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Governor Cuomo Directs State Department of Health to Begin Implementing 'Surge & Flex' Hospital Protocol

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Hospitals Mandated to Expand Capacity by 25%

Regions to Be Designated as Red Zones if Hospital Capacity Is Projected to Become Critical

NY Asking Retired Doctors and Nurses to Return to Service; Registration to be Automatically Renewed, Fees Waived

Indoor Dining to be Closed in NYC & Reduced to 25% in Rest of State if a Region's Hospitalizations Do Not Stabilize in Next 5 Days

4,602 Patient Hospitalizations Statewide

872 Patients in the ICU; 477 Intubated

Statewide Positivity Rate is 4.79%

80 COVID-19 Deaths in NY State Yesterday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today directed the New York State Department of Health to begin implementing the state's "surge and flex" protocol and mandate all hospitals begin expanding their bed capacity by 25 percent to further prepare hospitals for a future COVID-19 surge. Hospitals had previously been preparing plans for this action as part of New York's Winter COVID Plan. Additionally, the Governor issued a call to all retired doctors and nurses urging them to return to service if they are able to do so. A registration will be renewed at no cost for an individual who completes the questionnaire through the volunteer portal, set up by the state Department of Health.

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The Governor also announced that regions that reach critical hospital capacity will be designated as a Red Zone under New York's micro-cluster strategy. Specifically, following the implementation of the state's "surge and flex" program, if a region's 7-day average hospitalization growth rate shows that the region will reach 90 percent within the next three weeks, the region will become a Red Zone.

Finally, following updated guidance from the CDC, the Governor announced that if a region's hospitalization rate does not stabilize in the next five days, additional restrictions will be applied to indoor dining. If the hospitalization rate does not stabilize in New York City in the next five days, indoor dining will be suspended; if the rate does not stabilize in regions outside New York City, capacity restrictions will be reduced to 25 percent.

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> **Governor Andrew M. Cuomo**

"Here in New York, we have followed the data and the science. We do more testing than any state in the United States by far, have more data points by far, and we rely on the data. It's not anecdotal, it's not political, it's not an opinion. Right now, the data is showing us that the highest percent of hospitalization is actually upstate - Finger Lakes, that's Monroe, Rochester area. Buffalo, Western New York, Central New York. You come down to New York City, Long Island, we actually have a lower rate hospitalized than upstate, which is an exact flip of where we were in the spring. In the spring, we had a largely downstate situation and upstate the situation was much better," **Governor Cuomo said.** "We've done a couple of things that are different than other states. In New York, the state sets all the policies and keeps numbers that are determinative of the policies. Now, we close down if you hit critical hospital capacity. We're implementing the surge and flex. We're going to add 25 percent additional hospital beds. We'll renew the registration for nurses and doctors to get us a backup staff pool, continue to caution on the small spread and at the same time, we are gearing up to have the most efficient, most effective, most fair vaccination program in the

country, reaching out to the black community, Latinos, undocumented, to make sure that it's fair. The good news is New York still has one of the lowest positivity rates in the nation. Only Maine, Vermont, Hawaii are lower than we are and Maine, Vermont, Hawaii — beautiful states — but different than New York. They don't have the cities, they don't have the density, so, for us to be down that low, is really good news."

Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- **Patient Hospitalization** - 4,602 (+160)
- **Patients Newly Admitted** - 530
- **Hospital Counties** - 55
- **Number ICU** - 872 (+22)
- **Number ICU with Intubation** - 477 (+13)
- **Total Discharges** - 88,263 (+314)
- **Deaths** - 80
- **Total Deaths** - 27,232

The regional hospital bed capacity and occupancy numbers, including the number of hospitalizations as a percent of the region's population, is as follows:

Region	COVID Patients Currently in Hospital in Region	COVID Hospitalizations as Percent of Region Population	Percent of Hospital Beds Available in Region
Capital Region	220	0.02%	26%
Central New York	296	0.04%	26%
Finger Lakes	545	0.05%	30%
Long Island	702	0.03%	18%
Mid-Hudson	618	0.03%	25%
Mohawk Valley	146	0.03%	26%

