

Summary of New York “Micro-Cluster” Strategy

1. These zones are more targeted than NY State regional monitoring – NY uses granular data to pinpoint epicenters of viral outbreaks in neighborhoods and smaller areas.
2. More calibrated and focused response regarding shutdowns – attempt to include actions that may be shown by contact tracing data as driving viral spread.

3. Focus Zone Distinctions:

Geographic area has 10 or more new daily cases per 100,000 residents on 7-day average AND:

Red: 7-day rolling average positivity above 4% for 10 days

Orange Warning: 7-day rolling average positivity above 3% for 10 days

Yellow Precautionary: 7-day rolling average positivity above 2.5% for 10 days

ALSO

Orange Buffer Zone: An Orange Zone area can be put in place primarily in densely populated urban areas as a tight buffer zone around a Red Zone micro-cluster. The purpose:

1. to restrict activity to prevent further spread from Red Zone area;
2. to provide a defined geographic area where metrics can be monitored daily to ensure COVID is not spreading beyond the Red Zone.

Yellow Buffer Zone: A Yellow Zone area can be put in place as a broader buffer area to ensure COVID outbreak is not spreading into the broader community. The purpose:

1. to restrict some activity to help prevent further spread from Red and/or Orange Warning Zone area;
2. to provide a larger defined geographic area where metrics can be monitored daily to ensure COVID is not spreading beyond the Red Zone or Orange Warning Zone.

Summary of response requirements:

Type of Activity	RED	ORANGE (BUFFER & WARNING)	YELLOW (BUFFER & PRECAUTIONARY)
Worship	25% capacity 10 people maximum	33% capacity 25 people maximum	50% capacity
Mass Gathering	Prohibited	10 people maximum, indoor and outdoor	25 people maximum, indoors and outdoors
Businesses	Only essential businesses open	Closing high-risk non- essential business (gyms, personal care, etc.)	Open
Dining	Takeout/delivery only	Outdoor dining only, 4 person maximum per table	Indoor and outdoor dining, 4 person maximum per table
Schools	CLOSED Remote-only		Open Mandatory 20% weekly testing of students and teachers/staff for in- person settings.