

Deaths 67 (total 23,722)

COVID-19 Tracker Site: <https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov>

Regional Dashboard: <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool:
<https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward>

From Iona College in New Rochelle, NY

- Thank you to Iona college
- Today is day 90
- Hospitalizations are down
- Intubations are down
- New hospitalizations down to 152, dramatic drop for us
- 67 deaths (46 in hospitals and 21 in nursing homes)
- Questions is on reopening, looking at different regions
- We were hit the hardest and will come back the smartest
- Transparent metrics, posted online
- Now even smarter; number of tests per day, test more than any state per capita and more than any country on the globe per capita, can look by specific areas and see percent tests positive per day and immediate information on trend lines
- We have a new dashboard that tracks information
- Many states and countries have reopened and made mistakes and had to close back down
- The data has been reviewed by: County, Region, State, Global experts
- 5 regions are now entering Phase 2: Office
- There is specific guidance available (<https://forward.ny.gov/phase-two-industries>); office buildings, retail, malls are closed other than stores with outside entrances or curbside
- Barber Shops and Hair Salons, employees must get test every two weeks
- We have a role to play; responsibility
- Reopening in NYC is more complicated
- On track to meet metrics; hospital capacity below 70% and establishing a PPE stockpile
- Testing and contact tracing (tracing being brought up to speed)
- MTA preparing for reopening
- Need to focus on hot spots; next week lest do a full court press on hot spots
- Think this can be done by next week and can open the week after, June 8th
- NYC Phase 1 should bring back 400k employees
- Reopening does not mean returning to the past, reopening means moving toward a new safer normal
- Wear a mask, get tested and socially distance
- The doing is what is hard, not the advice
- It is up to us
- Want to thank the Mayor and his team, I am proud of the way NY is figuring it out

Mayor de Blasio:

- Our teams talk all day long with a lot of common purpose

- Same approach and strategic view
- Excited to re-start NYC
- Key to getting to point came from collaboration
- We have set a threshold of being under 100 new hospitalizations, today 61, also want to be below 15% in positive tests, only 5% of those tested, tested positive
- Have work to do in patients in public hospital ICU's want to get that down to 375 but at 391, should be below that soon
- Going to spend this coming week going to businesses to provide face coverings
- Want to thank you for the guidance
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Cuomo:

- About 100 hospitals in NYC, 11 are the NYC hospitals, there are 90 others, they have to have beds and PPE
- We have to be smart
- Want to send prayers to Greg Floyd's family
- When we think about this situation and reaction, let's not make same mistakes
- This is not an isolated incidence
- Continuing injustice and inequality in America
- This is not about one situation (read names of others)
- This is the same situation happening again and aging
- The Coronavirus, disproportionately affects minorities
- No one is sanctioning the arson, thuggery and the burglary
- Stand with the protestors, stand against the criminality, believe all well-meaning people stand with the protestors
- This country is better than this, shouldn't take this long

Q&A:

June 8th reopening, commuting becomes a challenge, should there be guidance and ideas, Mayor mentioned improvising?

- I think the Mayor meant it was up to you
- Understand people would be anxious about public transit
- MTA is doing extraordinary work
- People have to wear masks but transit system will be safe
- People will make their own choices

How about staggering the work shifts?

- This has always been about finding a new normal and doing their part
- Also, private companies doing their part
- Employers have been thoughtful, employees won't come back otherwise and demanding response

What will MTA capacity be?

- You will have to see if that is an issue
- Don't think you can maintain social distancing on trains and busses
- Can clean and you have to wear a mask
- Will be doing best they can to stagger volume, personnel working to limit
- Trains and busses will be safer and cleaner than ever before

Will you put someone on the platform to tell people to wait?

- There are other cars on the train, encourage people to go to the other cars, not strict limit
- You can wait if you would like
- Wearing a mask is what we are encouraging
- Individual responsibility, need cooperative public
- This is only phase 1, you don't go 0-100, this is 0-20

- Start to open gradually and watch how system operates and see how it works
- No one has been here before, no one knows the answer

Is commuting the biggest challenge?

- They are all big challenges
- Big challenge for me is the hot spots; infection rate is double
- State will have historic economic problem but this is about the number of deaths
- We can fix deficits and shortfalls, we can't fix the number of deaths

Many local officials were starting to phase 2 earlier today, do you have comments on that?

- Earlier than 1pm? They wanted it this morning and not 1pm?
- Wanted to make sure data was reviewed by all experts
- County execs are not experts in viral transmissions in viral pandemic
- Wanted to have the best people look at the data
- Experts have all signed off
- Never talked to anyone about timing

Appears NJ and CT are allowing outdoor dining can that open before phase 3?

- Still looking at that
- Possibility, different in different parts of the state
- What is the size of sidewalk, is there social distancing etc.

You mentioned protest and outrage, protests in NYC want to say anything about safety of that situation

- Not commenting on safety on any protest, lots of violence
- Obviously obey the law, but the right to speak up the protest and frustration, I get it
- For my lifetime as an adult, have seen this from Rodney King forward; these are the same situations
- It's been 30 years since Rodney King
- Where was the progress?