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Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Cuomo Announces Eighth Region Hits Benchmark to Begin Reopening Today

Mid-Hudson Valley Joins Capital Region, Western New York, Central New York, North Country, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley Regions, Which Have Met the Seven Metrics Required to Begin Reopening

Long Island Still on Track to Reopen Tomorrow, May 27th

Governor Will Meet with President Trump Tomorrow to Discuss Infrastructure Projects to Help Supercharge the Economy

State Will Fast-Track Construction of Empire Station at Penn and New LaGuardia Airport

State is Continuing to Direct Resources to Lower-Income and Predominately Minority Neighborhoods in NYC that are Most Impacted by COVID-19

Confirms 1,072 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 363,836; New Cases in 35 Counties

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the Mid-Hudson Region has met all seven metrics to begin phase one of reopening today, joining the Capital Region, Western New York, Central New York, North Country, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley Regions. Long Island is still on track to reopen tomorrow May 27th when their contact tracing operation comes online and if deaths continue to decline.

The Governor also announced he will meet with President Trump in Washington D.C. tomorrow to discuss infrastructure projects that need federal approval - including the LaGuardia AirTrain, the Cross-Hudson Tunnels and the Second Avenue Subway expansion - to help supercharge the economy.

The Governor also announced the state will fast-track the construction of the new Empire Station at Penn and the new LaGuardia Airport while rail ridership and air traffic is down. To further jumpstart the economy, the state will work to increase low cost renewable power downstate and production upstate with building of new cross-state transmission cables; expedite a power cable from Canada to New York City and increase renewable energy resources.

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The Governor also announced the state is continuing to direct resources and focus targeted efforts on reducing the spread of COVID-19 in lower-income and predominately minority neighborhoods in New York City that are most impacted by the COVID-19 virus and continue to see a disproportionately high number of new COVID cases every day. These efforts will help New York City meet the seven metrics required to begin reopening.

"We're turning the page on the COVID-19 pandemic and we're focusing on two tracks going forward - monitoring the reopening and supercharging the reopening," Governor Cuomo said. "We're starting to reopen in nearly every region all across the state - we have a dashboard available so every New Yorker can see the numbers every day and our regional control groups are studying the numbers and the data. As the reopening process continues, we have to supercharge the reopening to make sure that the economy doesn't just bounce back, but that it comes back better and stronger than ever."



Finally, the Governor confirmed 1,072 additional cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 363,836 confirmed cases in New York State. Of the 363,836 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	1,793	2

Allegany	44	0
Broome	522	3
Cattaraugus	81	0
Cayuga	78	1
Chautauqua	77	2
Chemung	136	0
Chenango	123	4
Clinton	95	0

Columbia	373	1
Cortland	39	0
Delaware	77	0
Dutchess	3,834	9
Erie	5,753	53
Essex	36	0
Franklin	20	0
Fulton	196	0
Genesee	193	1

Greene	225	0
Hamilton	5	0
Herkimer	103	0
Jefferson	72	0
Lewis	20	1
Livingston	118	3
Madison	303	0
Monroe	2,762	29

Montgomery	80	1
Nassau	39,974	67
Niagara	965	10
NYC	199,301	570
Oneida	917	12
Onondaga	2,012	31
Ontario	195	10
Orange	10,277	33
Orleans	208	3

Oswego	104	0
Otsego	69	0
Putnam	1,222	8
Rensselaer	466	1
Rockland	13,019	23
Saratoga	463	2
Schenectady	668	4
Schoharie	49	0

Schuyler	11	0
Seneca	55	0
St. Lawrence	197	0
Steuben	240	0
Suffolk	39,199	109
Sullivan	1,338	14
Tioga	122	0
Tompkins	154	0
Ulster	1,638	6

Warren	251	0
Washington	228	0
Wayne	110	1
Westchester	33,107	58
Wyoming	82	0
Yates	37	0

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