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## Governor Cuomo Announces U.S. Open to Be Held Without Fans from August 31st to September 13th

Announces Hospitals and Group Homes Now Allowed To Accept Visitors

Global Public Health Experts Have Cleared Capital Region to Enter Phase Three Tomorrow

Results of Statewide Antibody Testing Study Show 13.4 Percent of the Population Have COVID-19 Antibodies

State Has Conducted More Than Three Million COVID-19 Tests to Date

Only 1.05 Percent of Yesterday's COVID-19 Tests were Positive

Confirms 631 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 384,575; New Cases in 38 Counties

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the U.S. Open will be held in Queens without fans from August 31st to September 13th. The USTA will take extraordinary precautions to protect players and staff, including robust testing, additional cleaning, extra locker room space and dedicated housing and transportation.

Governor Cuomo also announced that hospitals and group homes will be allowed to accept visitors at their discretion. Any facility that chooses to allow visitors must follow state guidelines, including time-limited visits and requiring visitors to wear PPE and be subject to symptom and temperature checks. The hospital visitation program expands on a pilot program that was launched in May, which demonstrated that hospitals could provide safe visitation for patients and families. Hospitals statewide will now be able to provide visitation. Group homes certified by the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities will be allowed to accept visitors beginning Friday provided they adhere to state guidance and certify compliance to OPWDD prior to commencing visitation. The prohibition on nursing home visitors remains in place as the state Department of Health continues to review.

The Governor announced global public health experts have cleared the Capital Region to enter Phase Three tomorrow, June 17th. Business guidance for phase three of the state's reopening plan is available <u>here</u>.

"I am so proud what the people of this state have done to defeat this virus. The numbers are looking very good, and today we are excited to announce that the U.S. Open will be held in Queens without fans this August," Governor Cuomo said. "We must remain vigilant and the USTA is taking all necessary precautions with players and staff, but this is an exciting day for the state."

Mike Dowse, USTA Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, said, "We are incredibly excited that Governor Cuomo and New York State has approved our plan to host the 2020 US Open and 2020 Western & Southern Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. We recognize the tremendous responsibility of hosting one of the first global sporting events in these challenging times, and we will do so in the safest manner possible, mitigating all potential risks. We now can

give fans around the world the chance to watch tennis' top athletes compete for a US Open title, and we can showcase tennis as the ideal social distancing sport. Being able to hold these events in 2020 is a boost for the the City of New York and the entire tennis landscape."

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Out of the 60,568 tests conducted in New York State yesterday, only 631, or 1.05 percent, were positive. Each region's percentage of positive tests over the last three days is as follows:

REGION	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
New York City	1.40%	1.30%	1.20%
Capital Region	0.60%	0.70%	0.70%
Central New York	0.60%	1.30%	1.40%
Finger Lakes	0.90%	0.40%	0.60%
Long Island	0.90%	0.90%	1.00%

Hudson Valley	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Mohawk Valley	1.40%	0.70%	1.40%
North Country	0.20%	0.00%	0.20%
Southern Tier	0.40%	0.50%	0.20%
Western New York	1.10%	1.40%	1.00%

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The Governor also announced the results of the state's antibody testing survey of 12,000 individuals across the state over a six-week period. The results show 13.4 percent of the population have COVID-19 antibodies, compared to 12.3 percent that tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies during a statewide antibody testing study from May 1st.



The Governor also confirmed 631 additional cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 384,575 confirmed cases in New York State. Of the 384,575 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County Total Positive New Positive

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Albany	2,026	4
Allegany	55	0
Broome	656	1
Cattaraugus	107	1
Cayuga	106	0
Chautauqua	108	1
Chemung	138	0
Chenango	139	1

Clinton	99	1
Columbia	442	3
Cortland	42	0
Delaware	88	0
Dutchess	4,075	7
Erie	6,852	35
Essex	40	0
Franklin	25	0
Fulton	236	1

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Genesee	213	0
Greene	252	1
Hamilton	6	0
Herkimer	128	0
Jefferson	81	0
Lewis	20	0
Livingston	123	0
Madison	336	1

Monroe	3,402	22
Montgomery	104	0
Nassau	41,290	50
Niagara	1,171	2
NYC	21,0591	332
Oneida	1,301	21
Onondaga	2,545	14
Ontario	234	1
Orange	10,580	7

Orleans	268	O
Oswego	139	13
Otsego	81	1
Putnam	1,292	1
Rensselaer	514	O
Rockland	13,460	19
Saratoga	522	5
Schenectady	735	3

Schoharie	54	0
Schuyler	12	0
Seneca	64	0
St. Lawrence	215	0
Steuben	257	1
Suffolk	40,738	46
Sullivan	1,433	1
Tioga	140	1
Tompkins	173	0

Ulster	1,742	1
Warren	257	0
Washington	243	0
Wayne	134	1
Westchester	34,358	31
Wyoming	93	1
Yates	40	0

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