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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

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Governor Calls on Federal Government to Expedite Approval of Automated and Manual Testing to Expand Testing Capacity

Declared State of Emergency Yesterday in Order to Expedite Procurement of Cleaning Supplies and Testing Equipment

Governor Encourages Working from Home, Telecommuting and Avoiding Densely Populated Spaces Whenever Possible to Help Contain Spread of Virus

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today confirmed 16 additional cases of novel coronavirus in New York State since his last update, bringing the statewide total to 105 confirmed cases. Of the 16 new cases identified since the Governor's last update, 12 are in Westchester County, one in New York City in the Bronx, one in Nassau, one in Suffolk, and one in Ulster. Additionally, the Governor today called on the federal government to expedite their approval of private labs and automated and manual testing to expand New York State's testing capacity. He also encouraged New Yorkers to work from home, telecommute and avoid densely populated spaces whenever possible to help contain the spread of the virus.

Of the 105 total individuals in New York State who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

Westchester: 82
New York City: 12
Nassau: 5
Suffolk: 1
Rockland: 2
Ulster: 1
Saratoga: 2

"We are continuing to test people and are working with hospitals and local governments to give them the resources they need to contain the spread of this virus," **Governor Cuomo said.** "We mobilized quickly but the federal government has been slow off the mark and they continue to be slow. That's unacceptable - we need them to approve

these private labs today so we can stay ahead of this evolving situation. Worse than the virus right now is the fear pandemic - and getting these additional facilities online will ensure we have more facts that will help keep people calm."

During a briefing on the novel coronavirus yesterday, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced he [declared a state of emergency](#) to help New York more quickly and effectively contain the spread of the virus. The state of emergency declaration allows, among other things:

- Expedited procurement of cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer and other essential resources
- Allowing qualified professionals other than doctors and nurses to conduct testing
- Expedited procurement of testing supplies and equipment
- Expedited personnel onboarding
- Expedited leasing of lab space
- Allowing EMS personnel to transport patients to quarantine locations other than just hospitals
- Providing clear basis for price gouging and enforcement investigation

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Let's continue to work and share together. Remember the information changes quickly. By doing so, we will remain and emerge a stronger Jewish community.