

Saratoga, Warren and Washington - Communities Organizations Active in Disasters  
*Situational Report*  
Friday, May 22, 2020

[We are now in Phase 1 for reopening our region.](#)

### **New York Forward Plan for Re-Opening**

As businesses reopen, they will not be returning to business as usual. Transmission of COVID-19 will remain a threat to employees and customers for some time, and business owners will need to adapt to this “new normal.” Each business and industry must have a plan to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work space safer and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business.

### **Warren-Washington County EDC President, Ed Bartholomew emphasizes -**

[To clarify the matter of re-opening plans](#) by individual businesses: **there is no requirement to submit a re-opening plan to the State for approval.**

However; it is suggested that individual plans be developed and posted in a visible location within the premises.

### Unmet Community Needs

**UPDATED:** Our primary need on everyone’s mind appears to be the need to re-open.

**However, as Josh Moskowitz described on the Thursday CC (Conference Call), underlying the need to re-open, there is still a statewide need for food.**

### Committee Updates

**UPDATED:** On Thursday the members decided to elect a Steering Committee to help build our organization. Look for an email describing this election. Candidates will be listed. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, CONTACT ERICA WARNER.

SWW COAD is now meeting every other week by conference call on Thursdays at 1pm via Zoom.

To participate in these calls please contact Erica Warner at [EWarner@UNITEDWAYGCR.ORG](mailto:EWarner@UNITEDWAYGCR.ORG)

**Resource Guide : PLEASE UPDATE**

SWW COAD is building a Resource Guide to compile community organization services across the tri-county area. Please see attached for the current standing of this guide. Please add your organizations information at [www.bit.ly/SaratogaWarrenWashingtonResources](http://www.bit.ly/SaratogaWarrenWashingtonResources)

COVID-19 Updates from each County Web Site

County Name	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Fatalities
Washington May 1/8/15/22	156/176/191/194	6/10/13/13
Warren May 1/8/15/22	172/190/219/230	14/24/28/30*
Saratoga May 1/8/15/22	349/387/414/444	14/14/14/15
NYS TOTAL May 1/7/13/21	308 /330 /343/354 x 1000	18.6 /21.0/ 22.2/23.2 x1000

\*Twenty-four Warren County deaths occurred in nursing homes.

Statewide hospitalization and death rates are directly proportional to overall infection rate.

(Data below was gleaned from Post Star publications.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>New Hospitalizations</u>	<u>New Deaths</u>
5/21	225/day	109/day
5/13	420/day	157/day
5/9	521/day	207/day Matches March 27 numbers
5/6	607/day	231/day
4/29	933/day	306/day
4/24	rolling 3 day avg. approx. 1200/day	438/day
4/17	approx. 2000/day	606/day
4/10	net increase 200/day	799/day
4/2	net increase 1000/day	950/3 days

UPDATE 5/22/20 : **Who's dying?** 94.7% 50 years and older, 85.1% 60 years and older.

## County Updates

Warren:

Warrencountyny.gov

Warrencountyny.gov/covidhub Dedicated COVID website

**NEW:** [SUCCESS](#) - Today's Drive-thru Pantry, 11am for as long as supplies last. Very successful. All of the food was given away at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Warrensburg. Excellent work by the Salvation Army in cooperation with Tri-County United Way, North Country Ministry, and Regional Foodbank of Northeastern NY.

**UPDATED:** [Public testing continues at the Warren County Municipal Center, M – F, 9am –1pm.](#) You must have a doctor's order to be tested. For more details see the 4/8/20 news release on the Warren County Web Site. This is for residents of Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Essex, and Hamilton Counties.

**UPDATED:** Through 5/22/20, at the above testing site, 901 people (compared to 751 people last week) have been tested since 4/9/20. To date 769 results have been received back, with 31 Warren County positives, and 76 positives from neighboring counties. The rates from this testing are 14% positive and 86% negative.

Washington:

Washingtoncountyny.gov

## "RESTARTING WASHINGTON COUNTY" RESOURCES

Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman Samuel J. Hall has appointed and tasked the "Restarting Washington County" Advisory Committee to serve as a resource for our local businesses and organizations in our communities, providing insight, direction and support as they plan for the return of business / activities in the future.

