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Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Cuomo Announces Five New COVID-19 Testing Facilities in Minority Communities Downstate

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Confirms 10,621 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 159,937; New Cases in 55 Counties

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced five new testing facilities downstate, primarily in minority communities. A drive-through mobile testing facility will open at the Sears Parking Lot at 2307 Beverly Road in Brooklyn tomorrow at 12:30 p.m., and a drive-through mobile testing facility opened at the

Club House at Aqueduct Race Track Parking Lot, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd, in Queens on Monday April 6th. In addition, the state is opening three walk-in facilities at health care centers in the South Bronx; Jamaica, Queens; and in Brownsville, Brooklyn. The walk-in facilities will open next week and will be by appointment only.

The state has opened nine testing facilities to date. The sites will prioritize tests for individuals that are among the highest risk population. Residents who would like to be tested at these facilities must make an appointment by calling 888-364-3065.

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The Governor also announced the "New York Loves" effort to coordinate all foundations, philanthropies, not-for-profits, charities and other entities that want to help or donate to the state during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. New York Secretary of State Rosanna Rosado and State Director of Nonprofits Fran Barrett will coordinate this effort and any resources that are collected, and will work with local governments that need additional help.

The Governor is also asking all New Yorkers who have recovered from COVID-19 to contact the state and donate blood. Individuals who have recovered from the virus may have convalescent plasma in their blood, which has antibodies against the virus and could help with the development of a treatment for the virus. More information about how to donate is available here (https://nybc.org/donate-blood/convalescent-plasma-covid-19-donor-request-form/).

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Governor Cuomo will also issue an Executive Order to bring additional funeral directors to New York to help with the high number of deaths due to COVID-19.

"Our efforts to reduce the spread of the virus through social distancing are working better than we expected because people are complying with them," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Rapid testing and increasing our testing capacity is going to be the bridge to the new economy and restarting, but we also need to make sure we are learning the lessons of what we're going through now because we haven't finished going through it yet. We are going to increase testing and open new testing sites to collect more data in African-American and Latino communities so we can better understand why this virus kills and has higher fatality rates in certain communities, and what we can do to address it."

Finally, the Governor confirmed 10,621 additional cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 159,937 confirmed cases in New York State. Of the 159,937 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	379	37
Allegany	22	1
Broome	105	17
Cattaraugus	17	2
Cayuga	16	2
Chautauqua	18	1
Chemung	59	4
Chenango	55	2
Clinton	40	1
Columbia	70	7
Cortland	16	0
Delaware	37	0
Dutchess	1493	98
Erie	1362	157

Essex	8	1
Franklin	11	1
Fulton	15	1
Genesee	56	9
Greene	28	3
Hamilton	3	1
Herkimer	32	3
Jefferson	42	2
Lewis	6	0
Livingston	26	1
Madison	91	1
Monroe	698	47
Montgomery	28	10
Nassau	20140	1592

Niagara	146	12
NYC	87028	5225
Oneida	158	33
Onondaga	358	11
Ontario	43	4
Orange	4090	225
Orleans	22	6
Oswego	36	3
Otsego	39	1
Putnam	438	35
Rensselaer	79	4
Rockland	6665	252
Saratoga	172	10
Schenectady	167	18
Schoharie	12	0

Schuyler	4	0
Seneca	15	3
St. Lawrence	76	7
Steuben	89	7
Suffolk	17413	1569
Sullivan	294	15
Tioga	17	5
Tompkins	105	6
Ulster	460	38
Warren	40	7
Washington	25	5
Wayne	39	0
Westchester	17004	1117
Wyoming	29	2

Yates	1	0

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