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# Governor Cuomo Announces State to Decide Wednesday Whether to Slow Reopening of Indoor Dining in New York City

Announces Western New York Cleared by Global Public Health Experts to Enter Phase 4 Of Reopening Tomorrow

Calls on President Trump to Issue Executive Order Requiring All Americans to Wear Masks in Public

Announces 2020 MTV Video Music Awards to Be Held with Limited to No Audience at Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Sunday, August 30

Announces Large Malls Will be Required to Adopt Air Conditioning Filters Capable of Filtering COVID-19

Directs New York State Police to Form Temporary Fireworks Enforcement Detail

0.84 Percent of Yesterday's COVID-19 Tests were Positive

#### 7 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

### Hospitalizations Down to 853

Confirms 391 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 392,930; New Cases in 35 Counties

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the state will decide on Wednesday whether to slow down the reopening of indoor dining in New York City as part of Phase 3 of reopening. Indoor dining has been shown to pose risks in other states, and outdoor dining has been proceeding well. New York State will review data, consult with stakeholders and make a final decision.

The Governor also announced that the global public health experts advising the state on reopening have cleared Western New York to enter Phase 4 of reopening tomorrow, June 30, 2020.

Governor Cuomo also called on President Trump to issue an executive order requiring all Americans to wear masks in public and to wear a mask himself.

Governor Cuomo also announced that the 2020 MTV Video Music Awards will be held in the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Sunday, August 30, with limited to no audience.

The governor also directed the New York State Police to establish a new temporary Fireworks Enforcement Detail to prevent illegal fireworks being brought to New York from Pennsylvania. The Detail's establishment is in response to a spike of illegal

firework use throughout the state, which has generated widespread complaints and media reports. The detail will be in place until July 3.

The governor also announced that air conditioning filters with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) rating capable of filtering COVID-19 particles or similar air exchange measures will be mandatory for large mall reopenings. A COVID-19 particle is approximately 0.125 microns in diameter. Filters with a high MERV, such as High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters, have been shown to help reduce the presence of COIVD-19 in air filtration systems.

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"One of the issues we're working on in New York is indoor dining, which has been problematic in other parts of the country because the virus spreads in closed, indoor areas that have air-conditioned systems. Outdoor dining has worked very well all across the state, New York City included, so the state's going to be reviewing the data and consulting with stakeholders in New York City," **Governor Cuomo said.** "I've started speaking with restaurant owners and local stakeholders about the risk-reward on indoor dining. We're going through the data, but this is a real issue. Our reopenings have worked very well. We're not going backwards, we're going forwards. A lot of these other states have actually had to go backwards because they started to reopen and they had to stop. We want to study this issue primarily New York City on indoor dining and we'll have a final decision by Wednesday so people who operate those types of businesses will know what we're doing."

The governor also updated New Yorkers on the state's progress during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The number of new cases, percentage of tests that were positive and many other helpful data points are available at <u>forward.ny.gov</u>.



Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- Patient Hospitalization 853 (-16)
- Patients Newly Admitted 52 (-2)
- Hospital Counties 27
- Number ICU 216 (-13)
- Number ICU that are intubated 136 (-9)

- Total Discharges 70,435 (+66)
- Deaths 7
- Total Deaths 24,842

Of the 46,428 tests conducted in New York State yesterday, 391, or 0.84 percent, were positive. Each region's percentage of positive tests over the last three days is as follows:

REGION	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
New York City	1.00%	1.10%	1.00%
Capital Region	0.80%	0.70%	0.50%
Central New York	0.50%	1.20%	0.50%
Finger Lakes	1.30%	0.70%	0.70%
Long Island	0.90%	0.80%	0.70%
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Hudson Valley	1.00%	1.00%	0.60%
Mohawk Valley	2.40%	2.30%	2.20%
North Country	0.20%	0.30%	0.40%
Southern Tier	0.30%	0.30%	0.60%
Western New York	0.90%	0.80%	0.80%

The Governor also confirmed 391 additional cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 392,930 confirmed cases in New York State. Of the 392,930 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	2,099	2

Allegany	59	0
Broome	710	7
Cattaraugus	123	0
Cayuga	114	1
Chautauqua	123	0
Chemung	140	O
Chenango	146	0
Clinton	101	0
Columbia	463	0

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Cortland	47	1
Delaware	91	0
Dutchess	4,201	3
Erie	7,249	21
Essex	42	0
Franklin	30	1
Fulton	256	1
Genesee	238	O

Greene	260	0
Hamilton	6	0
Herkimer	159	1
Jefferson	86	1
Lewis	30	1
Livingston	128	O
Madison	353	1
Monroe	3,709	19
Montgomery	118	O

Nassau	41,780	26
Niagara	1,228	2
NYC	214,939	189
Oneida	1,616	30
Onondaga	2,822	6
Ontario	257	1
Orange	10,716	3
Orleans	281	0

Oswego	196	1
Otsego	84	0
Putnam	1,325	2
Rensselaer	553	2
Rockland	13,580	4
Saratoga	549	1
Schenectady	799	7
Schoharie	58	O
Schuyler	12	0

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Seneca	69	0
St. Lawrence	219	1
Steuben	266	0
Suffolk	41,339	33
Sullivan	1,451	0
Tioga	142	0
Tompkins	177	1
Ulster	1,778	0

Warren	263	0
Washington	246	0
Wayne	165	3
Westchester	34,798	18
Wyoming	95	0
Yates	46	1

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