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Governor Cuomo Announces State to Provide 200,000 Rapid Test Kits to New York City Schools in "Yellow Zones"

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Positive Testing Rate in Hot Spot Areas is 4.84 Percent; New York State Positivity Without Red Zone Focus Areas Included is 0.99 Percent

13 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the state will provide 200,000 rapid test kits to New York City schools in "Yellow Zones." On October 9, Governor Cuomo announced (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-covid-19-rapid-testing-be-made-available-every-county-new-york-state) that COVID-19 rapid result testing will be made available to every county in New York State. Those tests will also be made available on an as needed basis to help schools in "Yellow Zones" test students and staff as part of new requirements to monitor COVID-19 spread as part of the Governor's Cluster Action Initiative.

"I've asked local governments to do testing in the schools surrounding the Red Zones, in what we call Yellow Zones. Some of the local governments have said they don't have enough tests to do it. I've said if you need something, tell me and I'll provide it," Governor Cuomo said. "We're going to give New York City 200,000 test kits so they can do the tests in the schools in the Yellow Zones."

In "Red Zone" focus areas included as part of the Governor's Cluster Action Initiative, the positivity rate for test results reported yesterday is 4.84 percent - down from 6.29 percent the day before. The "Red Zone" focus areas are home to 2.8 percent of state's population, yet had 11.5 percent of all positive cases reported yesterday to New York State.

Within the "Red Zone" focus areas, 3,473 test results were reported yesterday, yielding 168 positives or a 4.84 percent positivity rate. In the remainder of the state, not counting these "Red Zone" focus areas, 129,739 test results were reported, yielding 1,292 positives or a 0.99 percent positivity rate. The state's overall positivity rate is 1.09 percent with focus areas included. The "Red Zone" focus areas are home to 2.8 percent of the state population yet had 11.5 percent of all positive test results reported to the state yesterday, and 11.9 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 - 10/14) % Positive	Day Prior (10/13) % Positive	Yesterday (10/14) % Positive
Brooklyn red-zone focus area % positive	6.69%	5.86%	5.47%	6.43%	4.75%
Queens % red-zone focus area % positive	2.97%	3.36%	2.64%	4.89%	2.15%
Rockland % red-zone focus area % positive	12.29%	9.77%	4.16%	7.21%	8.40%
Orange red-zone focus area % positive	24.64%	12.41%	8.43%	7.41%	7.95%
All red-zone focus area % positive	6.91%	6.13%	4.76%	6.29%	4.84%
Statewide % positive with red-zone focus areas included	1.25%	1.18%	1.17%	1.10%	1.09%
Statewide % positive without red-zone focus areas included	1.02%	1.01%	1.06%	0.95%	0.99%

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Percentage of state's positive cases coming from red-zone focus areas	21.80%	17.60%	11.90%	15.60%	11.50%

Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- Patient Hospitalization - 897 (-41)
- Patients Newly Admitted - 108
- Hospital Counties - 40
- Number ICU - 197 (-4)
- Number ICU with Intubation - 95 (-5)
- Total Discharges - 78,006 (+136)
- Deaths - 13
- Total Deaths - 25,618

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

REGION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Capital Region	1.7%	1.2%	0.8%
Central New York	2.3%	1.2%	1.0%
Finger Lakes	1.0%	0.7%	1.3%
Long Island	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
Mid-Hudson	1.8%	1.6%	1.6%
Mohawk Valley	0.7%	0.1%	0.5%
New York City	1.3%	1.2%	1.0%
North Country	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%
Southern Tier	2.2%	1.0%	1.1%

Western New York	1.5%	1.0%	1.6%

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

BOROUGH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bronx	1.0%	0.8%	1.1%
Brooklyn	1.5%	1.9%	1.2%
Manhattan	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%
Queens	1.3%	1.2%	1.0%
Staten Island	2.0%	1.3%	1.4%

Of the 479,400 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	3,369	26
Allegany	176	15
Broome	2,703	96
Cattaraugus	383	16
Cayuga	269	10

Chautauqua	758	10
Chemung	1,104	43
Chenango	291	1
Clinton	187	4
Columbia	634	5
Cortland	371	25
Delaware	156	2
Dutchess	5,289	8
Erie	12,269	53
Essex	182	1
Franklin	75	3
Fulton	357	3
Genesee	370	7
Greene	454	8
Hamilton	16	0

Herkimer	367	4
Jefferson	186	0
Lewis	55	0
Livingston	232	5
Madison	521	4
Monroe	6,572	56
Montgomery	250	1
Nassau	48,272	88
Niagara	1,928	17
NYC	252,274	508
Oneida	2,567	9
Onondaga	4,908	28
Ontario	537	5
Orange	13,033	50
Orleans	356	1

Oswego	568	2
Otsego	362	0
Putnam	1,710	5
Rensselaer	1,007	5
Rockland	16,972	81
Saratoga	1,182	8
Schenectady	1,477	13
Schoharie	97	2
Schuyler	82	3
Seneca	124	2
St. Lawrence	351	2
Steuben	764	17
Suffolk	47,711	81
Sullivan	1,663	4
Tioga	390	19

Tompkins	515	8
Ulster	2,392	6
Warren	434	2
Washington	324	2
Wayne	370	3
Westchester	39,200	82
Wyoming	156	0
Yates	78	1

Yesterday, there were 13 deaths due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 25,618. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

Deaths by County of Residence	
County	New Deaths
Allegany	1
Broome	1
Erie	1
Kings	3

Niagara	1
Richmond	1
Schenectady	1
Steuben	3
Westchester	1

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