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Governor Cuomo Announces Nursing Home Visitations to Resume in Accordance with CMS and CDC Guidelines

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DOH Recommends Nursing Home Visitors Take a Rapid Test Before Entry; DOH Will Provide Rapid Tests to Nursing Homes at No Cost

New York City Indoor Dining Can Expand to 35 Percent Capacity on February 26; Reopening Subject to Strict State Guidance

Hospitalizations Drop to 6,155—Lowest Since December 17

7-Day Average Positivity Rate Drops to 3.60%-42 Straight Days of Decline

6,155 Patient Hospitalizations Statewide

1,199 Patients in the ICU; 834 Intubated

Statewide Positivity Rate is 3.49%

116 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the New York State Department of Health will allow visitation of residents in nursing home facilities in accordance with CMS and CDC guidelines. The Department of Health recommends that visitors take a rapid test before entry into the facility, and DOH will provide rapid tests to nursing homes at no cost. Guidance on visitations will be available beginning Monday, February 22.

The Governor also announced that New York City indoor dining can expand to 35 percent capacity next Friday, February 26. The reopening is subject to strict state guidance and aligns with New Jersey's 35 percent limit.

Governor Cuomo also announced that the FDA has allocated 4,610 doses of the therapeutic bamlanivimab to New York. Bamlanivimab was shown in trials to reduce COVID hospitalization or ER visits in high-risk patients within 28 days after treatment when compared to a placebo.

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COVID-19 hospitalizations dropped to 6,155, the lowest level since December 17. The 7-day average positivity rate has declined for 42 straight days.

"New Yorkers should be commended for how they have continued to beat back this invisible enemy and as we continue that progress, we're working to reopen parts of our lives that we've had to give up because of COVID," **Governor Cuomo said**. "One of the most devastating aspects of this virus has been how it separated families from their loved ones, making an already difficult situation even harder to bear. Thanks to the dedication of New Yorkers, we're now at a point where we can begin to resume nursing home visitations under strict guidelines to protect the health and safety of residents. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer, but we are not out of the woods yet. New Yorkers have been through so much this past year and as long as we continue to follow the science and remain united, we will finally win this war."

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Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- **Test Results Reported** - 249,248

- **Total Positive** - 8,710
- **Percent Positive** - 3.49%
- **7-Day Average Percent Positive** - 3.60%
- **Patient Hospitalization** - 6,155 (-279)
- **Net Change Patient Hospitalization Past Week** - -913
- **Patients Newly Admitted** - 664
- **Hospital Counties** - 56
- **Number ICU** - 1,199 (-59)
- **Number ICU with Intubation** - 834 (-29)
- **Total Discharges** - 140,968 (+753)
- **Deaths** - 116
- **Total Deaths** - 37,675

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 Within 7 Days Under Surge Plan
Capital Region	206	0.02%	33%
Central New York	106	0.01%	32%
Finger Lakes	237	0.02%	40%
Long Island	1,049	0.04%	34%
Mid-Hudson	644	0.03%	43%
Mohawk Valley	115	0.02%	36%

New York City	3,314	0.04%	31%
North Country	80	0.02%	57%
Southern Tier	143	0.02%	48%
Western New York	261	0.02%	37%
Statewide	6,155	0.03%	35%

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 Avg)
Capital Region	240	180	26%
Central New York	262	174	31%
Finger Lakes	397	246	37%
Long Island	862	672	22%
Mid-Hudson	678	412	38%

Mohawk Valley	127	84	28%
New York City	2,594	2,067	21%
North Country	60	35	43%
Southern Tier	126	68	43%
Western New York	545	335	39%
Statewide	5,891	4,273	27%

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	2.06%	2.16%	2.09%
Central New York	1.65%	1.61%	1.41%
Finger Lakes	2.28%	2.39%	2.33%
Long Island	4.52%	4.39%	4.36%
Mid-Hudson	4.43%	4.40%	4.43%
Mohawk Valley	1.96%	2.12%	2.11%

New York City	4.37%	4.28%	4.40%
North Country	3.73%	3.74%	3.91%
Southern Tier	0.85%	0.79%	0.78%
Western New York	3.12%	3.32%	3.01%
Statewide	3.66%	3.61%	3.60%

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	5.79%	5.85%	6.20%
Brooklyn	4.39%	4.38%	4.57%
Manhattan	2.57%	2.73%	3.01%
Queens	4.50%	4.77%	4.96%
Staten Island	4.40%	4.48%	4.57%

Of the 1,564,483 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive

Albany	20,272	88
Allegany	2,823	10
Broome	14,051	84
Cattaraugus	4,250	22
Cayuga	5,228	21
Chautauqua	7,140	18
Chemung	6,345	16
Chenango	2,344	6
Clinton	3,352	55
Columbia	3,297	13
Cortland	3,060	7
Delaware	1,431	20
Dutchess	21,344	122
Erie	62,962	230
Essex	1,272	10

Franklin	1,893	36
Fulton	3,139	32
Genesee	4,257	16
Greene	2,566	11
Hamilton	275	0
Herkimer	4,489	13
Jefferson	4,562	17
Lewis	1,987	19
Livingston	3,420	18
Madison	3,740	5
Monroe	51,255	121
Montgomery	3,059	30
Nassau	142,467	729
Niagara	14,920	28

NYC	676,651	4,872
Oneida	19,324	41
Onondaga	31,793	75
Ontario	5,605	23
Orange	35,355	145
Orleans	2,387	6
Oswego	5,854	17
Otsego	2,229	13
Putnam	8,059	35
Rensselaer	8,733	43
Rockland	37,320	120
Saratoga	11,517	33
Schenectady	10,573	19
Schoharie	1,154	11

Schuyler	846	0
Seneca	1,526	8
St. Lawrence	5,146	58
Steuben	5,399	16
Suffolk	156,914	714
Sullivan	4,576	23
Tioga	2,725	20
Tompkins	3,367	17
Ulster	9,658	54
Warren	2,754	20
Washington	2,222	20
Wayne	4,353	9
Westchester	103,506	487
Wyoming	2,732	13
Yates	1,005	1

Yesterday, 116 New Yorkers died due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 37,675. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

Deaths by County of Residence	
County	New Deaths
Bronx	14
Broome	3
Chenango	1
Clinton	2
Columbia	1
Dutchess	1
Erie	6
Jefferson	2
Kings	21
Livingston	1
Madison	2

Manhattan	1
Monroe	4
Montgomery	2
Nassau	8
Niagara	1
Oneida	2
Onondaga	1
Orange	5
Putnam	1
Queens	14
Rensselaer	1
Richmond	1
Rockland	2
Suffolk	13
Ulster	2

Wayne	1
Westchester	3

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