

INCIDENT BRIEF - COVID-19

03/09/20

Incident Summary

Recently, a novel (new) coronavirus was detected. A "novel coronavirus" is a strain that has not been previously seen in humans. The disease, called COVID-19, can be spread from person to person.

People have been diagnosed with this novel coronavirus in New York City (see [up-to-date case count](#)). New York City is seeing "community transmission," meaning the source of the infection is unknown. There are no specific vaccines or treatments available for this novel coronavirus, or any other coronavirus. However, medication and vaccine research is underway.

NYCEM continues to coordinate with City Hall, DOHMH, and our other agency partners in COVID-19 preparedness and planning efforts. NYCEM will be hosting a number of Interagency Critical Action Planning Task Forces which will include, among other areas, a focus on Private Sector engagement.

Overview

Situational Overview	
NYCEM Operations Center Activation Level	II – Limited Activation
Declaration in Affect	Governor Cuomo declared a state of emergency on March 7
NYC Department of Education School Closures	Not applicable at this time

Relief For Small Businesses

- The City will provide relief for small businesses across the City seeing a reduction in revenue because of COVID-19. Businesses with fewer than 100 employees who have seen sales decreases of 25% or more will be eligible for zero interest loans of up to \$75,000 to help mitigate losses in profit. The City is also offering small businesses with fewer than 5 employees a grant to cover 40% of payroll costs for two months (an average of \$6,000) to help retain employees. Eligible owners who would like to learn more about these programs should call 311 for assistance ([City Hall – Mayor de Blasio Provides Updates on New York City’s COVID-19 Response, March 8](#)).

Resources

- [DOHMH - Coronavirus Updates](#)
- [DOHMH - Novel Coronavirus Outbreak Factsheet \(PDF, March 8\)](#)
- [DOHMH - Stop the Spread of Coronavirus Flyer \(PDF\)](#)
- [DOHMH - Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for Businesses \(PDF, February 14\)](#)
 - [Updated Guidance \(PDF, March 5\)](#)
- [DOHMH – Emergency Preparedness for Communities and Businesses](#)
- [NYCEM – Business Plan Templates](#)
- [NYCEM – Business Resources and Programs](#)
- [SBS – Guidance for Business Owners](#)
- [CDC – Guidance for Businesses](#)

Transportation Outlook

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International Alerts	See the CDC's risk assessment levels by country, last reviewed on March 8, 2020

