

# Healthcare Update from the Front Lines Westchester County Association

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# Agenda

1. About HANYS and the Suburban Alliance
2. New York's experience with COVID-19
3. Impact on our healthcare providers and state
4. Status of the pandemic nationwide
5. Preparations for a second wave
6. Our advocacy



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# New York's COVID-19 wave

NY was one of the earliest hot spots in the nation.



At our peak in April, NY hospitals were caring for more than 18,000 COVID-19 patients, many requiring intensive care with specialized staff and equipment.

To date, about 90,000 COVID-19 patients have been hospitalized in NY.

# HANYS' COVID-19 response



- Workforce needs
- PPE
- Testing capacity
- Regulatory relief
- Liability protections
- Relief funding



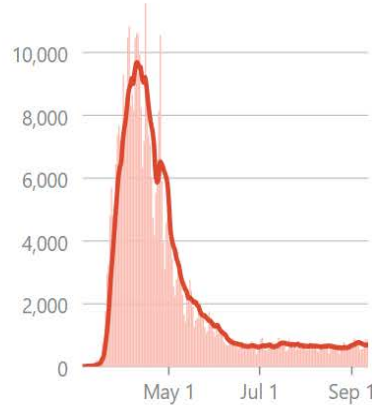
# Flattening the curve

## New tests (Calculated)

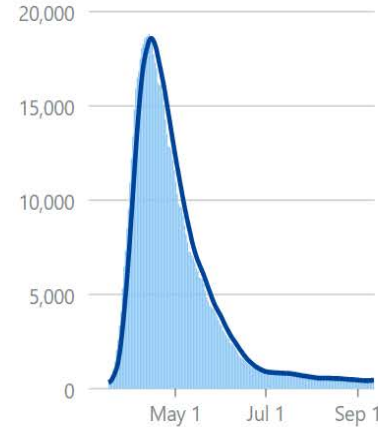
Total test results (Encounters)



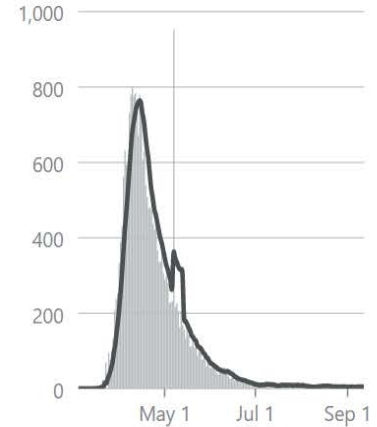
## New cases (Calculated)



## Current hospitalizations



## New deaths (Calculated)



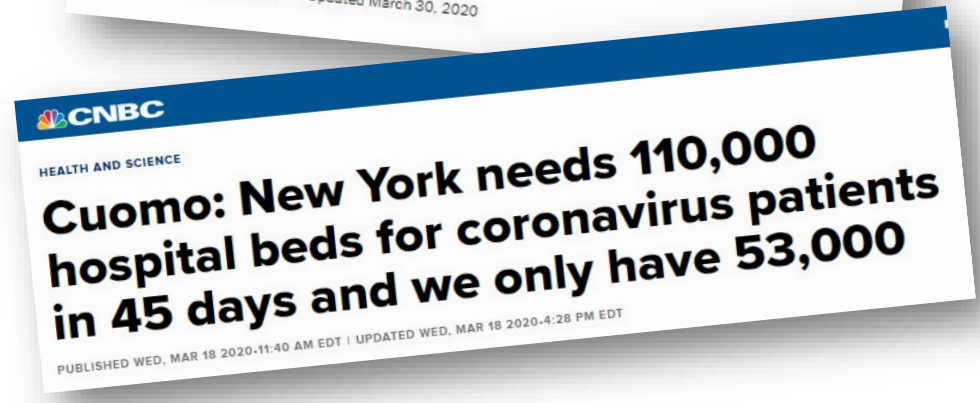
Source:

<https://covidtracking.com/data/state/new-york>



# Requirements and projections

- **Surge capacity:**  
Hospitals across the state were required to increase their capacity by a minimum of 50%.
- **Elective surgery ban:**  
Procedures were banned in all regions of the state for a number of weeks.



