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Governor Cuomo Announces Gatherings of Up to 25 People will be Allowed in Phase Three of Reopening

Global Public Health Experts Have Cleared Western New York to Enter Phase Three Tomorrow

Capital Region Still on Track to Enter Phase Three Wednesday, June 17th

Announces Lowest Number of Hospitalizations and Deaths On Three-Day Average Since Pandemic Began

Only 1.10 Percent of Yesterday's COVID Tests were Positive

Confirms 620 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 383,944; New Cases in 33 Counties

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced gatherings of up to 25 people will be allowed in Phase Three of reopening, up from the limit of 10. Five regions have already entered Phase Three - Central New York, the Finger Lakes, the Mohawk Valley, the North Country, the Southern Tier. The Governor also announced global public health experts have cleared

Western New York to enter Phase Three tomorrow, and the Capital Region is still on track to enter Phase Three on Wednesday, June 17th. Business guidance for Phase Three of the state's reopening plan is available [here](#).

The Governor also announced the state has reached the lowest number of hospitalizations and deaths on the three-day average since the pandemic began. The number of total hospitalizations was down yesterday to 1,608 to lowest level since the pandemic began. Twenty-five people in New York passed away yesterday due to COVID-19, which is the lowest level on a three-day average since the pandemic began.

"As more regions look to enter Phase Three across the state and our numbers continue to go down, we're going to modify the guidelines to allow gatherings up to 25 people, which is up from 10 people," Governor Cuomo said. "The people of New York should be very proud of the work we've accomplished together to bring these numbers down, but we must remain vigilant. The rules and regulations of Phase Three are very clear and they have been working. Everyone has a role to play as we're reopening: Employers have a role, store owners have a role, employees have a role, individuals have a role, and local government has a real responsibility to enforce these guidelines and protect New Yorkers."



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Out of the 56,611 tests conducted in New York State yesterday, only 620, or 1.10 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	1.70%	1.40%	1.30%
Capital Region	0.70%	0.60%	0.70%
Central New York	1.20%	0.60%	1.30%
Finger Lakes	0.60%	0.90%	0.40%
Long Island	1.00%	0.90%	0.90%
Hudson Valley	1.30%	1.00%	1.00%

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



The Governor also confirmed 620 additional cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 383,944 confirmed cases in New York State. Of the 383,944 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	2,022	2

Allegany	55	1
Broome	655	4
Cattaraugus	106	2
Cayuga	106	0
Chautauqua	107	0
Chemung	138	0
Chenango	138	0
Clinton	98	0

Columbia	439	3
Cortland	42	0
Delaware	88	0
Dutchess	4,068	12
Erie	6,817	32
Essex	40	0
Franklin	25	0
Fulton	235	1
Genesee	213	1

Greene	251	0
Hamilton	6	0
Herkimer	128	0
Jefferson	81	0
Lewis	20	0
Livingston	123	0
Madison	335	1
Monroe	3,380	10

Montgomery	104	0
Nassau	41,240	36
Niagara	1,169	3
NYC	210,259	381
Oneida	1,280	7
Onondaga	2,531	12
Ontario	233	0
Orange	10,573	2
Orleans	268	1

Oswego	126	4
Otsego	80	0
Putnam	1,291	3
Rensselaer	514	1
Rockland	13,441	18
Saratoga	517	2
Schenectady	732	7
Schoharie	54	0

Schuyler	12	0
Seneca	64	1
St. Lawrence	215	0
Steuben	256	1
Suffolk	40,692	33
Sullivan	1,432	2
Tioga	139	0
Tompkins	173	0
Ulster	1,741	0

Warren	257	0
Washington	243	0
Wayne	133	0
Westchester	34,327	37
Wyoming	92	0
Yates	40	0

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