



## Department of Health

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Dear AI Partners:

Please know the AIDS Institute is carefully monitoring and working within the State Health Department on 2019 Novel (New) Coronavirus (COVID-19). The State Health Department is working across the state to ensure plans are in place to minimize the spread of the virus. We encourage you to access accurate, reliable, and up-to-date information on the State Health Department's website. The website is updated frequently. [www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus](http://www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus)

For questions related to AIDS Institute-funded initiatives or services; or clinical questions related to COVID-19 and HIV or hepatitis C, you may send them to:  
[AI-COVID19@health.ny.gov](mailto:AI-COVID19@health.ny.gov).

If you have questions related to the NYS Uninsured Care Program (UCP)/ADAP services, please contact the UCP hotline at 1-800-542-2437 or 1-844-682-4048.

The AIDS Institute is committed to providing support and guidance to our partners. As always we are grateful to you for your on-going commitment and willingness to work with us in promoting health and safety.

With my sincere thanks,

Johanne E. Morne, MS  
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### **Resources**

State Department of Health website	<a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus">www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus</a> .
State Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline	1-888-364-3065
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19">www.cdc.gov/COVID19</a>

### **Press Releases**

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/statement-new-york-state-department-health-commissioner-doctor-howard-zucker>

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-202-declaring-disaster-emergency-state-new-york>

### **As another reminder.**

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.