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SUFFER AN ESTIMATED

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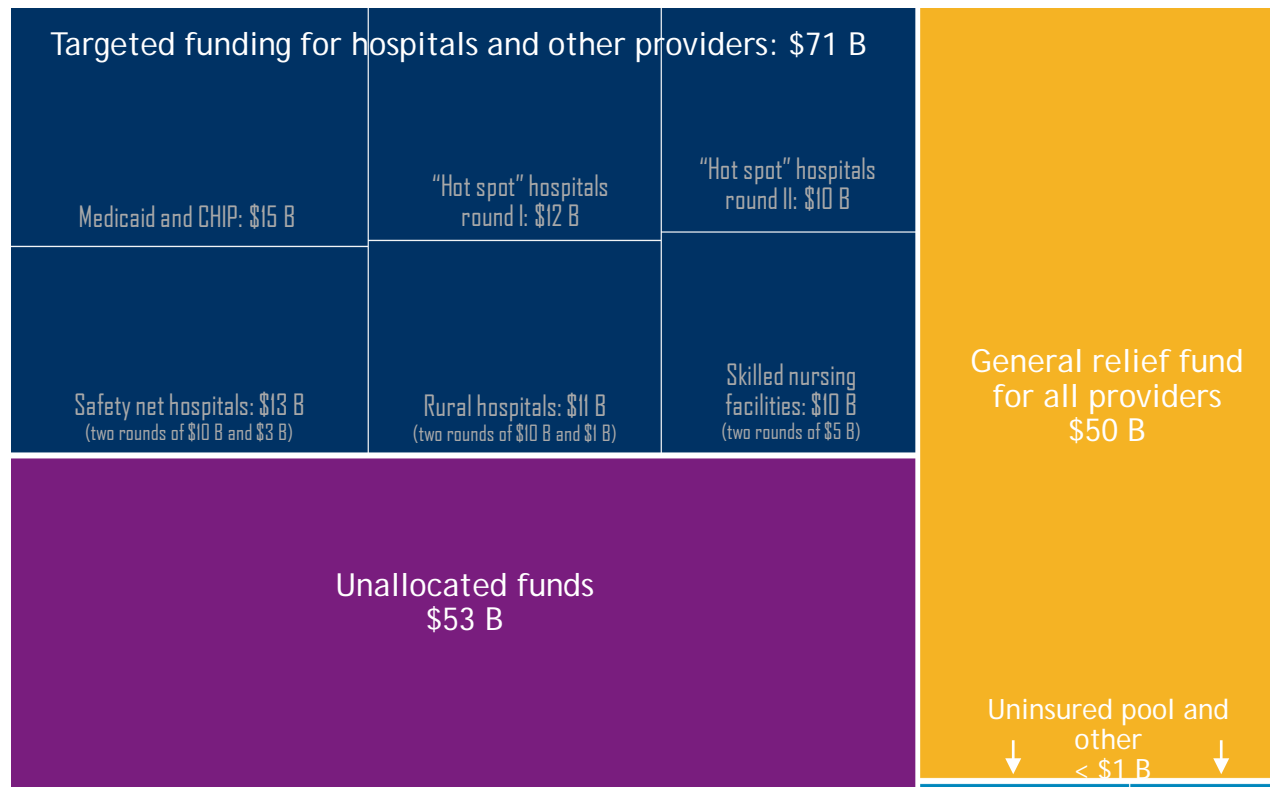
IN COVID-19 RELATED LOSSES  
AND NEW EXPENSES  
IN ONE YEAR

According to an analysis completed for HANYS by Kaufman, Hall & Associates, LLC





# Provider Relief Fund snapshot



- \$175B authorized by Congress
- \$122B allocated; \$53B unallocated (as of Aug. 8, 2020)
- NYS hospitals have accessed about \$9B (8% of total allocated funding)

