

RMS End of Week Update 10/9/2026



Governor Hochul Declares State Disaster Emergency In Response To Ongoing Measles Outbreak

This week Governor Hochul issued an Executive Order declaring a State Disaster Emergency in response to the growing number of measles cases across rural areas of New York and neighboring states. The Executive Order enables the State to respond more swiftly to the outbreak and allows healthcare professionals to take additional steps that will help get more New Yorkers vaccinated and tested, if needed. The Governor also received her seasonal flu shot and urged all New Yorkers to receive this year's flu vaccine to protect against infection. The Governor is committed to putting New Yorkers' health and safety first and has directed the New York State Department of Health to share frequent public notifications and resources throughout this flu season.

"After reviewing the latest data on measles cases in New York State, I am declaring a State Disaster Emergency to strengthen our ongoing efforts to confront this disease," Governor Hochul said. "No one should get seriously ill or die from a vaccine-preventable disease. That is why I have taken steps to increase the number of health professionals who can vaccinate and test. These emergency measures will protect New Yorkers and support our community partners as they work tirelessly to address the spread of this disease."

New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "I appreciate Governor Hochul's swift action to help address ongoing measles cases. Department staff are working closely with local health departments and regional partners to track and contain the current measles outbreak. The measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine is the best protection — protecting nearly all people against disease who receive the recommended doses. I urge New Yorkers to check their vaccination status and make sure that they and their families are protected. I also ask health providers to be prepared to diagnose and treat any measles cases they encounter."

The Executive Order specifically extends the pool of eligible individuals who can administer measles vaccines, including paramedics, advanced EMS providers, pharmacists and midwives, and in addition to physicians, also allows nurses to order testing.

New York State Department of Health's Measles Dashboard

The announcement builds on the State's ongoing measles response efforts, including the launch of a [Measles Dashboard](#) allowing the public and healthcare officials to track local health risks and raise awareness about measles.

In addition to clinical education and guidance for providers, epidemiological support for case investigation and contact tracing, and expedited laboratory testing, the State Department of Health continues to support local health departments with vaccines, community outreach efforts to increase awareness, data analytic support, and clinically accurate and culturally meaningful immunization education.

As of October 3, there have been seven confirmed cases in New York City and 101 in New York State outside of NYC (Rest of State) for 108 total cases this year, amid a global and domestic increase in measles cases.

Since July 15, there have been 92 cases reported among under-immunized, rural communities in 18 counties. Since then, local health departments have administered over 1,000 doses of the MMR vaccine across rural areas of New York State.

Monitoring and investigation activities, such as contact tracing, are ways public health officials work to keep affected communities safe from the spread of infectious diseases. Anyone who is contacted during these activities is encouraged to be responsive so that important information can be shared to prevent more infections.

All New Yorkers are urged to protect themselves by making sure they are up to date on their measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines and be aware of health advisories if traveling with unvaccinated individuals, especially young children. Infants 6 to 11 months

old can receive an early dose of the [MMR vaccine](#) for protection before travel or if they are otherwise at risk of being exposed.

Find the Department's [travel advisory](#) urging New Yorkers to ensure they are fully vaccinated against measles before international travel or travel to an area in the U.S. experiencing an outbreak.

Healthcare providers should report suspected measles cases to their [local health department](#).

Visit the Department's [dedicated measles website](#) for information about measles, current case numbers, immunization data and information for providers.

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

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

Governor Hochul Statement On Man Shot And Wounded In NYC By ICE

Governor Hochul issued the following statement regarding the incident,

“New Yorkers are outraged tonight. Immigrant communities are terrified. And we are demanding answers. There is still much we don’t know about what happened in Marble Hill. But initial reports indicate ICE agents fired into a vehicle with a five-year-old child inside. Any trained law enforcement officer knows how easily that could have ended in tragedy. By the grace of God, that child appears to have escaped without physical injury. No child should ever have to experience the terror of gunfire, let alone wonder if they’ll make it home alive. As a mother and grandmother, I cannot imagine how frightening those moments must have been. New Yorkers have witnessed far too many acts of violence by a rogue federal agency and untrained agents that operate with impunity. Federal authorities need to provide answers, and they must do so immediately”.

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

According To Recent Comptroller Report Wall Street First-Half Profits Soar to Nearly \$46 Billion

Wall Street is on pace for a far stronger year than anticipated, with profits reaching \$45.9 billion in the first half of 2026, up 51.3% from the same period last year, according to a report released this week by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. First-half profits have already surpassed New York City’s \$45.3 billion forecast for the entire year, and if the pace of growth continues, profits could exceed \$90 billion in 2026. DiNapoli also noted that industry jobs reached a record high in 2026 and expects the 2026 bonus pool to increase, compared with the city’s projection of a 20% decline.

“Wall Street is having an exceptionally strong year, fueled by a boom in artificial intelligence spending, increased merger and acquisition activity, and elevated trading volumes amid market volatility,” DiNapoli said. “Despite geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainty, the industry has remained resilient. Barring a recession or major market disruption, strong profits should continue to provide an important boost to state and city revenue.”

DiNapoli’s report uses a traditional measure of the securities industry’s performance by looking at the pretax profits of the broker/dealer operations of New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) member firms. There are 168 NYSE member firms, down from more than 200 in 2007 before the global financial crisis.

