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## RMS End of Week Update 5/16/2025



### **End of Session Push Begins**

Following the passage of the NYS Budget the Legislature now has about a month left before session ends in June.

There is a long list of what they *want* to do but the amount of time they have to do it is not. This week the Legislature held a hearing on the state's prison system. As the first step in what could result in a package of legislation after the deaths of Robert L. Brooks and Messiah Nantwi, who both died in state prisons within months of each other after being beaten by correction officers. While some changes to prison oversight were included in the budget, it was largely absent of the holistic changes lawmakers wanted to consider this year.

Another area lawmakers plan to address is the state's messy transition of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program. The state's transition of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, which pays for Medicaid recipients to hire home care aides, hit another deadline Thursday. It's the last day that consumers in the program can register with the new company that's now managing it: Public Partnerships, LLC. The extension is the result of a court order.

That was supposed to happen by April 1, but the state created a one-month "grace period" for consumers and their assistants to register with Public Partnerships when it became clear that the transition wouldn't be complete by that deadline. We don't know how many consumers were in the program. That's been estimated anywhere from 250,000 to nearly 300,000. The state puts it at 280,000.

As of Thursday, 217,000 consumers have completed registering with Public Partnerships, according to the state Department of Health. Another 75,000 have left the program for a different state home care program called Personal Care Services.

Two key lawmakers Senate Health Chair Gustavo Rivera and Assembly Health Chair Amy Paulin — have now introduced a bill intended to address the problem. Before the transition there were more than 600 companies that acted as fiscal intermediaries in the program. Public Partnerships is now the sole, statewide fiscal intermediary but some consumers and their aides have complained about poor communication and delayed pay. As of Thursday, Public Partnerships has sent paychecks to 198,000 workers, according to the Department of Health.

According to Capitol Confidential here is what the new bill would do:

- Create a new class of fiscal intermediaries for the program: experienced independent living centers and subcontractors for Public Partnerships.
- Require each fiscal intermediary to have a contract with the Department of Health.

Part of why lawmakers decided to approve the transition last year was because the state didn't know how many fiscal intermediaries there were.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move towards the end of legislative session.

### **NYS Assembly Releases Summary Of Their Accepted Changes To The Executive Budget**

This week the NYS Assembly released their summary of the changes they recommended to the Executive Budget that were accepted in the final budget that passed last week. To view the full report please click [here](#).

### **Free Webinar: Strategies to Offset Tariffs with Foreign Trade Zones**

The graphic is a promotional poster for a webinar. At the top left, it says 'NEW YORK Manufacturing Extension Partnership' with a logo. Next to it is the word 'WEBINAR'. The main title is 'FOREIGN TRADE ZONE STRATEGIES' in bold, followed by the subtitle 'Mitigating the Impact of New Tariffs on Your Business'. Below that, the date and time are listed: 'WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH, 2025 | 10 AM - 11 AM'. Underneath is a section titled 'EXPERT SPEAKERS' which features four circular headshots of the speakers. To the right of the speakers' names and titles, there is a graphic of a globe with lines connecting different regions, and icons for 'TRANSPORT' and 'INDUSTRIAL' sectors. The background of the graphic is blue and white with geometric patterns.

**NEW YORK** Manufacturing Extension Partnership **WEBINAR**

**FOREIGN TRADE ZONE STRATEGIES**  
Mitigating the Impact of New Tariffs on Your Business

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**EXPERT SPEAKERS**

**Kathryn Bamberger**  
Senior International Trade Manager at Empire State Development

**Brandi Stoddard**  
FTZ Consultant, Copper Hill Development

**Kate Maynard**  
Director of Planning and Economic Development, FTZ-123, CORPC

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The New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership is hosting a free webinar in response to the rising tariffs and trade challenges are putting pressure on businesses across New York and beyond. Join a free webinar on **Wednesday, May 28, from 10:00–11:00 AM** to discover how **Foreign Trade Zones**

(FTZs) can help reduce costs, improve cash flow, and streamline operations. This session will feature expert insights and real-world strategies to determine if FTZ designation is right for your business.

Learn more and register: <https://newyorkmep.org/foreign-trade-zone-strategies-webinar/>

### **Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Federal Threats to Gun Violence Prevention**

Governor Hochul issued the following statement today regarding Federal threats to gun violence prevention.

