New York State
COVID-19 UPDATE
February 27, 2022
“Priority Number One:
We get children back to school and protect the environment so they can learn, and everyone is safe.”
- Governor Hochul, Swearing-In Remarks, August 24, 2021
WINTER SURGE ACTIONS TO KEEP KIDS SAFE & IN SCHOOL

- Monitor the metrics
- Distribute tests to schools & students
- Consult experts & schools leaders
7 DAY AVERAGE CASES ARE AT PRE-SURGE LEVELS

New Cases: 1,671
ONLY .008% OF NEW YORKERS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19
CONTINUOUS DOWNWARD TREND OVER THE PAST 51 DAYS

Jan. 7, 90,132

Feb. 26, 1,671
7 DAY AVERAGE % POSITIVITY IS GOING DOWN
February 26 Percent Positive: 1.7%

POSITIVITY DECLINE OVER THE PAST 57 CONSECUTIVE DAYS

% Positive  7 Day Average % Positive
COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS: 1,911
DEATHS: 20

HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE TRENDED DOWNWARDS OVER THE PAST 48 DAYS

Nov. 16: 2,000
Nov. 22: 4,000
Nov. 28: 6,000
Dec. 4: 8,000
Dec. 10: 10,000
Dec. 16: 12,000
Dec. 22: 14,000
Jan. 3: 12,671
Jan. 9: 10,000
Jan. 15: 8,000
Jan. 21: 6,000
Jan. 27: 4,000
Feb. 2: 2,000
Feb. 8: 2,249
Feb. 14: 4,000
Feb. 20: 6,000
Feb. 26: 8,000

Hospitalizations
COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS
PER 100,000 BY REGION, 7-DAY AVERAGE
Note: CDC began reporting 12+ vaccination data on May 13, 2021. CDC changed vaccine data tracking guidance to cap vaccination rates at 95% on December 9, 2021. Source: CDC Vaccination Data
## AMONG LARGE STATES, NEW YORK IS TOP 1 – 2 IN VACCINATION RATES ACROSS AGE GROUPS

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<th>5-11 FULLY VACCINATED (%)</th>
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7 DAY AVERAGE CASES, CHILDREN 5 – 18

AT LOWEST POINT SINCE JULY 2021

Jan. 10, 14,167
Feb 26, 229
School Year Start, 832
July 2, 52

0
5,000
10,000
15,000
NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, CHILDREN 5 – 18

7-DAY AVERAGE

CURRENTLY BELOW LEVELS FROM START OF SCHOOL YEAR

✓ Total admissions below the start of the 2021–2022 school year
✓ Compared to peak, total hospital admissions and COVID primary and/or symptomatic are both down ~80%

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Asymptomatic</th>
<th>COVID primary and/or symptomatic</th>
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Top Priority: Keeping Kids Safe and In School

- 4.8 million tests sent to all students before break
- 4.8 million more tests being sent this week
- 20.8 million tests distributed to schools statewide
WINTER SURGE ACTIONS TO KEEP KIDS SAFE & IN SCHOOL

- MONITOR THE METRICS
- DISTRIBUTE TESTS TO SCHOOLS & STUDENTS
- CONSULT EXPERTS & SCHOOLS LEADERS
## CDC COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS

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<th>Indicators</th>
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Statewide mask requirement in schools will be lifted effective Wednesday, March 2

• Includes children 2 years and older in childcare facilities

• Counties and cities may still require masks in schools, and parents and guardians may still choose to send children to school in masks
WE REMAIN VIGILANT:

- Distribute our 50 million test kits to schools
- Get New Yorkers vaccinated and boosted
- Advance early warning systems through wastewater surveillance
- Monitor global trends
- Retain the flexibility to re-examine and make adjustments as needed
Statewide mask requirement still in effect at:

- State-regulated healthcare settings
- State-regulated adult care facilities & nursing homes
- Correctional facilities
- Homeless shelters
- Domestic violence shelters
- Buses & bus stations, trains & train stations, subways & subway stations, planes & airports
THANK YOU
PARENTS, GUARDIANS, TEACHERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS!