

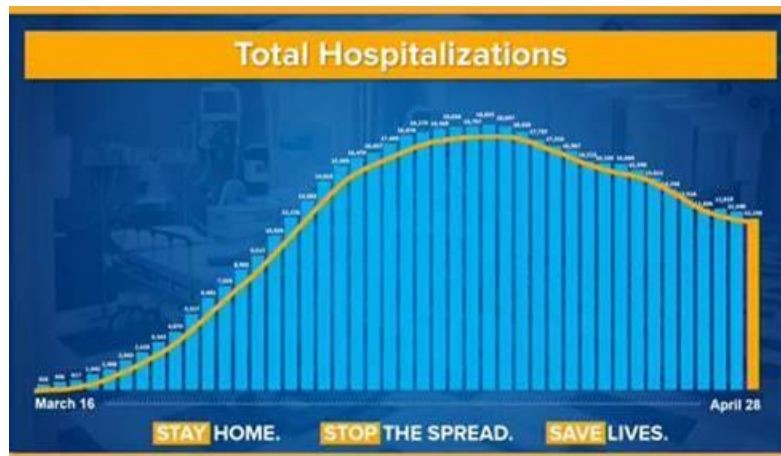
April 29, 2020

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.

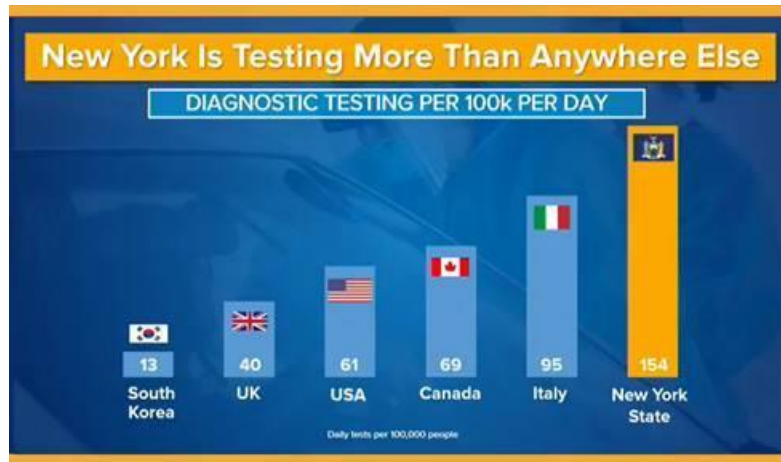
## WHAT'S NEW TODAY

### Governor Cuomo Press Briefing

- Hospitalizations saw a slight uptick from yesterday, but the numbers of new COVID hospitalizations remains below 1,000.



- There were a total of 330 COVID-19-related deaths on April 27th. Of these, 314 were hospital deaths, and 16 were in nursing homes. This continues the trend downward, but generally flat. A total of 17,998 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus.
- The Governor reiterated that the State's reopening will be based on facts and data – 30% of hospital and ICU beds must be available after elective surgeries resume and the rate of transmission must be 1.1 or less.
- Testing will be key to reopening. New York has increased testing from 20,000 tests per to 30,000 per day but this is not enough. The goal is to be at 40,000 tests per day. New York is still testing more than anywhere else.



- Today antibody testing for transit workers will begin – and initial 1,000 will be tested this week.
- An Executive Order will be issued today regarding counties that will now be eligible to restart elective surgeries. At the start of this elective surgeries were cancelled, and this has caused hospitals to feel a financial pinch. New York State will allow elective outpatient treatment in counties and hospitals without a significant risk of a COVID-19 surge. Each hospital can have different capacities and it will determine different outcomes. The eligible counties are below.



- Governor Cuomo called on the MTA to have a full plan by tomorrow on how to disinfect every train/bus every night. Essential workers who get on a train/bus should know that it was disinfected the night before. Reiterated call to address the issue of homeless people on the subway.
- The Governor showed a “self portrait of America” of masks that New York has received from all across America unsolicited. These masks are donated selfless, homemade, delivered with personal notes. The Governor says if everyone acted a little more like this the country would be in a better place.



- Many of the Summer attractions around the State, such as the Saratoga Race Track, fall under the concept of a “attractive nuisance” and may not be able to take place unless proper precautions are in place and there is statewide coordination.

## UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Department of Labor:
  - [Required information employers must provide to employees impacted by COVID-19](#)
- New York State Courts:
  - [Chief Judge approves temporary authorization program for law school graduates to engage in the limited practice of law under supervision of a qualified attorney](#)
- Empire State Development: [Guidance for Determining Whether a Business Enterprise is Subject to a Workforce Reduction Under Recent Executive Orders](#)
  - The language regarding if your business is not listed has been **modified**:
    - If the function of your business is listed above, you do not need to request any special designation or approval to operate. If you are unsure whether your business is performing an essential service or function as outlined in the above guidance, or if your business is not listed but you believe the services or products you supply are essential, you may request clarification or consideration as an essential business by **clicking here**.
- 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.

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