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Governor Cuomo Announces State Will Withhold Funds for Localities and Schools in COVID-19 Cluster Zones That Fail to Enforce Public Health Law

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Sends Letter Warning Local Governments in Cluster Zones That They Will Lose State Funding If They Fail to Enforce Gathering Limit and School Closure Rules

Sends Separate Letter Warning Public and Private Schools in Cluster Zones That They Will Lose State Funding If They Do Not Comply with Closure and Testing Rules

Positive Testing Rate in Hot Spot Areas is 6.29 Percent; New York State Positivity Without Red Zone Focus Areas Included is 0.95 Percent

7 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

SLA and State Police Task Force Visits 634 Establishments; Observes 2 Establishments Not in Compliance

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State will withhold funds for localities and schools in COVID-19 cluster zones that fail to enforce public health laws. The New York State Department of Health will send a letter warning local governments in cluster zones that they will lose state funding if they fail to enforce state limits on gatherings and the closure of schools. The letter will be sent to New York City, Orange County, Rockland County, the Town of Ramapo and the Village of Spring Valley.

Governor Cuomo also announced that DOH will send an additional letter warning public and private schools in cluster zones that they will lose state funding if they do not comply with state requirements on closure and testing.

"We know that public and private schools in the red zones are supposed to be closed. We know that there were violations where yeshivas were operating. We know there were violations where religious gatherings were happening that exceeded the guidelines. This is especially a problem in Brooklyn and Orange and Rockland Counties," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Number one, we are sending a notification to local governments saying they must enforce public health law under Section 16. If the local government does not effectively enforce the law, we will withhold funds. We're also sending a letter to all schools in the red zones saying to them that they must be closed. If they violate the Section 16 order, we will withhold funding from the schools. This is a last and final warning."

In "Red Zone" focus areas included as part of the Governor's Cluster Action Initiative, the positivity rate for test results reported yesterday is 6.29 percent - up from the 4.13 percent the day before. The "Red Zone" focus areas are home to 2.8 percent of state's population, yet had 15.6 percent of all positive cases reported yesterday to New York State.

Within the "Red Zone" focus areas, 3,053 test results were reported yesterday, yielding 192 positives or a 6.29 percent positivity rate. In the remainder of the state, not counting these "Red Zone" focus areas, 108,691 test results were reported, yielding 1,040 positives or a 0.95 percent positivity rate. The state's overall positivity rate is 1.10 percent with focus areas included. The "Red Zone" focus areas are home to 2.8 percent of the state population yet had 15.6 percent of all positive test results reported to the state yesterday, and 12.2 percent of all positive case results reported to the state this current week.

FOCUS ZONE	9/27-10/3 % Positive	10/4-10/10 % Positive	Week to Date (10/11 - 10/13) % Positive	Day Prior (10/12) % Positive	Yesterday (10/13) % Positive
Brooklyn red-zone focus area % positive	6.69%	5.86%	5.80%	5.94%	6.43%
Queens % red-zone focus area % positive	2.97%	3.36%	2.81%	2.43%	4.89%
Rockland % red-zone focus area % positive	12.29%	9.77%	3.31%	2.03%	7.21%
Orange red-zone focus area % positive	24.64%	12.41%	8.64%	14.38%	7.41%
All red-zone focus area % positive	6.91%	6.13%	4.73%	4.13%	6.29%
Statewide % positive with red-zone focus areas included	1.25%	1.18%	1.20%	1.40%	1.10%

Statewide % positive without red-zone focus areas included	1.02%	1.01%	1.09%	1.28%	0.95%

	9/27-10/3	10/4 - 10/10	Week to Date (10/11 - 10/13)	Day Prior (10/12)	Yesterday (10/13)	
Percentage of state's positive cases coming from red-zone focus areas	21.8 0%	17.60%	12.20%	12.30%	15.60%	

Yesterday, the State Liquor Authority and State Police Task Force visited 634 establishments in New York City and Long Island and observed 2 establishments that were not in compliance with state requirements. A county breakdown of yesterday's observed violations is below:

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Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- **Patient Hospitalization** - 938 (+15)
- **Patients Newly Admitted** - 146
- **Hospital Counties** - 39
- **Number ICU** - 201 (+20)
- **Number ICU with Intubation** - 100 (+10)
- **Total Discharges** - 77,870 (+115)
- **Deaths** - 7
- **Total Deaths** - 25,605

Of the 146 new hospital admissions yesterday, 68, or 47 percent, were from several counties - Brooklyn, Queens, Rockland, Orange, and Broome - where the state is tracking recent cluster outbreak situations. New York State's current weekly average is 123 new admissions per day. New York in June averaged 128 new admissions per day, 94 new admissions per day in July, and 69 new daily admissions in August.

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

REGION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Capital Region	0.9%	1.7%	1.2%
Central New York	1.4%	2.3%	1.2%
Finger Lakes	0.8%	1.0%	0.7%

Long Island	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%
Mid-Hudson	1.9%	1.8%	1.6%
Mohawk Valley	0.4%	0.7%	0.1%
New York City	1.1%	1.3%	1.2%
North Country	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%
Southern Tier	0.9%	2.2%	1.0%
Western New Yor k	1.1%	1.5%	1.0%

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

BOROUGH	**SUNDA Y**	**MONDA Y**	**TUESDA Y**
Bronx	1.5%	1.0%	0.8%
Brooklyn	1.2%	1.5%	1.9%
Manhattan	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%
Queens	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%
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Of the 477,940 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	3,343	19
Allegany	161	5
Broome	2,607	69
Cattaraugus	367	3
Cayuga	259	8
Chautauqua	748	16
Chemung	1,061	46
Chenango	290	10
Clinton	183	1
Columbia	629	3
Cortland	346	13
Delaware	154	0
Dutchess	5,281	10
Erie	12,216	34

Essex	181	0
Franklin	72	0
Fulton	354	0
Genesee	363	3
Greene	446	17
Hamilton	16	0
Herkimer	363	0
Jefferson	186	0
Lewis	55	0
Livingston	227	0
Madison	517	2
Monroe	6,516	26
Montgomery	249	0
Nassau	48,184	85
Niagara	1,911	4

NYC	251,766	464
Oneida	2,558	4
Onondaga	4,880	37
Ontario	532	5
Orange	12,983	53
Orleans	355	1
Oswego	566	9
Otsego	362	0
Putnam	1,705	7
Rensselaer	1,002	8
Rockland	16,891	62
Saratoga	1,174	6
Schenectady	1,464	3
Schoharie	95	0
Schuyler	79	3

Seneca	122	2
St. Lawrence	349	3
Steuben	747	16
Suffolk	47,630	69
Sullivan	1,659	4
Tioga	371	13
Tompkins	507	17
Ulster	2,386	9
Warren	432	1
Washington	322	3
Wayne	367	2
Westchester	39,118	54
Wyoming	156	3
Yates	77	0

Yesterday, there were 7 deaths due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 25,605. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

Deaths by County of Residence

County	New Deaths
Bronx	1
Manhattan	4
Queens	1
Tioga	1

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