



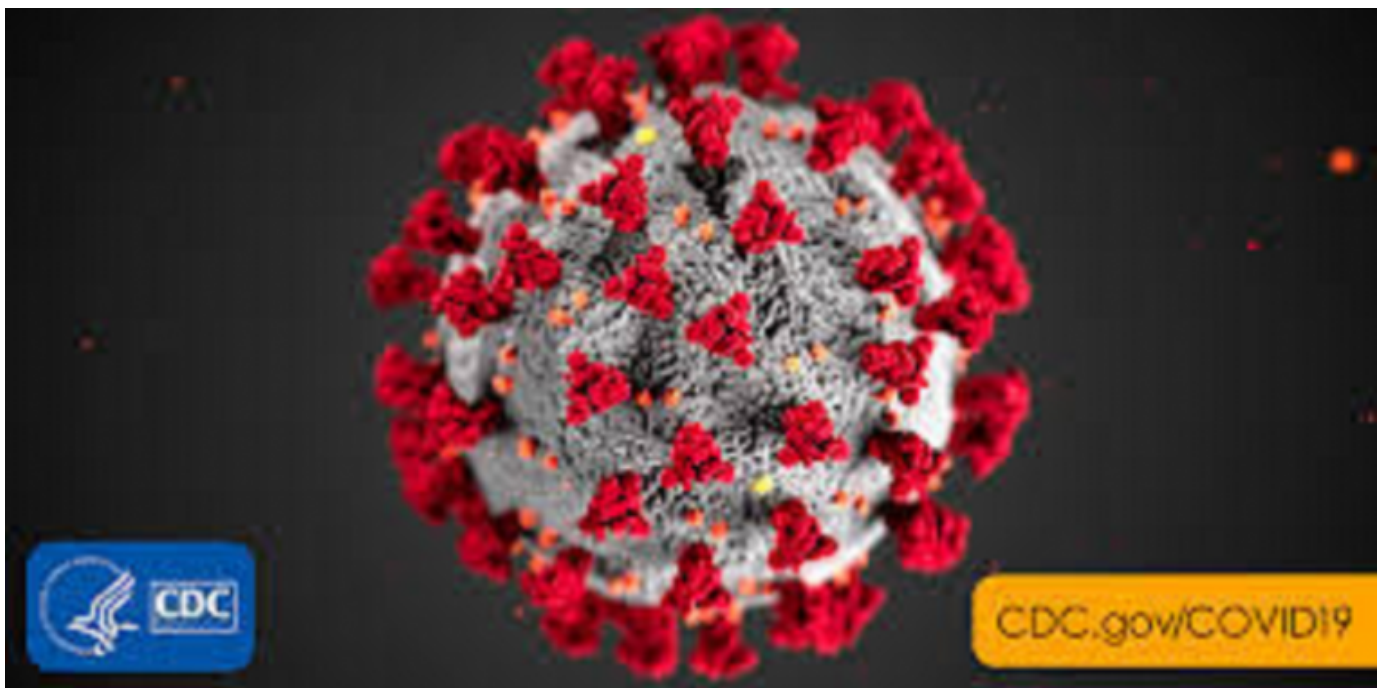
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

David Carlucci

## 3/10 Senator David Carlucci's Response to the Coronavirus

SENATOR DAVID CARLUCCI March 10, 2020

| ISSUE: **CORONAVIRUS; HEALTH CARE; CYBER SECURITY; EDUCATION; WORKERS RIGHTS**



Dear Friends,

State, and local entities are working diligently together to share information and prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) here in New York State. I have been in touch with the State Health Department, County health departments, the Office of Emergency Management, and the State Education Department about best practices and strategies. As we continue to coordinate efforts, it's important that community members remain calm and follow guidance from the [New York State Health Department](#).

At the legislative level, I am working hard to keep New Yorker's safe, protect workers rights, ensure the safety of our children, and reduce the financial impact of the coronavirus.

