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RMS End of Week Update 1/30/2026



Joint Budget Hearings This Past Week

This week Joint Budget Hearings began to take place. The hearings that took place were: Agriculture & Markets/ Parks & Recreation on 1/27/25 (click [here](#) to watch the hearing and see testimony), Environmental Conservation/Energy on 1/28/25 (click [here](#) to watch the hearing and see testimony), and Elementary Education/ Secondary Education on 1/29/25 (click [here](#) to watch the hearing and see testimony).

To view the hearings and listen to the testimony please click [here](#).

Joint Budget Hearings And Testimony Deadlines

Please find below the deadlines to request to testify in the joint budget hearings as well as the deadlines to submit written testimony. While you can submit testimony to multiple hearings you can only request to testify at one.

To request to Testify please click [here](#) or below and click the link for the hearing you wish to testify at.

Testimony Deadlines & Remaining Hearing Dates

Week 2			
February 3 Transportation	January 28 at 5pm	January 30 at 12pm	February 3 at 5pm
February 4 Mental Hygiene	January 28 at 5pm	January 30 at 12pm	February 4 at 5pm
February 5 Human Services	January 28 at 5pm	January 30 at 12pm	February 5 at 5pm
Week 3			
February 10 Health/Medicaid	January 28 at 5pm	February 6 at 12pm	February 10 at 5pm
February 11 Local Government/General Government	January 28 at 5pm	February 6 at 12pm	February 11 at 5pm
February 12 Public Protection	January 28 at 5pm	February 6 at 12pm	February 12 at 5pm
Break			
Week 4			
February 24 Higher Education	January 28 at 5pm	February 13 at 12pm	February 24 at 5pm
February 25 1.Labor/Workforce Development 2.Housing	January 28 at 5pm	February 13 at 12pm	February 25 at 5pm
February 26 1.Economic Development/ Arts 2.Taxes	January 28 at 5pm	February 13 at 12pm	February 26 at 5pm

Links To Request To Testify

Date	Day	Time	Hearing	Request to Testify Can be Found at:
February 3	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Transportation	Assembly
February 4	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Mental Hygiene	Senate
February 5	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Human Services	Assembly
February 10	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Health	Senate
February 11	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Local/General Government	Assembly

February 12	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Public Protection	Senate
February 24	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Higher Education	Assembly
February 25	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Workforce Dev./Labor	Senate
		2:00 p.m.	Housing	Assembly
February 26	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Economic Dev./Arts	Senate
		2:00pm	Taxes	Assembly

Governor Hochul Introduces the Local Cops, Local Crimes Act to Stop ICE from Co-Opting Local Law Enforcement

Today, Governor Hochul announced the introduction of comprehensive legislation to protect New Yorkers, strengthen constitutional safeguards, and prohibit local law enforcement from being deputized by ICE for federal civil immigration enforcement. The legislation would eliminate 287(g) agreements, barring state and local police from acting as federal agents or using taxpayer-funded resources or personnel to carry out federal civil immigration enforcement. It would also prohibit federal agents from using local detention centers for civil immigration enforcement, mass raids, or the transportation of detainees.

The Governor’s proposal builds on recent legislation introduced as part of her State of the State agenda to protect the constitutional rights of New Yorkers from federal overreach and hold federal agents accountable for unconstitutional action. Additionally, these new actions build on the Governor’s legislation to ensure sensitive locations are protected from civil immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant, including New Yorkers’ homes.

“Over the last year federal immigration agents have carried out unspeakable acts of violence against Americans under the guise of public safety. These abuses – and the weaponization of local police officers for civil immigration enforcement – will not stand in New York,” Governor Hochul said. “Today, I’m announcing new actions that will safeguard our communities against dangerous federal overreach and ensure that New York law enforcement is focused on keeping New Yorkers safe – not doing the job of ICE.”

Current federal immigration efforts have created chaos and fear and undermined our democracy, leading to the loss of innocent lives, including U.S. citizens. The use of state or local law enforcement officers and assets for the enforcement of federal civil immigration violations in furtherance of the federal administration's immigration agenda draws critical public safety resources away from essential law enforcement functions that keep New York's residents and communities safe.

