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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

- Today's press briefing took place at Binghamton University's Pharmacy School in Johnson City.
- The total number of hospitalizations and intubations is down again. The number of new cases also continues to decrease to levels seen when the NY on PAUSE order was enacted.



- There were a total of 195 COVID-19-related deaths on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Of these, 142 were hospital deaths and 53 were in nursing homes. A total of 21,845 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus (NYSDOH).



- There are now 100 cases being tracked of the COVID-related illness in children with symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease. The State has had three suspected deaths in children due to this emerging complication of the coronavirus.

**Update on Emerging Issue**

NYS DOH is now investigating approximately **100 cases** of what may be a COVID-related illness in children with symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome.

The illness has tragically taken the lives of three young New Yorkers – 5 year old boy, 7 year old boy, 18 year old girl.

STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES.

- **REOPENING:** The State has published a detailed plan, called NY Forward, to reopen businesses by regions in phases starting this Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The list of businesses that will be allowed to reopen in regions that have hit their metrics can be found [here](#) and the full details of NY Forward can be found [here](#). The State is also posting up to date data in an [interactive dashboard](#) to track progress of each region toward meeting the metrics needed to reopen. So far, the Finger Lakes, and Southern Tier regions have met the criteria needed to being reopening starting Friday. The Capital Region and the North Country regions have met six of the seven metrics needed to begin reopening on Friday.



- The regions that meet the metrics will be allowed to reopen in phases that will continue based on the data collected at each region’s “control room,” which will be run by local officials. The Regional Control Rooms will be in charge of gauging public health threat levels as people begin to go back to work. Further reopening or reclosing will be determined by these public health metrics. A full list of members who will sit on each Regional Control Room can be found [here](#).
- Previously, it had been stated that the time between phases of the reopening plan was two weeks. In response to a question from a reporter today, the Governor said that this is an estimated timeline and moving between phases will be dependent on the metrics being tracked by the Regional Control Rooms. Regions will go between phases faster or slower than a two-week timeline depending on the data.



- **Federal Aid:** As the U.S. House of Representatives prepares phase four of the coronavirus response packages, the Governor continued his call for federal funding for state and local governments. The State needs \$61 billion in federal funding or the State will be forced to cut schools, local governments, and hospitals by 20% each. The States pay the salaries of police, fire, teachers, and health care workers, but with the substantial hit on State revenues, funding that provides these salaries is now dependent on Federal aid. The Governor also called for the Federal Government to also make substantial investments in infrastructure in repose to the coronavirus.
- Several members of the New York Congressional Delegation will propose the Americans First Law that will prohibit companies from keeping federal bailouts unless they rehire the same number of employees as they had before the crisis.



## New York State Legislature Public Hearings

### Small Businesses

On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. several Committees of both Houses of the Legislature will conduct a virtual public hearing on the federal response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses in New York State.

Public Hearing Notice: <https://nyassembly.gov/write/upload/publichearing/20200506.pdf>

The hearing can be viewed at <https://www.nysenate.gov/events> or <https://www.nyassembly.gov/av/live/>.

### Impact on Minority Communities

On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. several Committees of both Houses of the Legislature will conduct a virtual public hearing to explore solutions to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on minority communities.

Public Hearing Notice: <https://nyassembly.gov/write/upload/publichearing/20200511.pdf>

The hearing can be viewed at <https://www.nysenate.gov/events> or <https://www.nyassembly.gov/av/live/>.

## UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Education Department: [Supporting Students and Families Disconnected from School](#)
- New York State Attorney General: [Unlawful Evictions under RPAPL § 768](#)
- 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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