

## COVID-19 Government Sources

As we all struggle to cope with the onset of this pandemic, many of us are searching for reliable information on the novel COVID-19 (coronavirus). Where can we access reliable and accurate information? The media is rife with news, but is it reliable?

Luckily, there are a plethora of government sites listed on the Government Publishing Office (GPO), the official United States publisher and purveyor of US government documents. The "[Government Book Talk](#)" GPO page provides links to current and accurate information on this pandemic, as well as ways in which we can protect ourselves. The following is a summary of what is included.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) has a variety information on the virus:

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)- page with valuable information and links on how to prevent getting sick, what to do if you are sick, symptoms, links to health care services and facilities, and links to information of latest cases of COVID-19 throughout the United States
- Factsheet [COVID-19 and You](#) (concise list of currently known facts about COVID-19, including symptoms, treatment and how to curb its spread)
- Page of information regarding [cases in the U.S.](#) -this contains information on statistics of cases and deaths in the U.S. and is updated daily Monday-Friday
- Page with information for [high risk](#) individuals

Some other reliable government sources include:

- [Medline Plus](#) (U.S. National Library of Medicine) -links to information provided by the CDC and the National Institute of Health
- Guidelines published by the [White House](#) (available in both English and Spanish) on COVID-19
- Information and guidelines published by the [National Institute of Health](#) (a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- [Clinical trials](#) on treatments of COVID-19 by the National Institute of Health
- [USA.gov](#) has a page of information regarding various government agency responses to the outbreak, including a link to information published by the COVID-19 Task Force of the White House
- Information on the [Department of State](#) response to the outbreak, especially useful for those seeking passport services or travel information

Other Federal agencies response to the pandemic:

- [FDA](#) (Food and Drug Administration)
- [EPA](#) (United States Environmental Protection Agency)
- [USDA](#) (United States Department of Agriculture)
- [TSA](#) (Transportation and Security Administration, part of Department of Homeland Security)-provides helpful information on various airports throughout the nation where employees tested positive for COVID-19
- [FTC](#) (Federal Trade Commission)-contains helpful information on how to avoid scams resulting from the pandemic
- [US Department of Defense](#)
- [Federal Aviation Administration \(FAA\)](#)

### **Economic impacts of COVID-19**

Many Americans are without employment as a result of this pandemic. The government, both state and federal, have and are in the process of implementing relief measures.

The [IRS \(Internal Revenue Service\)](#) and the [New York State Department of Taxation and Finance](#) has extended the tax filing deadline to **July 15, 2020**. For more information about measures taken by these agencies in response to the crisis please consult their sites.

The federal **CARES Act** was passed into law on March 27, 2020. **The act provides unemployment insurance as well as pandemic unemployment insurance for New Yorkers.** The New York State Department of Labor has compiled a [fact sheet](#) on this act including information regarding how to file a claim. You can also consult the NYS Department of Labor page [What You Need to Know and Do about the Cares Act](#) for additional information. The US Treasury Department and the IRS announced on March 30 2020 the distribution of economic impact payments to Americans, for additional information on this consult the IRS page [Economic Impact Payments: What You Need To Know](#)