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## Coronavirus Resources and Vaccine Information

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All New Yorkers 16 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine is approved for those 16 and up. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved for those 18 and up.

A helpful Appointment Finder tool to find vaccine appointments in the Finger Lakes region: https://www.flvaccinehub.com/getting-your-vaccine/#vaccine-finder To schedule an appointment at a New York State-run site visit https://am-ieligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses for effectiveness. For these vaccines, second-dose appointments will be scheduled after you receive your first vaccine dose. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose.

My priority is ensuring that anyone who wants a vaccine gets a vaccine, as quickly as possible.

Visit https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/ to get the facts on the COVID-19 vaccine in New York.

Call the Novel Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 for information about coronavirus.

Visit https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home for information about coronavirus.

CAYUGA COUNTY RESIDENTS: https://auburnpub.com/covid-19-vaccine-information-forcayuga-county-residents/article\_eab7560b-779c-5551-91f7-9e15ebf056ed.html You can visit this site to check your eligibility to receive the COVID-19 vaccine: https://am-ieligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/

People age 65 and over can call the COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline, open 7AM - 10PM, 7 days a week, to schedule a vaccination appointment. The hotline number is 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

For information on the COVID-19 vaccine in New York State visit https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/ To find a coronavirus testing site visit https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-nearyou

Check with your local health department about testing opportunities near you: Cayuga County: https://www.cayugacounty.us/153/Health-Department Monroe County: https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-COVID-19 Ontario County: https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/101/Public-Health Seneca County: https://senecacountyhealthdepartment.com/ Tompkins County: https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health

Wayne County: https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/index.php/publichealth/ If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, contact your local health department with questions.

Cayuga County Health Department: 315-253-1560 Ontario County Health Department: 585-396-4451 Monroe County Health Department: 585-753-2991 Seneca County Health Department: 315-539-1920 Tompkins County Health Department: 607-274-6600 Wayne County Health Department: 315-945-5749

For information on protecting you and your family from COVID-19 visit https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19 Starting January 11, 2021, restaurants can apply for up to a \$5,000 grant for COVID-19 related improvements and equipment through the Raising the Bar Restaurant Recovery Fund: https://esd.ny.gov/raising-nys-bar-restaurant-recovery-fund

Visit Empire State Development for information on small business loans and assistance related to COVID-19: https://esd.ny.gov/covid-19-loans-and-assistance-small-businesses

Small Business Lease Assistance Partnership: https://esd.ny.gov/new-york-forward-smallbusiness-lease-assistance-partnership

New York has extended the state's COVID-19 eviction moratorium through the end of August 2021. Tenants who can attest to financial hardship due to the pandemic are protected from evictions for another four months. This will give tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19 time to apply for a new rental assistance program.

The federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) allows tenants and landlords to apply for rental and utilities arrears payments. New York State, through the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (NYS OTDA), is making \$2.4 billion available to help eligible households who are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the pandemic. Mobile home rent and utility payments are eligible for assistance. You can find all of Governor Cuomo's Executive orders here:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/executiveorders

The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out-of-state or another country, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety. Asymptomatic travelers entering New York from another country, U.S. state, or territory are no longer required to test or quarantine as of April 10, 2021. Quarantine, consistent with the CDC recommendations, is still recommended for all travelers who are not fully vaccinated or have not recovered from laboratory confirmed COVID-19 during the previous 3 months. Symptomatic travelers must immediately self-isolate and contact the local health department or their healthcare providers to determine if they should seek COVID-19 testing.

International travelers International travelers must comply CDC requirements, which currently include proof of negative test or recent COVID recovery in order to board airplanes headed to the US. Travelers must complete the NYS Department of Health traveler health form.

New York follows that recommendation with the following exceptions:

Fully vaccinated individuals who have not recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months are recommended to get tested 3-5 days after arrival in New York from international travel.

All unvaccinated international travelers who have not recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months are recommended to get tested 3-5 days after arrival in New York, consider nonmandated self-quarantine (7 days if tested on day 3-5, otherwise 10 days), and avoid contact with people at higher risk for severe disease for 14 days, regardless of test result.