

From Gov Cuomo:

1. Today I outlined a phased plan to safely reopen New York at the appropriate time, taking a regional approach. Phase one will be to reopen low-risk construction and manufacturing businesses in parts of the state that have experienced a 14-day decline in the hospitalization rate. Phase two will open certain industries based on priority and risk level. (Businesses considered "more essential" with inherent low risks of infection in the workplace and to the customer will be prioritized.) Officials are closely monitoring the hospitalization rate, the infection rate, and other key health indicators, and will make adjustments to the plan based on this crucial data.

2. There will be a two-week waiting period in-between phases of this plan to monitor the effect. This will help ensure that the hospitalizations and infection rates are not increasing as some workers begin to return to work.

3. Businesses and industries will create plans that include new measures to protect employees and consumers. The physical workplace will have to be reimagined to be safer, and businesses must implement processes that lower the risk of infection. The state is consulting with local leaders in each region and industry to formulate these plans.

4. Multi-state coordination is key, especially in downstate New York, where the outbreak has been more severe. We will work with neighboring states to ensure safe and consistent policies. In downstate New York, special attention will be taken to ensure the safety of low-income communities.

5. Hospitalizations fall again. Yesterday, the total number of hospitalizations fell to 13,839 — returning to the level of March 31. This is a positive trend, but it is still far higher than we would like to see. I am very saddened to say we lost 367 New Yorkers yesterday — down from 437 the previous day. Every day, this is the worst, most devastating news that I must give to New Yorkers.

From the County:

Chautauqua County statistics:

- 31 confirmed cases;
- 4 active cases - continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law;
- 24 recovered cases;
- 3 deaths;

- 36 cases under quarantine/isolation orders by the Public Health Director and being monitored. Not all of those being monitored are confirmed to have COVID-19 but have either shown symptoms, are awaiting results, or have risk factors; and
- 755 negative test results to date.

Develop YOUR plan

County Executive Wendel has asked businesses in Chautauqua County to look to the future and develop plans on how they will reopen when New York State lifts restrictions. At the same time, Christine Schuyler, County Director of Health and Human Services, is asking individuals to look to the future and develop their own personal plans.

“This pandemic has provided the opportunity for people to be more aware of how respiratory diseases are spread and how to prevent them,” said Schuyler. “We have to keep those behaviors top of mind and also practice the health-promoting behaviors that keep our immune systems functioning at top capacity.”

Here are a few tips to put in your plan to better care for yourself, your loved ones, and your community:

- Practice good hygiene – ALWAYS – this will cut down on disease transmission.
 - Wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes – either with your elbow or a tissue; throw the tissue away after use;
 - Keep your hands away from your face.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces often – like TV remotes, phones, computers, door handles, faucets, light switches and toilet handles.
- Keep a safe distance between you and others in public. Remember that social distancing is 6 feet, and we have been practicing this for quite a while now; keep it up. A few steps or two average arm lengths away is all it takes.
- Wear a covering over your nose and mouth. This helps you to keep your germs to yourself.
- Stay or get healthy. As you know, the coronavirus is worse for people who are older, immunocompromised, or have underlying health problems. If you are in your best shape, you are better able to fight off coronavirus and other diseases. This also helps to prevent those chronic diseases that ultimately make you more susceptible to infections.