“New York has some of the nation’s strongest gun safety laws — and they’re working. Because we put common-sense protections in place, New York is one of the top 5 safest states when it comes to firearm mortality. Our efforts have gotten more than 10,000 illegal guns off the streets, prevented teenagers from buying weapons of war, cracked down on Ghost Guns and protected sensitive spaces like schools and subways. Time and again, these laws have been upheld in court. But now, Representatives Stefanik and Tenney are doing their best to undo this progress, pushing the United States Department of Justice to waste their time by putting politics ahead of public safety. Make no mistake: without New York’s gun laws, thousands of lives would be at risk. New York’s Congressional delegation should be focused on passing stronger gun safety laws — not punishing states like New York that do the right thing. Because you can’t be ‘tough on crime’ if you’re not tough on illegal guns.”

**To view the full statement please click [here](#).**

### **NYS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard**

Use this link to view the State’s updated [COVID-19 Hub](#).

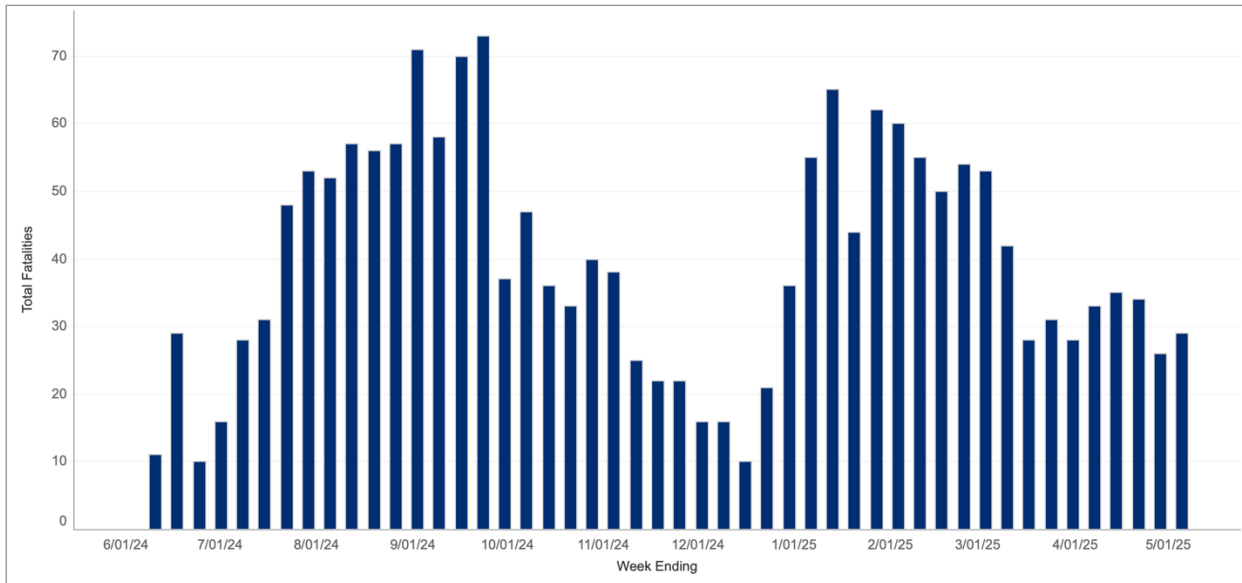
### **NYS COVID-19 Fatalities Tracker**

Below we have included the Fatalities Tracker with the webpage where updated numbers can be found throughout the week linked [here](#).



**Total Fatalities reported to and compiled by CDC : 85442**

*This weekly COVID-19 provisional death certificate data reported by NYS DOH and NYC to the CDC includes those who died in any location, including hospitals, nursing homes, adult care facilities, at home, in hospice and other settings.*



## **Helpful Links and Resources**

**[RMS Final Budget Tax/Revenue Table](#)**

**[RMS SFY 2025-26 Final Budget H/MH Summary](#)**

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Department of Financial Services information and resources](#)

[New York COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page](#)

## **Department of Health**

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

[COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers](#)

## **Office of Mental Health**

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/covid-19-resources.html>

## **OPWDD**

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance>

## **State Education Department**

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html>

## **NYS Department of Labor**

<https://dol.ny.gov/>