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

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

New Siena Poll Has Gendebien Leading Constantino In NY-21

A new Siena Research Institute poll shows Democrat Blake Gendebien leading his Republican opponent Anthony Constantino in New York’s 21st Congressional District by 4 percentage points, an indication that Democrats may be able to flip a seat long viewed as a GOP stronghold.

The poll was conducted between Sept. 30 and Oct. 6 and sponsored by the Times Union as well as television station WPTZ-NBC5 and radio station WAMC. (Hearst Corp. owns the Times Union and WPTZ.)

The poll of 496 likely voters in the sprawling North Country district found 49% identify as Republicans, 28% as Democrats and 23% as independent or other. About two-thirds of participants were aged 55 and older, and the poll had a margin of error of 4.6%.

When asked who they would vote for if the congressional election were held today, 46% said they would vote for Gendebien compared with 42% for Constantino. Another 5% said they would vote for Christopher Schmidt, an independent running in the race, and the remaining 8% said they didn’t know or refused to answer. It also found 85% of Democrats and 51% of independents said they would vote for Gendebien, compared to just 65% of Republicans and 30% of independents supporting Constantino.

Republican U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik, who is not seeking reelection to a seventh term, and President Donald J. Trump. A [previous poll conducted](#) by SurveyUSA and sponsored by WNYT-TV NewsChannel 13 also showed Gendebien with a slight lead (with Constantino’s campaign threatening to sue the channel over the results) and a recent Cook Political Report [shifted](#) the district from “solid” to “likely” Republican.

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

Governor Hochul Announces New Subway Gate Pilot Reduced Fare Evasion by 35%, Unveils Next 20 Stations to Receive Modern Fare Gates

This week Governor Hochul announced the results of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) subway fare gate pilot, which saw fare evasion decline by an average of 35 percent at the 20 stations where new, modern gates have been installed. Following this successful pilot, Governor Hochul also announced the next 20 subway stations that will receive new fare gates across all entrances, marking major progress to strengthen the system against fare evasion, modernize the system, and improve accessibility and customer experience.

"The data is clear: these new fare gates have created a better riding experience for customers and made it harder for would-be fare evaders to enter the system without paying," Governor Hochul said. "Now, we're ramping up our plan to install these world-class fare gates across the subway system so even more riders can benefit. New York's transit renaissance is powered by historic investments in aging infrastructure and improvements to safety and reliability, and by replacing turnstiles that date back to the token-era, we can achieve the twin benefits of accessibility upgrades and reduced fare evasion that riders deserve."

This initiative, part of the 2025-2029 Capital Plan, is a generational investment of \$1.1 billion to upgrade fare control areas across 150 stations. Following the pilot, the next 20 stations represent the first phase of the broader 150 station overhaul, which will see modern fare gates installed at stations serving nearly three quarters of all daily subway riders. The rollout of modern fare gates will continue into 2027, with a second phase consisting of 30 additional stations under construction by the end of next year. Between the pilot stations and phases one and two, 70 subway stations will be outfitted with modern fare gates.

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, "The early returns on the new fare gate pilot are pretty impressive – an average 35 percent reduction in fare evasion at these stations. Right now, we're focused on expanding to the next 20, but thanks to Governor Hochul, we'll get to 150 stations as part of the billion-dollar investment funded in the MTA Capital Plan."

Last fall, the MTA began evaluating the new fare gates based on their impact on fare evasion, accessibility, customer experience, entry and egress throughput, maintenance, integration, and data and detection accuracy. Since the pilot began, roughly 29 million entries and 34 million exits have been recorded, and roughly 40 to 50 percent of typical daily subway riders have used the new gates at least once.

The stations that received new fare gates have experienced an average of a 35 percent reduction in fare evasion, with the largest decreases recorded at Hoyt St 2 3 and

Nostrand Av A C, both with a 72 percent decrease, and 3 Av-138 St 6 with a reduction of 65 percent in fare evasion.

Throughout the pilot, the MTA adjusted the technology based on performance and customer feedback. These findings were critical in determining the final designs for the system. The next 20 stations slated to receive new fare gates will be:

Brooklyn

- 36 St DNR
- Bedford Av L
- Coney Island-Stillwell Av DFNQ
- Hoyt-Schermerhorn ACG
- Myrtle Av JMZ
- Newkirk Plaza BQ

Bronx

- 3 Av-149 St 25
- 161 St-Yankee Stadium 4BD
- Fordham Rd BD
- Parkchester 6

Manhattan

- 14 St-Union Sq 456LNQRW
- 72 St 123
- 86 St 456
- 125 St 456
- Chambers St 123
- Spring St CE

Queens

- Astoria Blvd NW
- Flushing-Main St 7
- Forest Hills-71 Av EFMR
- Sutphin Blvd/Archer Av-JFK Airport EJZ

The MTA is advancing the process of purchasing gates from the approved vendors for installation at the 20 stations listed. Early station preparation work is expected to begin in October 2026.

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

Helpful Links and Resources

[2026 RMS HMM End of Session Update](#)

[RMS Revenue and Tax Final Budget Table](#)

[RMS Health/Mental Hygiene Final Budget Table](#)

[FY 2027 Enacted Budget Financial Plan](#)

Empire State Development Tariff Resource Guide

NYS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard

NYS COVID-19 Fatalities Tracker

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/>