

# NEWS BRIEF

Provided by: Heffernan Insurance Brokers

## New York Orders Residents to Stay Home

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered New York residents to stay home as much as possible until further notice. The order takes effect Sunday night.

This order comes just after California made a similar announcement on Thursday night. These drastic steps taken by some of the most populous states suggest other states may take similar measures to limit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

New York currently has the most confirmed cases of COVID-19, reaching nearly 8,000.

Gov. Cuomo ordered all nonessential businesses to keep employees at home and banned “all nonessential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason.”

.....

***“These provisions will be enforced.  
These are not helpful hints.”***

- Gov. Cuomo

.....

Residents can still leave their homes for essential services, like groceries and pharmaceuticals, but must remain 6 feet from one another.

New Yorkers over 70 years old have even stricter guidelines—only able to go outside for solitary exercise and only if they wear a mask when around

other people. They are also not allowed to visit homes with multiple people.

### What's next?

New York is trying to test as many residents as possible to get a better hold on the pandemic situation. The state's COVID-19 cases currently make up half of the nation's confirmed cases, necessitating drastic action. Gov. Cuomo said the state is now testing more people per capita than China.

Employers should follow all state orders and keep employees home if the business is deemed nonessential.

Speak with Heffernan Insurance Brokers for more guidance related to COVID-19. We'll keep you updated as this pandemic situation develops.



*Because You're Different*