



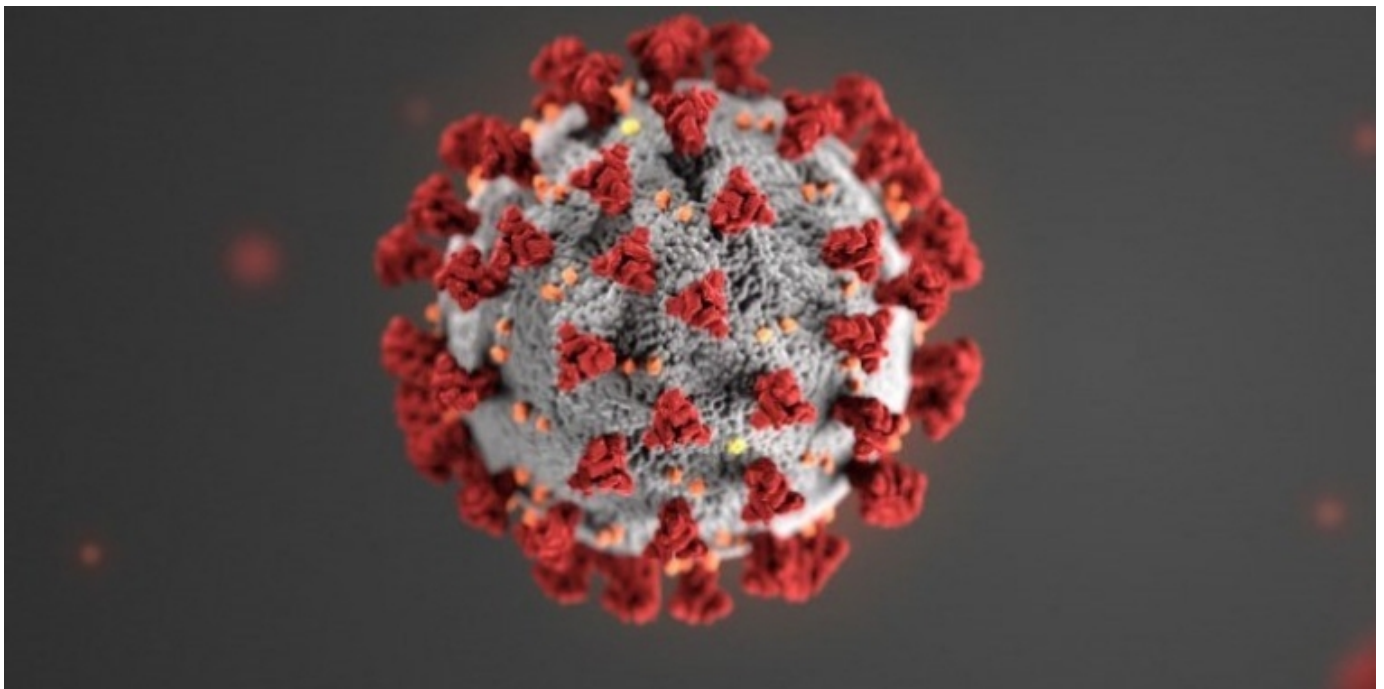
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## Coronavirus Information Page

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The coronavirus is impacting people worldwide – but with that comes a lot of misinformation that could lead to unnecessary fear and panic. While there is reason to be cautious and vigilant, health care and elected officials have repeatedly stated that the public should remain calm and follow advice from reputable sources.

To keep our community up-to-date on the ongoing coronavirus situation and to provide everyone with access to the most reliable information, my office has established this informational website page that contains important links and tips.

**We hope everyone stays vigilant and takes the necessary steps to protect themselves, their families and the public.**

**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mario R. Mattera**

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## **VACCINATION INFORMATION**

**COVID-19 Vaccination Information from the New York State Department of Health**

**New York State Vaccination Eligibility Website**

**Walgreens COVID-19 Vaccination Information**

**CVS COVID-19 Vaccination Information**

**New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Form**

**New York State Department of Health Form For Those With Appointments**

**Northport VA Medical Center** is currently telephoning current VA outpatients who are 75 years and older and who were treated by VA within the past year to determine their interest in the vaccine and to schedule appointments. After the 74 + years and older patients have been vaccinated, Northport VAMC will reach out by telephone to active patients ages 65 to 74 to determine their interest in the vaccine and schedule appointments. Afterward, all veteran patients age 65 and under will be contacted and offered the vaccine.

If an enrolled veteran has not been treated in the past year, the veteran's name can be added to a listing for contact as additional supply of the vaccine becomes available.

Veterans who are not enrolled in VA care, may contact Northport VAMC Eligibility Section (631-261-4400, ext. 2659 or 2660) to request an application for enrollment. Veterans may also enroll for care at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>

**Walgreens Pharmacies:** Walgreens is taking appointments once an account has been set up on its website.

### **CVS Pharmacies Vaccination Information**

**Local Pharmacies:** The Federal government is said to be distributing the vaccines directly to local pharmacies. Each Pharmacy will control how the vaccine will be distributed. Contact your local pharmacy to discuss their roll out plan to see if you can get on a waitlist. Some pharmacies are requiring this form to be filled out in order to be put on a waiting list - please click [https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/01/final\\_covid-19\\_vaccine\\_consent\\_form.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/01/final_covid-19_vaccine_consent_form.pdf)

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### **ADDITIONAL COVID-19 INFORMATION**

**Information From New York State Department Of Labor On Unemployment Insurance**

**Sign Up Here For Coronavirus Updates From New York State**

**Important Information on the Coronavirus from the New York State Department of Health**

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**Coronavirus Symptoms**

The 2019 novel coronavirus may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms like:

- cough
- fever
- trouble breathing and
- pneumonia

**Centers for Disease Control believes at this time that symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus.**

### **How Does Novel Coronavirus Spread?**

Most of the early reported cases had contact with a seafood and live animal market, suggesting an animal source of the outbreak. However, most cases are now likely to be spread from person to person by droplets when coughing. Since this virus is very new, health authorities continue to carefully watch how this virus spreads.

### **Prevention**

While there is currently no vaccine to prevent this virus, these simple steps can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### **IMPORTANT LINKS:**

**[Centers for Disease Control – Coronavirus Page](#)**

**[CDC - Household Planning Tips](#)**

**[CDC - Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#)**

**[CDC - Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)**

**[New York State Department of Health Coronavirus Information Page](#)**

**[Suffolk County Department of Health Coronavirus Information Page](#)**

**[American Red Cross Coronavirus Safety Tips](#)**

**[World Health Organization Advice for Public](#)**

**[World Health Organization Provides Tips To Handle Mental Health Toll](#)**

**[National Public Radio: Got Coronavirus Anxiety?](#)**