In New York, 14 New York law enforcement agencies across nine counties have signed 287(g) agreements with ICE. With this legislation, all existing 287(g) agreements will be void and New York will join seven other states that currently prohibit 287(g)s: Washington, Oregon, California, Illinois, New Jersey, Delaware, and Connecticut.

To view the full press release please click [here](#).

Senate Blue Book And Assembly Yellow Book Released

The Senate and Assembly released their preliminary analysis of the Executive Budget this week in the [Senate Blue Book](#) and the [Assembly Yellow Book](#).

[Senate Blue Book](#)

[Assembly Yellow Book](#)

New York State and New York City Health Departments Endorse 2026 American Academy of Pediatrics Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule

This week the New York State Department of Health and the New York City Department of Health [announced](#) their official endorsement of the 2026 childhood and adolescent immunization schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This evidence-based schedule recommends routine immunization for protection against 18 preventable diseases including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rotavirus, influenza and meningococcal disease. The Departments of Health encourage all medical providers and families to use the AAP schedule to protect their patients and children.

"Families all across New York State can rest assured that our immunization policies will continue to be aligned with science and evidence-based research that will provide our children and communities with the best protection against diseases that are entirely preventable," State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said. "The Department continues to recommend vaccination in alignment with the American Academy of Pediatrics and remains committed to providing clear, science-based guidance and ensuring access to childhood vaccines for all families."

NYC Health Department Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr. Toni Eyssallenne said, "At a time of so much uncertainty and confusion, it is essential that New York families receive

accurate and evidence-based information when making life saving decisions. As a pediatrician, I have seen first-hand how a lack of vaccines can have detrimental consequences to an entire community. Today, alongside our state partners, the NYC Health Department is affirming our recommendations for all New Yorkers and endorsing the 2026 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations for life saving vaccines."

The Departments issued a [joint letter](#) to providers and health care associations on January 28 informing them of this endorsement and encouraging them to continue their partnership in safeguarding the health and well-being of New York's children. The 2026 AAP recommendations were published on January 26, 2026. While they remain largely consistent with prior AAP guidance issued in August 2025, they differ from the recently updated immunization schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Recent changes to the CDC immunization schedule depart from longstanding scientific evidence and are unfounded and unreliable. By contrast, the AAP childhood and adolescent immunization schedules continue to recommend immunizations based on rigorous research and the specific disease risks and health care delivery context in the U.S.

Families can find information and schedules [here](#).

Providers can access the AAP schedule [here](#).

The 2025-2026 School Year NYS Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance can be found [here](#) and remain unchanged.

To view the full press release please click [here](#).

New York Receives 9-Month Health Care Tax Extension

New York will receive a nine-month extension of a lucrative tax on managed care organizations, netting approximately \$1 billion in extra revenue for the state to dish out to health care providers in the upcoming budget.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services called on states, including New York, to wind down the taxes after President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act closed a loophole that makes them possible. The tax-and-spending package, however, allowed for a transition period of up to three years if authorized by the HHS secretary.

In a statement, Hudson Valley Rep. Mike Lawler — who faces a tough reelection battle — took credit for helping to secure the extended transition period. Lawler hosted CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz in his district in early December, when they met with hospital executives, health care advocates and providers from across the state.

“This additional time would allow hospitals, nursing homes, and state administrators the necessary opportunity to adapt to the new policy without facing significant financial disruption,” Lawler said in a statement.

Background: The state’s MCO tax went into effect in January 2025 and was originally projected to bring in \$3.7 billion over two years.

But Trump’s megabill barred states from implementing those kinds of provider taxes, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services later instructed New York to phase out its tax by March 31. That lowered the state’s total tax revenue projections by about \$1.5 billion.

What’s next: Gov. Kathy Hochul’s executive budget proposed using MCO tax receipts to add \$330 million into the safety-net transformation program — which provides funding to hospitals serving a high number of patients who are uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid — and to continue a 10 percent Medicaid rate increase for outpatient hospital services from last year’s budget.

