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Governor Cuomo Announces Ski Resorts Allowed to Reopen With 50 Percent Indoor Capacity Beginning November 6

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Masks Required When Not Eating, Drinking or Skiing, Lifts Restricted to Members of the Same Party, Thorough Cleaning and Disinfection of Rented Equipment and Other Health and Safety Protocols Required

Statewide Positivity Rate is 1.08 Percent

Positive Testing Rate in Hot Spot Areas is 3.19 Percent; New York State Positivity Without Red Zone Focus Areas Included is 1.0 Percent

7 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that ski resorts can reopen with 50 percent indoor capacity and with strict health and safety protocols under state-issued guidance starting Friday, November 6.

"Scientists have told us the virus is going to become more aggressive in the fall, and right now, we are all feeling COVID-fatigue, but our micro-cluster strategy is a smart, data-driven and less disruptive strategy to get us through

this season. And so far, the data shows the micro-cluster strategy is working to bring infection rates down in our red zone areas," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Beginning next month, Ski resorts will be allowed to reopen with limited indoor capacity, which will allow New Yorkers to have some outdoor activity this winter without having to quarantine when they come back."

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State guidance on the reopening of ski resorts includes the following precautions:

- Masks required at all times, except when eating/drinking or skiing.
- Social distancing between parties required at all times.
- Restrict gondolas/lifts to members of the same party.
- Limit ski lessons to no more than 10 people.
- Thorough cleaning and disinfection of shared/rented equipment.
- Shuttles, food & beverage, retail service must conform to State-issued guidance.
- Reduce outdoor capacity on mountain by 25% during "peak" days or if multiple trails are closed due to unseasonable conditions.

The Governor also updated New Yorkers on the State's response to COVID-19. In "Red Zone" focus areas included as part of the Governor's Cluster Action Initiative, the positivity rate for test results reported yesterday is 3.19 percent - down from 4.34 the day before.

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>
> Governor Andrew Cuomo

Within the "Red Zone" focus areas, 4,642 test results were reported yesterday, yielding 148 positives or a 3.19 percent positivity rate. In the remainder of the state, not counting these "Red Zone" focus areas, 124,121 test results were reported, yielding 1,242 positives or a 1.00 percent positivity rate. The state's overall positivity rate is 1.08 percent with focus areas included. The "Red Zone" focus areas are home to 2.8 percent of the state population yet had 10.6 percent of all positive test results reported to the state yesterday, and 11.5 percent of all positive case results reported to the state this past week.

FOCUS ZONE	9/27-10/3 % Positive	10/4- 10/10 % Positive	Week to Date (10/11 - 10/17) % Positive	Day Prior (10/16) % Positive	Yesterday (10/17) % Positive
Brooklyn red-zone focus area % positive	6.69%	5.86%	5.29%	4.92%	4.92%
Queens % red-zone focus area % positive	2.97%	3.36%	2.37%	2.39%	1.89%
Rockland % red-zone focus area % positive	12.29%	9.77%	4.54%	5.05%	2.22%
Orange red-zone focus area % positive	24.64%	12.41%	4.62%	6.47%	1.04%
All red-zone focus area % positive	6.91%	6.13%	4.42%	4.34%	3.19%
Statewide % positive with red-zone focus areas included	1.25%	1.18%	1.16%	1.11%	1.08%
Statewide % positive without red-zone focus areas included	1.02%	1.01%	1.06%	1.02%	1.00%

	9/27-10/3	10/4-10/10	Week to Date (10/11 - 10/17)	Day Prior (10/16)	Yesterday (10/17)
Percentage of state's positive cases coming from red-zone focus areas	21.8%	17.6%	11.5%	10.5%	10.6%

Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- Patient Hospitalization - 913 (-16)
- Patients Newly Admitted - 118
- Hospital Counties - 42
- Number ICU - 200 (+5)
- Number ICU with Intubation - 102 (-1)
- Total Discharges - 78,362 (+127)
- Deaths - 7
- Total Deaths - 25,644

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

REGION	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Capital Region	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%
Central New York	1.2%	0.7%	1.2%
Finger Lakes	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%
Long Island	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
Mid-Hudson	1.8%	1.6%	1.4%
Mohawk Valley	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
New York City	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%
North Country	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%
Southern Tier	1.6%	1.4%	0.9%
Western New York	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%

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

BOROUGH	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bronx	1.60%	1.20%	1.5%
Brooklyn	1.40%	1.50%	1.5%
Manhattan	0.70%	0.70%	0.6%
Queens	1.20%	1.30%	0.9%
Staten Island	1.40%	1.40%	1.4%

Of the 484,281 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	3,416	18
Allegany	205	5
Broome	2,896	52
Cattaraugus	403	4
Cayuga	289	5
Chautauqua	796	7

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Chemung	1,244	45
Chenango	313	9
Clinton	197	5
Columbia	647	6
Cortland	406	7
Delaware	159	0
Dutchess	5,328	10
Erie	12,451	58
Essex	192	2
Franklin	77	0
Fulton	359	1
Genesee	371	0

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Greene	472	7
Hamilton	16	0
Herkimer	370	2
Jefferson	188	2
Lewis	56	1
Livingston	239	0
Madison	533	2
Monroe	6,707	36
Montgomery	254	0
Nassau	48,596	102
Niagara	1,958	12
NYC	254,352	612
Oneida	2,593	7

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Onondaga	5,011	34
Ontario	576	17
Orange	13,169	30
Orleans	362	2
Oswego	584	2
Otsego	364	0
Putnam	1,736	5
Rensselaer	1,027	6
Rockland	17,171	46
Saratoga	1,207	5
Schenectady	1,498	7
Schoharie	100	0
Schuyler	88	2

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Seneca	127	1
St. Lawrence	358	3
Steuben	857	10
Suffolk	48,029	88
Sullivan	1,675	1
Tioga	435	11
Tompkins	540	6
Ulster	2,411	9
Warren	438	1
Washington	326	0
Wayne	379	2
Westchester	39,476	78
Wyoming	166	3

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Yates	88	4

Yesterday, there were 7 deaths due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 25,644. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

Deaths by County of Residence	
County	New Deaths
Bronx	1
Chemung	1
Erie	1
Manhattan	2
Queens	1
Westchester	1

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