

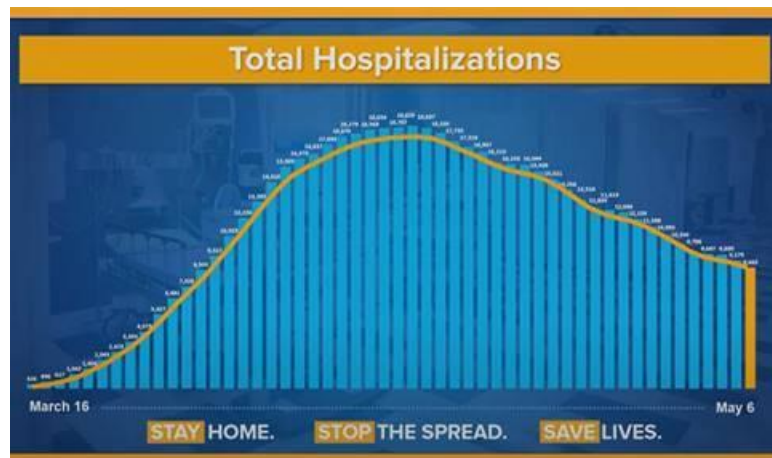
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As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 crisis together, please continue reaching out to us as issues arise for you and for your businesses. We are and will continue to remain in regular contact with key stakeholders at the State Agencies and with 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 New York Medical College in Westchester County.
- The total number of hospitalizations saw a fairly significant drop - down to approximately 8,600. The number of new cases is slightly up, with 607 cases on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The new hospitalizations per day took off quickly, but it has been a slow downturn.



- There were a total of 231 COVID-19-related deaths on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Of these, 191 were hospital deaths and 40 were in nursing homes. This is a slight decrease from the day before. A total of 20,828 New Yorkers have passed away from coronavirus (NYSDOH).



- The Governor stated that a top priority from day one has been protecting our frontline and essential workers. Of the sample of Downstate workers who have received the antibody test, the percentage of healthcare workers who have the antibodies is either about the same or lower than the rate of the general population. The Governor said this shows the importance of masks, gloves and using sanitizer as this protocol has worked for frontline workers.

**Hospital Antibody Testing Results**

| Location    | Healthcare Workers (% Positive) | General Population (% Positive) |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Westchester | 6.8%                            | 13.8%                           |
| NYC         | 12.2%                           | 19.9%                           |
| Long Island | 11.1%                           | 11.4%                           |

STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES.

- The Governor updated that the Nourish New York Initiative will bring products from over 2,100 farms to nearly 50 food banks, who will in turn provide over 20,000 households with food within the next week. The State is asking philanthropies to assist this effort (information below).





- The Governor announced that the State will be extending the moratorium on residential or commercial COVID-related evictions until August 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the State will ban late payments or fees for missed payments and allow renters to use their security deposits as payment and repay the security deposit over time. An Executive Order will be forthcoming.
- The Governor recognized that this is a strain on landlords who still have to pay the mortgages and electric bills on these properties. The State is working on a relief plan for landlords also – as well as relief for banks. The Governor acknowledged this is a trade off, but on a human level he does not want to see people being evicted at this time.
- The Governor said that is not a question of will we re-open but how we re-open. It is important to get the economy running while protecting public health at the same time. What we are doing has worked so far, and the State will continue to make decisions based upon facts and data vs. politics and emotions.



## COVID-19 Legislative Hearings

The Legislature will be hosting the first of its virtual COVID-19 hearings on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. This hearing will focus on the federal response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses, including farms, across New York State. The hearing notice can be found [here](#).

## UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE

- New York State Education Department:

- [Claiming Eligible COVID-19 Costs to Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Funding](#)
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- New York City Department of Buildings
  - [Place of Assembly Applications Resume](#)
- Empire State Development: [Guidance for Determining Whether a Business Enterprise is Subject to a Workforce Reduction Under Recent Executive Orders](#)
  - The guidance for automotive sales was updated under Essential Services to include vehicle “showing”
    - “Automotive sales conducted remotely or electronically, with in-person vehicle **showing**, return, and delivery by appointment only”
- New York City: [Agency Suspensions and Reductions](#)
  - [School Construction Authority \(SCA\)](#)

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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