Now Hochul and state lawmakers have another \$1 billion in receipts to budget. State health care advocates are celebrating the win this week, thanking House Republicans for their advocacy on the issue. Bea Grause, president of the Healthcare Association of New York State, told members in a memo Thursday evening that she is “encouraged” by the CMS decision to give New York more time with the tax.

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

Registration For The New York State Association Of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislators 55th Annual Legislative Conference Open

The New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislators, 55th Annual Legislative Caucus Weekend will take place **February 13–15, 2026 in Albany, New York.**

The conference topics include budget, appropriations and taxation; business and economic development; energy, environment and technology infrastructure; civil rights, judiciary and history; community outreach and civic engagement; criminal justice; education and labor; emerging leaders; foreign affairs and national security; women’s rights and activism; and culture, music and the arts.

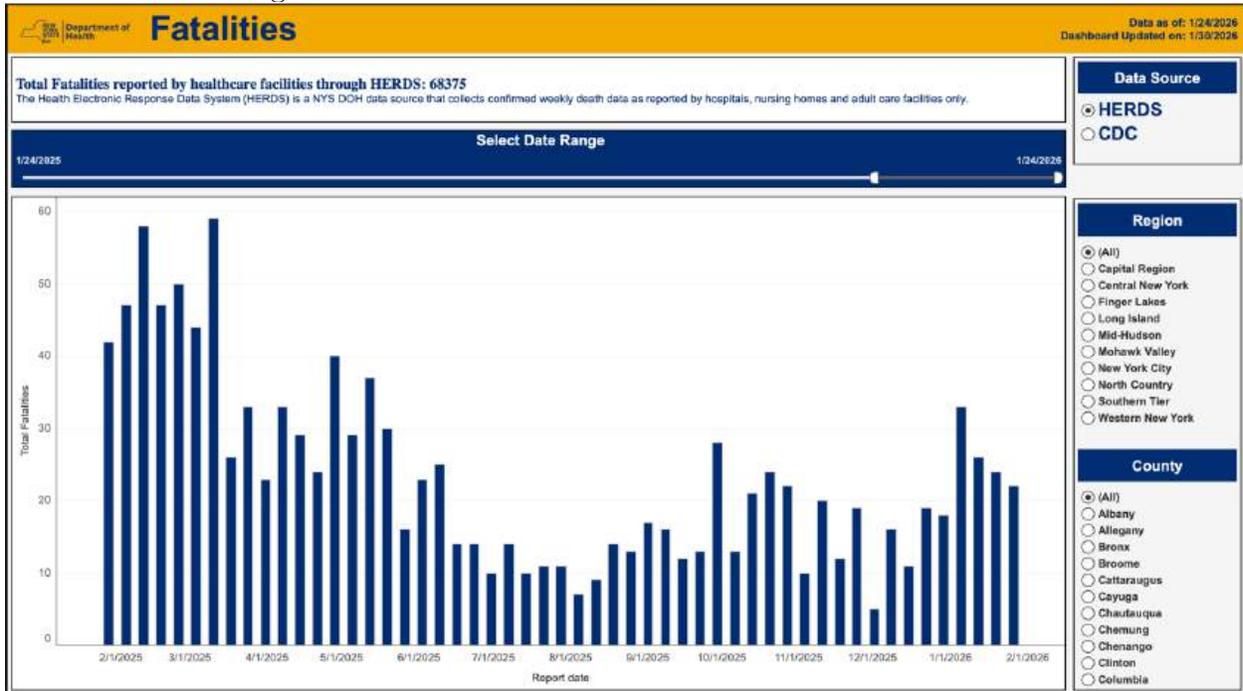
For more information or to register and buy tickets to the conference please click [here](#).

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](#).



Helpful Links and Resources

[Rms Tax And Business Exec Budget Update SFY 2027](#)

[SFY 2026-27 Executive Budget Health/Mental Hygiene Budget Summary](#)

[Empire State Development Tariff Resource Guide](#)

[Eliminating Distractions In Schools Resource](#)

[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/>