### **Fighting For More State & Private Labs to be Approved For Testing**

New York made it known to the federal government that there must be more coronavirus testing and that the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) must fast track approval of more private and government labs in the State. The more positive tests, the better we can control and contain the virus.

### **Ensuring Paid Sick Leave**

Senator Carlucci is standing up for workers by fully supporting Paid Sick Leave legislation to protect people who stay home from work because they are being isolated or quarantined as a result of the coronavirus.

### **Health Care**

Senator Carlucci co-sponsors The Healthy Terminals Act ([S.6266C](#)) to protect our airport workers on the front lines, who may not be earning enough to pay for health insurance. This legislation will provide a \$4.54 per hour benefits supplements that airport workers can use to purchase health insurance.

Senator Carlucci sponsors legislation ([S.7989](#)), requiring insurance providers cover an immediate additional thirty-day supply of a prescription drug, during a State of Emergency.

### **School Response**

Senator Carlucci has called on the State Education Department to work with the State Department of Health to issue directives to schools with students, teachers or staff who test positive for the coronavirus. On Monday, the State Education Department said if a school

has a positive coronavirus case, it will close for a 24-hour period, allowing the school to be disinfected and giving the State time to do an assessment and make a decision on the school district's further course of action. Further guidelines for schools can be found [here](#).

### **Price Gouging**

To help fight price gouging, Senator Carlucci supports the State's plan to provide hand sanitizer free of charge to residents in the most impacted and high risk communities, including the New Rochelle, and state agencies like the MTA.

Senator Carlucci sponsors legislation ([S.141](#)) to prevent excessive and unjustifiable price increases on prescription medications. If pharmaceutical companies increase prices unjustifiably, New York's Attorney General can seek a civil penalty of up to \$1,000,000 and damages for the impacted consumer.

Senator Carlucci also supports legislation (S.7932) to crack down on price gouging during a public health emergency by strengthening New York's existing price gouging statute to create a presumption that any price increase of greater than 10% during a public health emergency is illicit price gouging. The New York Attorney General would be able to enforce a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 for anyone proven to have participated in price gouging.

### **Cyber Security**

The State will be collecting a tremendous amount of data in the wake of the coronavirus, which is why Senator Carlucci is calling for legislation ([s.6822](#)) to establish a New York National Guard cyber security go team to thwart cyber attacks by malicious actors, seeking to target local or State government entities through hacking, phishing or malware attacks.

### **Education Funding**

Senator Carlucci introduced emergency legislation ([S.7996](#)) to ensure if New York's schools close due to the coronavirus that their State funding is not impacted. Under current State Education Department guidance, if a school district must close due to the coronavirus, it is not entirely clear if they will be financially impacted. If a school does not stay open for 180 school days, it is in jeopardy of losing funding.

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### **2019-S7996**

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- Introduced
  
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
  
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
  
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Provides that school districts, including the city school district of the city of New York, are entitled to an apportionment of state aid for the closure of schools due in response to the novel coronavirus

March 06, 2020

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by **David Carlucci**

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S6822

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly

- Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Establishes civilian cyber security reserve forces

October 30, 2019

In Senate Committee [Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs](#)

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S7932

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- Introduced
  - ◦ In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - ◦ Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
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Prohibits price gouging with respect to medical supplies during a public health emergency

March 03, 2020

In Senate Committee [Consumer Protection](#)

Sponsored by [Brad Hoylman-Sigal](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S141

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to the price gouging of pharmaceuticals

January 02, 2019

In Senate Committee [Consumer Protection](#)

Sponsored by [David Carlucci](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S7989

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
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- Relates to requiring policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs to include coverage of an immediate additional thirty-day supply of a prescription drug during a state disaster emergency

March 06, 2020

In Senate Committee [Insurance](#)

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S6266C

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to enacting the healthy terminals act

May 31, 2019

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by **Alessandra Biaggi**

Do you support this bill?