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# **Governor Cuomo Announces New York State Will Decide on Fall School Reopening During the First Week of August**

County Fairs Canceled Until Further Notice

Malls Can Open in Phase IV Regions Beginning Friday Only with Enhanced HVAC Systems

State to Provide Masks and Hand Sanitizer for Distribution on Fire Island

Long Island Enters Phase IV of Reopening Today

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

11 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

Confirms 692 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 398,929; New Cases in 42 Counties

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State will decide whether schools will reopen in the fall during the first week of August. New York State is now consulting with stakeholders on guidance, which will be finalized on July 13. Plans to reopen schools are due on July 31.

The governor also announced that all county fairs will be canceled until further notice out of an abundance of caution. Governor Cuomo previously announced that the New York State Fair will be canceled this summer.

Governor Cuomo also announced beginning Friday, July 10, malls can open in regions that have entered Phase IV of reopening if they have implemented an enhanced Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning - or HVAC - filtration system and follow proper ventilation protocols. HVAC systems will be required to include filters with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value - or MERV - rating of which filters out the COVID-19 virus, but can, if the system makes additional protections, run on a minimum MERV of 11. Ventilation protocols include increased outdoor air, reduced air circulation, longer system run times and frequent filter checks.

Governor Cuomo also announced that New York State will provide 1,000 masks and 1,000 2-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer for the Fire Island COVID Destroyers - a partnership that includes GMHC and Fire Island community leaders - to distribute on Fire Island.

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The governor also updated New Yorkers on the state's progress during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Long Island enters Phase IV of reopening today. The number of new cases, percentage of tests that were positive and many other helpful data points are always available at [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov).

"We have been consulting all stakeholders on guidance for how a school would reopen in September. We have 700 school districts in this state, and they range from rural to urban to suburban areas. Localities are very involved in their schools and school decisions, so we have been meeting with them," **Governor Cuomo said**. "During the first week of August, the state will announce a decision on whether or not those schools reopen, and we want to make that decision with the best available data because facts change here day to day and week to week. A week can be a lifetime with this virus because everything changes so quickly. The schools say they need a decision made by the end of the first week in August so they can then turn on the switches and get everything ready for September, and we'll look at the data in that first week and then we'll make a decision."

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Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- **Patient Hospitalization** - 841 (+5)
- **Patients Newly Admitted** - 84 (+16)

- **Hospital Counties** - 31
- **Number ICU** - 166 (+6)
- **Number ICU with Intubation** - 97 (-6)
- **Total Discharges** - 71,185 (+94)
- **Deaths** - 11
- **Total Deaths** - 24,944

Of the 57,585 tests conducted in New York State yesterday, 692, or 1.2 percent, were positive. Each region's percentage of positive tests over the last three days is as follows:

REGION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Capital Region	1.00%	1.20%	0.90%
Central New York	1.70%	1.60%	1.20%
Finger Lakes	1.10%	0.90%	1.40%
Long Island	0.90%	1.00%	1.30%

Mid-Hudson	0.90%	0.90%	1.20%
Mohawk Valley	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
New York City	0.90%	1.10%	1.20%
North Country	0.40%	0.20%	0.20%
Southern Tier	0.70%	0.50%	0.50%
Western New York	1.20%	1.40%	1.70%

The Governor also confirmed 692 additional cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 398,929 confirmed cases in New York State. Of the 398,929 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive

Albany	2,175	11
Allegany	64	1
Broome	766	4
Cattaraugus	130	2
Cayuga	122	0
Chautauqua	149	14
Chemung	147	0
Chenango	159	2
Clinton	106	1

Columbia	482	3
Cortland	54	1
Delaware	91	0
Dutchess	4,250	2
Erie	7,596	52
Essex	49	0
Franklin	33	0
Fulton	262	0



Genesee	244	2
Greene	263	0
Hamilton	6	0
Herkimer	181	0
Jefferson	94	0
Lewis	31	0
Livingston	137	3
Madison	368	1
Monroe	4,046	42

Montgomery	121	0
Nassau	42,122	34
Niagara	1,307	10
NYC	217,777	289
Oneida	1,776	16
Onondaga	3,029	32
Ontario	286	3
Orange	10,806	8

Orleans	286	1
Oswego	210	3
Otsego	86	0
Putnam	1,344	4
Rensselaer	580	9
Rockland	13,679	11
Saratoga	582	4
Schenectady	844	1
Schoharie	60	1

Schuyler	13	0
Seneca	71	0
St. Lawrence	227	1
Steuben	271	0
Suffolk	41,799	69
Sullivan	1,460	1
Tioga	150	0
Tompkins	180	1

Ulster	1,845	2
Warren	273	0
Washington	247	0
Wayne	193	2
Westchester	35,154	48
Wyoming	98	1
Yates	48	0

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