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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 Governor announced this morning that there are now 130,689 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in New York State, and 72,181 confirmed cases in New York City. There have been 4,758 deaths from COVID-19 in New York.
- Current Hospitalizations:
  - 16,837 people currently hospitalized (+358)
  - 4,504 ICU patients (+128)
  - 13,366 patients discharged (+1,179)
- **The Governor is extending [“New York on Pause”](#) until [April 29<sup>th</sup>](#), which means schools and non-essential businesses will remain closed and social distancing measures will remain in place.** The Governor is also increasing the maximum fine for violating social distancing protocols from \$500 to \$1,000.
- The number of COVID-19 related deaths has been “effectively flat” for the last two days. Different statistical models project different results, but the Governor said we may be at or near the apex.
- Modeling now shows that New York will not need the projected 110,000 hospital beds initially thought would be needed to effectively manage the patient caseload. Current projections show a need for 20,000 - 30,000 hospital beds. This will change with time and will reflect the success of social distancing protocols.
- The Governor is calling President Trump to ask that the Federal Government change the use for the USNS Comfort to provide care for COVID patients.
- New York State is launching a COVID-19 First Responders fund. Health Research Inc., which is part of the NYS Department of Health, will be accepting donations to be used for expenses associated with coronavirus first responders. Blackstone has made an initial \$10 million contribution.

Donations made for the COVID-19 response will be used for direct expenses associated with response activities.

- Online donations can be made [here](#).
- Donations can be made by check and mailed to Health Research, Inc., 150 Broadway, Suite 560, Menands, NY 12204. **The donor should specify that the donation is for “COVID-19 NYS Emergency Response.”**

## ESD RESOURCES ON SBA CORONAVIRUS PROGRAMS

NYS Empire State Development has posted resources to assist eligible small businesses and nonprofits understand U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) coronavirus loan programs:

- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP):
  - [Guide for Nonprofits](#)
  - [Document Checklist and Certifications](#)
  - [Small Business Guide and Checklist \(prepared by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce\)](#)
  - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The SBA Subsidy Loan Program](#)
- [SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\) Program](#)

## UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: [Environmental Cleanup & Brownfields COVID-19 Update](#)
- NYS Agriculture and Markets:
  - [Interim Guidance for Fish Processors and Retail](#)
  - [Interim Guidance for Grocery Home Deliveries & Ecommerce Grocery Home Deliveries](#)
  - [Guidance and Resources for the Ag Community](#)
- NYS Department of Financial Services:
  - [Model Producer Notice: Life Policies, Annuity Contracts and Fraternal Benefit Society Certificates](#)
  - [Model Producer Notice: Certain Property/Casualty Policies](#)
  - [Community Development Financial Institutions](#)

- NYS Education Department: [Proposed Amendments and Additions to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Addressing the COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- 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 to this guidance since our last update.
    - According to reports there will be an update made to this guidance that will classify real estate showings, appraisal services, home inspections and back-office real estate work as essential functions.
- 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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