

Coronavirus: Type COVID-19 Alert

There has been a lot of news coverage recently about the Coronavirus: Type COVID-19 outbreak. You and your family may have questions about the outbreak and want to know how to stay healthy.

For the latest information, please visit the [New York State Department of Health](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) websites. You can also access your local [NYS County Health Departments](#) for the latest updates in your area. You will find updates on this rapidly changing situation, plus prevention advice and instructions.



If you reside in NY state and have further questions about the coronavirus you can call the New York State Novel Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Access the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Coronavirus FAQs](#) for what you should know about the virus.

Prevention

These simple steps can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Coronavirus Testing, New York State, Office of Gov. Andrew Cuomo

1. If a person comes within close contact – defined as six feet – of a person known to be a positive case of coronavirus, they will get tested.
2. If a person has been quarantined (mandatory or precautionary) and begins showing symptoms of coronavirus, they will get tested.
3. If a person has travelled to a hot spot area and is showing symptoms associated with coronavirus, they will get tested.
4. If a person is seriously ill, as determined by a doctor, and hasn't tested positive for any other virus, they'll get tested.
5. And any other case where the doctor consults with the local and state Departments of health, and facts and circumstances merit it, they will get tested.