# New York state today: Budget

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## **Current budget year** (SFY 2020-2021)

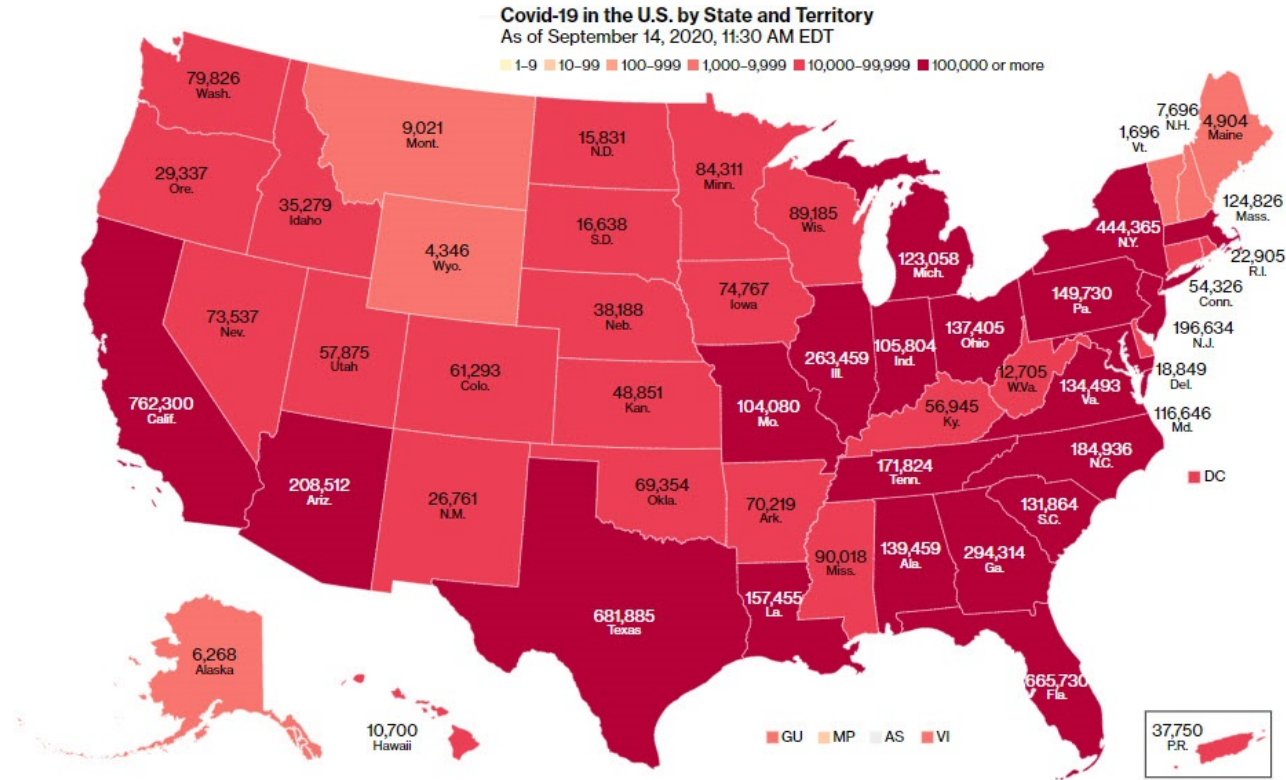
- \$2 billion in ongoing Medicaid reductions recommended by MRT
- Provides DOB with authority to make mid-year budget reductions
- Revised shortfall is about \$14 billion
- Additional current year cuts of up to 20% may be announced by end of September

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## **Upcoming budget year** (SFY 2021-2022)

- DOB projects next year budget shortfall of ~ \$16 billion

# The nation today



Source: Bloomberg



# Fall preparations



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- Fall brings new challenges :
  - As it gets colder, more time will be spent indoors
  - Schools are reopening
  - College campus outbreaks
  - Outbreaks continue in other states
  - Flu season is nearly here
  - Compliance fatigue



