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Governor Cuomo Announces New York State Clinical Advisory Task Force Approves Moderna Vaccine

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DOH Approves Use & Issues Guidance for Extra COVID-19 Vaccine Doses in Pfizer Vials

6,081 Patient Hospitalizations Statewide - Decrease of 66 from Day Prio

1,068 Patients in the ICU; 592 Intubated - Both Decrease from Day Prior

Statewide Positivity Rate is 5.09%

120 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

New Record 249,385 Test Results Reported to New York State Yesterday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the New York State Clinical Advisory Task Force, following the FDA's advisory committee's recommendation for emergency use authorization of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine, has reviewed and approved use of the vaccine in New York State. New York expects to receive approximately 346,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine next week, pending final FDA authorization.

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The Governor also announced that the State Department of Health has approved and issued guidance regarding the use of an extra one to two doses that have been discovered in Pfizer vaccine shipments. Pfizer vaccine vials were previously believed to contain five doses each, but may possibly contain six or seven doses. Medical professionals administering doses can use any extra vaccine that can be easily pulled into a syringe to meet the dose requirement. Extra vaccine from one vial cannot be combined with extra vaccine from another vial to make an additional dose. The New York State Department of Health is issuing guidance (https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Guidance.pdf) today to guide healthcare professionals regarding these extra doses. A letter from DOH Commissioner Howard Zucker is available here (https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Extra_doses_Pfizer_12.18.20.pdf).

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> **Governor Andrew M. Cuomo**

"New Yorkers are smart, they see the COVID numbers and they understand the risks. I think they're going to learn from Thanksgiving and I think you'll see a smarter response through the holiday season. I believe we can avoid a shutdown because we can slow the spread and the hospitals can manage the increase in cases. This is now a footrace between the vaccine and COVID, and as we slow the spread we also have to accelerate vaccine distribution at the same time," **Governor Cuomo said**. "The faster we vaccinate people, the quicker new COVID cases go down, and the potential six-to-nine-month timeline is all in our control. I believe we had the first vaccination in the country because I believe New York is mobilizing faster and is more organized than any other state. New York's Clinical Advisory Task Force approved Moderna's vaccine this morning and we're expecting doses of it next week, which is good news. The even better news is that the supply of vaccine doses is actually bigger than we thought and we'll be authorizing the use of those additional doses today."

Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- Test Results Reported - 249,385
- New Cases - 12,697
- Percent Positive - 5.09%
- Patient Hospitalization - 6,081 (-66)

- Patients Newly Admitted - 698
- Hospital Counties - 55
- Number ICU - 1,068 (-27)
- Number ICU with Intubation - 592 (-19)
- Total Discharges - 94,057 (+639)
- Deaths - 120
- Total Deaths - 28,344

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 Patients as Percent of Region Population	Percent of Hospital Beds Available in Region (7-Day Average)
Capital Region	331	0.03%	25%
Central New York	385	0.05%	27%
Finger Lakes	746	0.06%	29%
Long Island	1007	0.04%	24%
Mid-Hudson	739	0.03%	31%
Mohawk Valley	188	0.04%	30%
New York City	1984	0.02%	25%
	63	0.02%	47%

North Country			
Southern Tier	164	0.03%	43%
Western New York	474	0.03%	26%
Statewide	6081	0.03%	27%

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 (7-Day Average)
Capital Region	253	177	35%
Central New York	290	194	33%
Finger Lakes	397	283	34%
Long Island	839	638	29%
Mid-Hudson	715	395	45%
Mohawk Valley	132	99	24%

New York City	2482	1772	28%
North Country	71	35	52%
Southern Tier	127	78	36%
Western New York	516	288	44%
NYS TOTAL	5822	3959	33%

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

REGION	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Capital Region	6.23%	6.28%	6.49%
Central New York	6.96%	6.95%	6.89%
Finger Lakes	8.21%	8.26%	8.31%
Long Island	5.85%	5.97%	6.08%
Mid-Hudson	6.16%	6.14%	6.17%
Mohawk Valley	8.11%	8.03%	8.21%
New York City	4.14%	4.16%	4.14%

North Country	4.39%	4.46%	4.51%
Southern Tier	2.31%	2.36%	2.48%
Western New York	6.70%	6.57%	6.57%
Statewide	5.21%	5.24%	5.25%

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

BOROUGH	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Bronx	4.46%	4.55%	4.64%
Brooklyn	4.20%	4.22%	4.24%
Manhattan	2.77%	2.77%	2.75%
Queens	4.77%	4.81%	4.76%
Staten Island	5.30%	5.34%	5.11%

Of the 828,166 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	8,821	208
Allegany	1,502	34

Broome	6,893	129
Cattaraugus	1,976	71
Cayuga	1,884	86
Chautauqua	2,624	128
Chemung	3,991	73
Chenango	945	17
Clinton	749	11
Columbia	1,315	27
Cortland	1,655	42
Delaware	547	9
Dutchess	9,959	159
Erie	35,507	750
Essex	422	8
Franklin	540	38

Fulton	981	33
Genesee	1,823	56
Greene	953	31
Hamilton	77	2
Herkimer	1,367	53
Jefferson	1,216	55
Lewis	630	13
Livingston	1,318	48
Madison	1,761	37
Monroe	26,389	746
Montgomery	892	24
Nassau	74,658	901
Niagara	6,582	198
NYC	373,884	4,499
Oneida	8,912	217

Onondaga	16,860	431
Ontario	2,367	84
Orange	20,717	393
Orleans	988	38
Oswego	2,675	77
Otsego	969	11
Putnam	4,035	60
Rensselaer	2,991	87
Rockland	24,983	196
Saratoga	3,908	99
Schenectady	4,268	115
Schoharie	401	9
Schuyler	420	14
Seneca	551	19

St. Lawrence	1,511	47
Steuben	2,663	77
Suffolk	80,047	1,197
Sullivan	2,601	50
Tioga	1,439	18
Tompkins	1,710	39
Ulster	4,736	122
Warren	812	8
Washington	625	6
Wayne	1,881	33
Westchester	61,827	716
Wyoming	1,013	39
Yates	395	9

Yesterday, 120 New Yorkers died due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 28,344. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

Deaths by County of Residence

County	New Deaths
Albany	1
Allegany	1
Bronx	8
Broome	1
Cattaraugus	1
Chemung	1
Cortland	1
Erie	15
Essex	1
Herkimer	1
Kings	12
Madison	3
Manhattan	2

Monroe	13
Montgomery	1
Nassau	5
Niagara	2
Oneida	3
Onondaga	5
Ontario	1
Orange	3
Oswego	1
Otsego	1
Queens	7
Richmond	2
Rockland	2
Saratoga	1
Schenectady	1

Seneca	1
St. Lawrence	2
Steuben	1
Suffolk	4
Ulster	5
Westchester	10
Wyoming	1

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