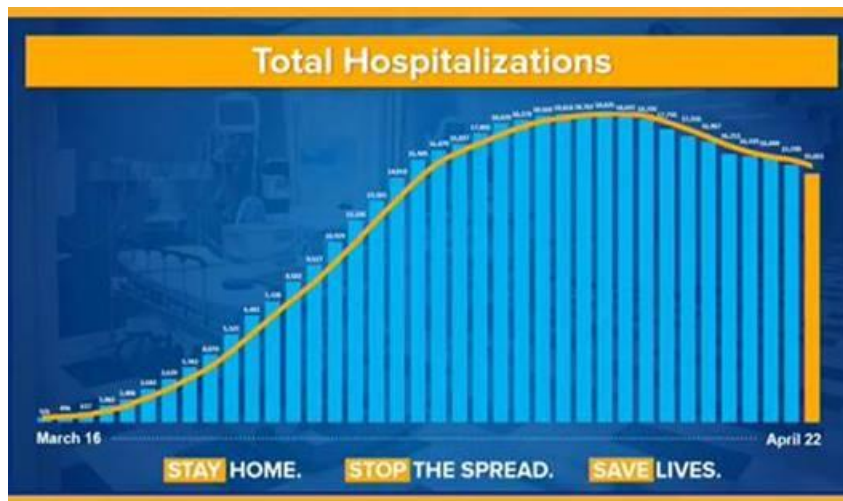
April 23, 2020

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 on a downward trajectory and the numbers are down for the tenth straight day. The amount of net hospitalizations and number of intubations continues to decrease, but there are still new COVID hospitalizations every day (1,359 yesterday). For the last few days, the number of new hospitalizations has remained flat around 1,350 cases per day.





- There were a total of 438 COVID-19-related deaths on April 22th. Of this 403 were hospital deaths, and 35 were in nursing homes. This represents a slight decrease from the previous day – but for the last several days the number was generally flat. A total of 15,740 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus.



- The Governor said that protecting nursing homes is currently the State’s number one priority. The State Department of Health (DOH) and the Attorney General’s Office will investigate nursing homes to ensure that all regulations and laws are being followed to protect residents and workers.
- The State will direct nursing homes to immediately report to DOH actions they have taken to comply with all DOH and CDC directives. If nursing homes are unable to provide adequate care for residents, they must transfer the resident to another facility.

Reinforcing New York State Nursing Homes

- Today, we are directing nursing homes to immediately report to DOH actions that they have taken to comply with all DOH and CDC directives.
- DOH will inspect the facilities that have not complied with the DOH and CDC directives, including separation policies, staffing policies, and inadequate PPE.
- If DOH determines that the facilities failed to comply with directives and guidance, DOH will immediately require the facility to submit an action plan, and facilities could be fined \$10,000 per violation or potentially lose their operating license.

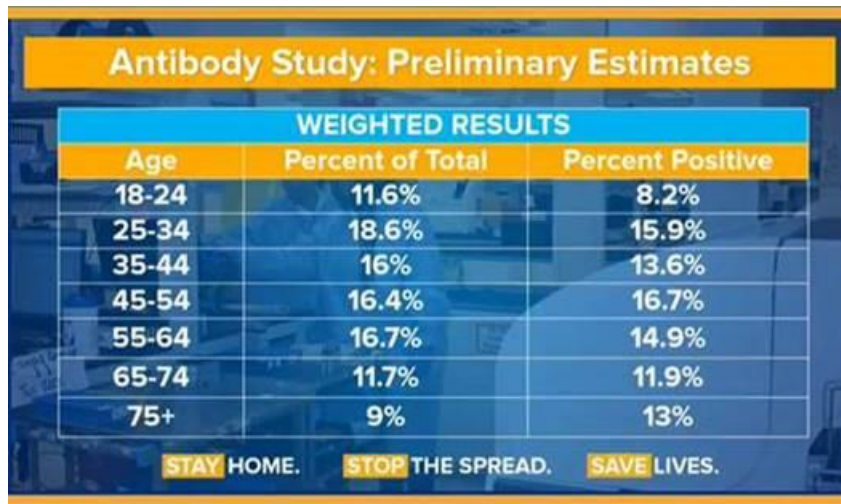
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- The State is engaging in both diagnostic testing and antibody testing. Diagnostic testing is being used to find positive cases, trace their contacts, and isolate those with exposure. Antibody testing is being used to find individuals who have contracted the virus and recovered in order to find blood plasma donors and to inform the State’s reopening strategy.
- The State has completed a statewide antibody testing study in which a random sample of 3,000 New Yorkers were tested for antibodies in 19 counties and 40 localities. Of the individuals tested 13.9% had COVID-19 antibodies, which means they had the virus at one point but have recovered or were asymptomatic.

Antibody Study: Preliminary Estimates

WEIGHTED RESULTS		
Region	Percent of Total	Percent Positive
Long Island	14.4%	16.7%
NYC	43%	21.2%
Westchester/Rockland	9.8%	11.7%
Rest of State	32.8%	3.6%

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- If the infection rate is 13.9%, the death rate may be lower than some estimates. If these results can be extrapolated to the State’s total population that would mean 2.7 million people have been infected. With 15,500 deaths in the state that would be a death rate of 0.5%. This is only preliminary data and may not be a perfect representation of either data set.



- The results of the antibody study support the Governor’s regional reopening strategy because areas with high infection rates can travel if you open areas with low infection rates.
- The Governor addressed comments from U.S. Senate Leader Mitch McConnell saying that States should declare bankruptcy rather than receive federal funding. State and Local Governments fund police, fire, teachers, and healthcare workers. These workers deserve Federal relief in the same way that small businesses and airlines do. Senator McConnell also referred to funding to State Governments as “blue state bailouts.” Governor Cuomo urged Federal Representatives to set aside politics during this time and address the needs of the nation.
- In response to a question from a reporter, Secretary to the Governor Melissa DeRosa said that the State has paid out \$2.2 billion in unemployment so far, which is more than any other state. New York has paid benefits to 1.1 million people and an additional 207,000 people will be added today.

- New York City Department of Buildings: [Updated guidance to owners and contractors regarding how to secure their construction and demolition sites when operations are suspended due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency](#)
- 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/>

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

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