# Fall preparations

- Our healthcare providers and the state are preparing:
  - PPE protocols
  - Surge/flex plans
  - Expanding testing capabilities
  - Enhanced safety precautions
- Glimmers of hope:
  - Development underway for COVID-19 vaccine
  - New research in the medical treatment of COVID-19



# Prevention basics

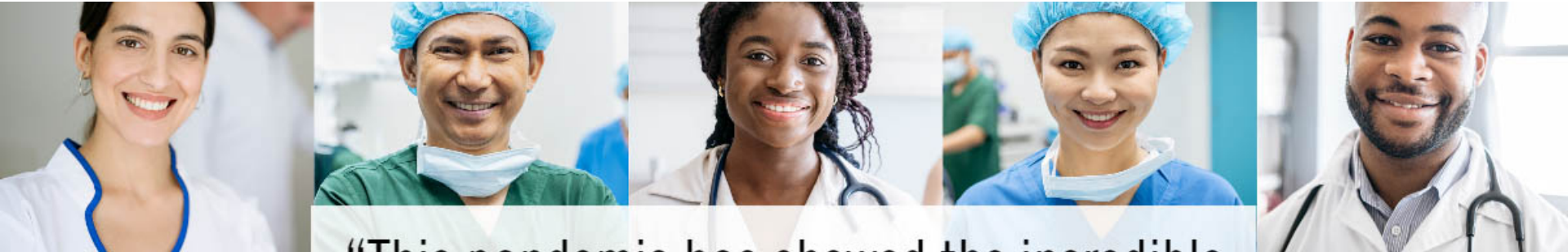
## Protect Yourself Against COVID-19

- ✓ Frequently wash your hands
- ✓ Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (60% alcohol or higher)
- ✓ Keep your hands off your face
- ✓ Avoid close contact with sick people
- ✓ Cover your coughs and sneezes
- ✓ Clean and disinfect surfaces
- ✓ Stay home when you are sick

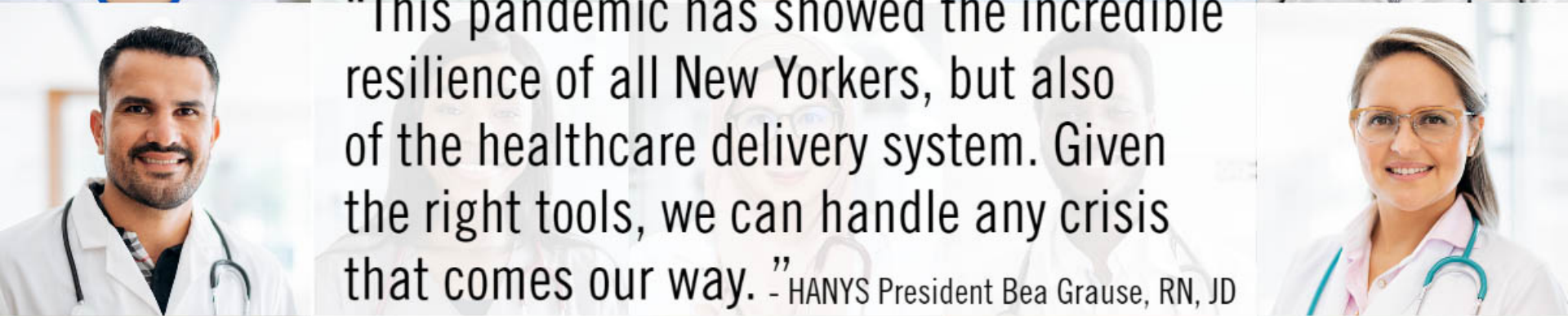
Source: CDC, <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>.







“This pandemic has showed the incredible resilience of all New Yorkers, but also of the healthcare delivery system. Given the right tools, we can handle any crisis that comes our way.” - HANYS President Bea Grause, RN, JD





# Questions and answers

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