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Information on Novel Coronavirus

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What You Need to Know

- [New York State on PAUSE](#): 100% of the workforce must stay home, excluding essential services. **HOME HEALTH AIDES ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL!**
- All non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason are temporarily banned.
- New Yorkers can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling.
- The state is scouting additional new sites for temporary hospitals, with a goal of having a 1,000-plus patient overflow facility in each New York City borough as well as Westchester, Rockland, Nassau and Suffolk counties.
- New York City is piloting closing streets to vehicles and opening them to pedestrians as part of the city's plan to address the lack of adherence to social distancing protocols.
- 52,000 healthcare workers, including retirees and students, have signed up to volunteer to work as part of the state's surge healthcare force during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices are temporarily closed for in-office visits. Online transactions, including for license renewals, are still be available. License and permit expirations will be extended.
- All non-essential businesses statewide must close in-office personnel functions until further notice as part of New York State on PAUSE. Bars and restaurants are closed, but takeout can be ordered during the period of closure.
- Testing is free for all eligible New Yorkers as ordered by a health care provider.
- Your [local health department](#) is your community contact for COVID-19 concerns.