**This afternoon Supervisor Hall reminded us** that with this weekend, we should enjoy our freedoms, appreciate the reasons we have our freedoms, and remember that this pandemic crisis is not over, so continue to be safe.

**NEW:** Per Tim Hardy on Thursday's CC, relevant supply shortages have been restocked and testing has ramped up. Washington County official announcements will now be once a week, on Friday.

Saratoga:

Saratogacountyny.gov

Saratogacountyny.gov/covid

**NEW:** Saratoga County is ready for Phase-One reopening. This is highlighted in their website.

Saratoga County COVID-19 Hotline: 518-885-2276

**NEW:** As of 5/22/20, Saratoga has performed 9629 tests.

Saratoga County Testing Sites are open - See County website COVID section

### Organization Announcements

**NOTE:** Essential employees who interact with the public now qualify for free testing without a doctor referral. Link to assessment: <https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov>

**UPDATE:** Please send your organizational needs to [melissa.fleck@redcross.org](mailto:melissa.fleck@redcross.org) to add to this Sit Rep.

## **LATEST OFFICIAL UPDATE (NYS Department of Health)**

**LAST UPDATED: MAY 22, 2020 AT 3:15 PM**

### **What You Need to Know**

- Capital Region, Western New York, Central New York, North County, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley Regions have met all seven metrics required to begin phase one of the [state's regional phased reopening plan](#).
- NYS on PAUSE will continue through May 28 for regions that have not started reopening; a region can enter Phase One of reopening as soon as it meets its required metrics.
- Governor Cuomo released a [guide](#) to the state's "NY Forward Reopening" Plan, along with the state's [regional monitoring dashboard](#).
- New York State has doubled testing capacity to reach 40,000 diagnostic tests per day, and has more than 700 testing sites. We encourage [eligible New Yorkers](#) to [find a nearby testing site](#) and get tested.

- New Yorkers can vote for finalists in the Wear a Mask New York Ad Contest through Memorial Day at [WearAMask.ny.gov](https://www.wearamask.ny.gov).
- The \$100M [New York Forward Loan Fund](#) will provide loans to small businesses, focusing on minority and women owned small businesses, that did not receive federal COVID-19 assistance.
- The New York State sales tax filing deadline has been extended to June 22, 2020.
  - Summer school will be conducted through distance learning.
- New York State is partnering with SOMOS to establish 28 additional testing sites at churches and community-based providers in predominately minority neighborhoods.
- Religious gatherings of no more than 10 people and drive-in and parking lot services will be allowed statewide beginning Thursday, May 21st.
- Long Island and Mid-Hudson Valley Regions will be permitted to begin construction staging in anticipation of phase one of reopening.
- Memorial Day ceremonies of 10 people or less will be allowed statewide, with final decisions about ceremonies being left to local governments.
- A new pilot program with 52 independent pharmacies will conduct 7,000 tests per week.
- The state is making its contact tracing training curriculum available at no cost to all states through the National Governors Association.
- In coordination with neighboring states, public and private beaches will open with certain restrictions on May 22, ahead of Memorial Day weekend.
- Governor Cuomo issued executive orders [202.17](#) and [202.18](#) requiring all people in New York to wear masks or [face coverings in public](#), including when taking public or private transportation or riding in for-hire vehicles.
- New Yorkers without health insurance can apply through NY State of Health through June 15, 2020; must apply within 60 days of losing coverage.
  - Health care workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access 24/7 emotional support services.
- New Yorkers can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling.
  - 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.

## **NYS COVID-19 TRACKER**

**[LOGIN FOR ALL NYS INFO!](#)**

Reopening [forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard](https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard)

All NYS Info [Coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home](https://Coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home)

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View a county-by-county breakdown of testing and positive cases around  
New York State.

[NYS VOAD Update](#)

Useful Links:

211.org then enter your zip code

<https://www.thefoodpantries.org/covid-19-food-access-information-.html> (Available Food Resources for Saratoga, Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties)

Domestic Violence Hotlines:

Saratoga County: Wellspring: 518-584-8118 Domestic Violence Advocacy Prgm 518-664-4008

Warren & Washington County: Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Project 518-793-9496

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) has created a comprehensive [COVID-19 Legal Response](#) which includes a Legal Line and a [COVID-19 legal information web page](#). Call us at (833-628-0087).