

May 1, 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 are at a flat rate with approximately 1,000 new COVID cases every day. The State will be working with hospitals to gather more specific information on new cases to develop a plan to decrease the number of hospitalizations.



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- The slide, titled "New COVID-19 Cases", lists several questions for data collection. The background features a blue and white virus particle graphic. The questions are:
- Address?
 - Essential workers?
 - Where they work?
 - How they commute?
 - Where they live?
 - From a nursing home?
 - Sex, age, health status?
 - Demographics?
- The slide includes the slogan "STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES." at the bottom.

- There were a total of 289 COVID-19-related deaths on April 30th. Of these, 267 were hospital deaths, and 22 were in nursing homes. A total of 18,593 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus.



- New Yorkers actions have reduced hospitalizations by approximately 100,000 - and a portion of those would have passed away. The Governor thanks New Yorkers for their actions to help prevent this, and reminds that our present actions will determine the future.
- Given the current situation, K-12 schools and colleges will remain closed for the rest of the academic year with distance learning provided. Decision on summer school programming will be announced at the end of May. School districts will still continue to provide meal plans and child care options for essential employees.
- Schools and colleges will have to develop plans to be approved by the State on reopening. These plans will include putting protocols in place with what we have learned.

State Will Approve Plans to Reopen Schools & Colleges

To reimagine schools, these plans should consider:

- How can schools monitor the spread of COVID-19?
- How do we instill parent confidence and reinforce student safety?
- When, and how, will extra-curricular activities reopen?
- Do protocols for special student populations change?
- On college campuses, how will housing, meals, and gatherings work?
- What steps need to be taken to ensure student mental health?
- How can colleges best work together to share services and offer opportunities across public and private systems?
- Would any alternative academic calendars work?

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- COVID-19 can be a strain for many and can be a mental health crisis. The Governor reminds people this is a chronic problem and you are not alone. Half of all Americans have said their mental health has been negatively impacted. To this end, New York has set up an Emotional Support Hotline and a website with additional mental health resources.

Mental Health

New York State Emotional Support Hotline:
1-844-863-9314

Additional mental health resources available at: headspace.com/ny

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- Today, New York will be expanding its efforts to provide mental health services to frontline workers by setting up a 24/7 emotional support service. The State will be directing all insurers to waive all cost sharing/copays/deductibles for mental health services for essential workers during this crisis.

Support For Frontline Workers

We are partnering with Kate Spade New York Foundation and Crisis Text Line on a 24/7 emotional support service for frontline healthcare heroes:

Text **NYFRONTLINE** to **741-741**

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- During this time New York has seen a disturbing rise in domestic violence. Domestic violence reports were up 15% in March and now 30% in April. New York has set up a Domestic Violence Help Line for those in need.

Domestic Violence

New Yorkers in need:
Text the New York State Domestic Violence Help Line at
1-844-997-2121

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- The State is continuing to investigate issues with nursing home reporting. If there was an intentional misleading by nursing homes there will be investigations by DOH and the Attorney General.

UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Education Department:
 - [Federal CARES Act Funding](#)
 - [Cancellation of August 2020 Regents](#)
- Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
 - [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)
- New York State Courts:
 - [Expansion of Judicial Services](#)
- New York State Office of Mental Health:
 - [COVID-19 Economic Impact Payment](#)
- 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](#)
 - [Updated: Administration for Children's Services \(ACS\)](#)
 - [Updated: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene \(DOHMH\)](#)

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.