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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 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

New York State Legislature

The State Senate and Assembly reconvened this week for committee meetings and session to act on agreed upon coronavirus related legislation. Both Houses will reconvene midday today to continue passing these bills. It is then expected that both Houses will adjourn at the call of their respective leader. At this time there are no additional plans to return to session. However, legislators have stated they will come back to pass more bills when there are agreements. We will continue to keep you updated on any developments and share any legislation of interest to you.

Governor Cuomo Press Briefing

- Today's press briefing took place at the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club in Brooklyn. The Governor and his team were joined by Chris Rock and Rosie Perez. The two actors joined the press briefing to announce that they will be working with the State to communicate to the public the importance getting tested and wearing a mask.



- The total number of hospitalizations and intubations continue to fall. The number of new hospitalizations continues to trend downward. There were 163 new hospitalizations on May 27th, the lowest total since the crisis started.



- There were a total of 74 COVID-19-related deaths on May 27th. Of these, 52 were hospital deaths and 22 were in nursing homes. A total of 23,643 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus (NYSDOH).



- Yesterday, the Governor was in Washington D.C. to meet with President Trump to discuss infrastructure projects and Federal funding for state and local governments.

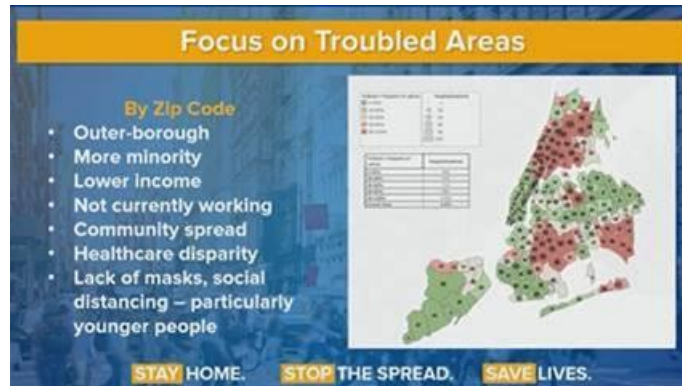
Today, Governor Cuomo reiterated the need for Federal funding to help New York recover from coronavirus related spending increases and revenue shortfalls.

- The Governor will sign an Executive Order today authorizing businesses to deny entry to those who do not wear masks or face-coverings. The Governor said that store owners have the right to protect themselves and other customers from those who choose not to wear a mask.



- **REOPENING:** With New York City as the only exception, all regions of the State are now in phase one of reopening the economy. The State is focusing its efforts on New York City to allow the region to enter phase one as soon as possible, but the metrics all the other regions had to meet apply to New York City as well. New York City has met five of the seven metrics needed to begin phase one. The region is expected to meet the contact tracing metric in the near future and currently has 28% of ICU beds open (30% need to be open to begin).
- The State is working on better cleaning public transportation and focusing on zip codes with high infection rates in order to speed up reopening for New York City. Studies have shown that certain zip codes have much higher infection rates than the general population, and these areas tend to be predominantly low income, minority communities. The State has delivered 8 million masks to New York City, and will deliver another million today.





- In response to a question from a reporter, the Governor said he hasn't had any serious conversations with the Legislature on a bill that would allow New York City to borrow \$7 billion. The Governor said that borrowing for operating expenses is a risky proposition, and it has to be done with caution, if at all. He also said that financial control boards have been used in the past to fix local government budgets. The bill has not been passed by either House of the Legislature.

UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- [New York Forward Statewide Guidelines:](#)
 - Lake and Ocean Beaches:
 - [Summary Guidelines](#)
 - [Read and Affirm Detailed Guidelines](#)
 - [Business Safety Plan Template](#)
 - [Local Government Notification](#)
 - Religious and Funeral Service:
 - [Summary Guidelines](#)
 - [Read and Affirm Detailed Guidelines](#)
 - [Business Safety Plan Template](#)
 - Racing Activities:
 - [Summary Guidelines](#)

- [Read and Affirm Detailed Guidelines](#)
- [Business Safety Plan Template](#)
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: [COVID-19 and Bottle Bill Beverage Container Redemption](#) (Enforcement begins June 3rd)
- New York State Agriculture & Markets:
 - [COVID-19 Prevention Tips](#)
 - [COVID-19 Prevention and Response at Farms](#)
 - [COVID-19 Operator Checklist for Farms](#)
- New York State Education Department: [Parental Right to Decline Examination Waivers](#)
- 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](#)
 - The [Department of Sanitation](#) has been updated.

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.