



Governor Kathy Hochul  
 New York State Capitol Building  
 Albany, NY 12224

VIA EMAIL

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**Re: New COVID-19 Webpage and Data Are a Welcome Step Forward, Please Finish the Job**

Dear Governor Hochul,

Thank you for publishing more COVID-19 open data and making it easier for the public to find. The new COVID-19 webpage and datasets are a welcome step forward, and by going even further, New York State could become the clear leader in COVID-19 transparency. Some important COVID-19 data is still not available or usable by the public. We ask today that you finish the job and publish all of the state’s COVID-19 public datasets as open data.

We appreciate that you have linked to most New York COVID-19 webpages from one page, making it far easier for the public to locate the data they want. The new front page will make COVID-19 data more accessible going forward, and we ask that all COVID-19 pages – such as DOCCS and OCFS – are also linked.

Thank you also for adding more COVID-19 data to the Open NY portal, including:

- COVID-19 hospitalizations and beds
- COVID-19 hospital staff vaccinations
- COVID-19 hospital admissions by gender
- COVID-19 testing and hospital admissions by zip code

- COVID-19 report cards for public, private, and charter schools, and BOCES programs

We are encouraged by your progress and urge you to complete this work by publishing all of the 270 open datasets and records listed in the chart we've attached. The state already provides more than 70 of these in some form, but not as open data. We have also attached a list of recommendations for improving COVID-19 data sharing in New York generally.

Thank you,

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