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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stay home and keep a safe distance from others in public. It is the only way to help slow the spread of Coronavirus.

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What You Need to Know

- The Governor and Legislature have an agreement on a bill guaranteeing job protection and pay for New Yorkers who have been quarantined as a result of novel coronavirus.
- The bill also includes the permanent comprehensive paid sick leave policy
- Governor Cuomo signed an executive order directing all schools in New York to close by Wednesday, March 18 for two weeks ending April 1.
- Casinos, gyms, theaters are closed until further notice.
- Bars and restaurants are closed, but takeout can be ordered during the period of closure.
- Strongly advise only services and businesses that are essential stay open after 8:00PM
 - Groceries
 - Gas stations
 - Pharmacies
 - Medical facilities
- All local governments must reduce their workforce by at least 50%. Non-essential state workers are working from home.
- New York State is waiving all park fees in state, local and county parks.
- Testing is free for all eligible New Yorkers as ordered by a health care provider.
- Your [local health department](#) is your community contact for COVID-19 concerns.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