New York City	1416	0.02%	19%
North Country	38	0.01%	46%
Southern Tier	134	0.02%	39%
Western New York	487	0.04%	28%
NYS TOTAL	4,602	0.02%	23%

The regional ICU bed capacity and occupancy numbers are as follows:

Region	**Total ICU Beds in Region**	**Total Occupied ICU Beds in Region**	**Percent of ICU Beds Available in Region**
Capital Region	314	167	44%
Central New York	290	189	33%
Finger Lakes	659	246	62%
Long Island	801	579	25%
Mid-Hudson	728	368	48%

Mohawk Valley	131	99	26%
New York City	2290	1687	27%
North Country	67	33	54%
Southern Tier	129	82	35%
Western New York	559	293	50%
NYS TOTAL	5,968	3,743	37%

Each region's 7-day average percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days is as follows:

REGION	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**	**SUNDAY**
Capital Region	4.32%	4.50%	4.60%
Central New York	5.48%	5.19%	5.55%
Finger Lakes	6.56%	6.80%	7.01%
Long Island	5.20%	5.38%	5.50%
Mid-Hudson	5.77%	5.97%	6.03%
Mohawk Valley	6.09%	6.35%	6.53%

New York City	3.99%	4.01%	4.04%
North Country	4.12%	4.39%	4.50%
Southern Tier	2.63%	2.33%	2.09%
Western New York	7.44%	7.40%	7.34%

Each New York City borough's 7-day average percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days is as follows:

BOROUGH	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**	**SUNDAY**
Bronx	4.60%	4.64%	4.70%
Brooklyn	3.91%	3.98%	4.04%
Manhattan	2.68%	2.56%	2.50%
Queens	4.33%	4.43%	4.54%
Staten Island	6.03%	6.30%	6.36%

Of the 713,129 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	**Total Positive**	**New Positive**
Albany	6,818	107
Allegany	1,239	15

Broome	6,003	57
Cattaraugus	1,439	27
Cayuga	1,196	77
Chautauqua	1,917	24
Chemung	3,457	24
Chenango	739	15
Clinton	549	9
Columbia	1,111	11
Cortland	1,219	16
Delaware	446	14
Dutchess	8,192	93
Erie	29,720	383
Essex	321	5
Franklin	350	28
Fulton	634	21

Genesee	1,328	25
Greene	802	9
Hamilton	60	0
Herkimer	917	32
Jefferson	796	15
Lewis	475	8
Livingston	906	11
Madison	1,209	30
Monroe	19,518	444
Montgomery	628	5
Nassau	65,632	534
Niagara	4,952	139
NYC	333,771	2,765
Oneida	6,382	112

Onondaga	12,941	279
Ontario	1,659	30
Orange	18,349	130
Orleans	721	13
Oswego	2,056	17
Otsego	747	18
Putnam	3,368	37
Rensselaer	2,145	45
Rockland	22,897	97
Saratoga	2,787	53
Schenectady	3,081	49
Schoharie	250	5
Schuyler	355	3
Seneca	389	7
St. Lawrence	1,138	38

Steuben	2,084	25
Suffolk	67,860	748
Sullivan	2,315	13
Tioga	1,260	9
Tompkins	1,336	30
Ulster	3,897	39
Warren	662	5
Washington	491	2
Wayne	1,418	26
Westchester	55,187	516
Wyoming	697	7
Yates	313	6

Yesterday, 80 New Yorkers died due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 27,232. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

Deaths by County of Residence	

County	New Deaths
Albany	1
Allegany	1
Bronx	3
Broome	1
Cattaraugus	1
Chautauqua	1
Chemung	2
Dutchess	2
Erie	11
Franklin	1
Genesee	1
Kings	3
Livingston	1
Madison	1

Manhattan	2
Monroe	1
Nassau	4
Niagara	2
Oneida	2
Onondaga	2
Ontario	1
Orange	2
Queens	7
Rensselaer	2
Richmond	4
Rockland	3
Saratoga	1
Steuben	1

Suffolk	5
Sullivan	1
Ulster	3
Wayne	2
Westchester	5

Translations

Bengali Translation
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Chinese Translation
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Haitian-Creole Translation
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Korean Translation
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Russian Translation
Перевод на русский язык
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Spanish Translation
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