



## SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE **CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

### Timeline of the Cuomo Cover-Up

- March 1, 2020: First confirmed case of COVID-19 in New York.
- March 13, 2020: CDC and CMS release guidance stressing that a COVID-19 positive nursing home resident must be quarantined and properly treated. The guidance directly forbids nursing homes from accepting patients they were unable to properly treat.
- March 25, 2020: Governor Cuomo issues a lethal directive mandating nursing homes, regardless of ability to provide care, to accept COVID-19 positive patients discharged from hospitals. The directive prohibited the nursing homes from testing the patients prior to admittance.
- May 10, 2020: Governor Cuomo quietly rescinds the March 25th directive and removes it from New York's public website.
- May 21, 2020: Governor Cuomo participates in a SNL type interview with his brother, Chris Cuomo, on CNN; there was no mention of lethal nursing home directive.
- June 9, 2020: The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine insists that Governor Cuomo is undercounting nursing home deaths.
- June 11, 2020: The Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis holds a public briefing titled "The Devastating Impact Of The Coronavirus Crisis in America's Nursing Homes." Republicans requested Chairman Clyburn join an investigation into Governor Cuomo's lethal directive and he declined.**
- June 15, 2020: Select Subcommittee Republicans sent a letter to Governor Cuomo requesting communications and data about his lethal order that violated CDC and CMS nursing home guidance and directed COVID-19 positive patients into the nursing home. Democrats refused to join this effort. Governor Cuomo ignored the request.**
- June 16, 2020: Governor Cuomo, after receipt of the letter, called Select Subcommittee Republicans "craven political hacks."
- June 25, 2020: Select Subcommittee Republicans sent letters to Democrat New York Attorney General Letitia James requesting an investigation of Governor Cuomo's lethal directive. Although AG James did not directly respond to Republicans' request, the pressure from Select Subcommittee Republicans and others resulted in her launching an investigation.**

- July 6, 2020: The New York State Department of Health issues a sham report that was reviewed and edited by staff of Governor Cuomo absolving him of all blame and instead blaming the front-line health workers for bringing COVID-19 into nursing homes.
- July 9, 2020: Select Subcommittee Republicans sent a letter to Governor Cuomo dismantling his sham report, which passed the blame for the COVID-19 crisis in nursing homes to the front-line health care workers. Additionally, Republicans requested communications and data about his lethal order. Governor Cuomo ignored this request.**
- August 18, 2020: Governor Cuomo announces he is writing a book about his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- August 26, 2020: The U.S. Department of Justice announces an investigation to determine if Governor Cuomo was intentionally withholding the true nursing home fatality data.
- October 13, 2020: Governor Cuomo's book was released.
- Nov. 23, 2020: Governor Cuomo gets an Emmy.
- January 28, 2021: Democrat New York Attorney General Letitia James issues a scathing report about Governor Cuomo's lethal March 25th directive. It contained five key facts:
1. "COVID-19 resident deaths associated with nursing homes in New York State appear to be undercounted by [NYSDOH] by approximately 50 percent."
  2. "From March 25 [the date of your 'must-admit' order] to May 8 [the date the 'must admit' order was rescinded], 6,326 hospital patients were admitted [into] 310 nursing homes."
  3. "Data linking the number of nursing home deaths to the admissions policy contained in the March 25 guidance is obscured by that same guidance, which also prohibited nursing homes from requiring COVID-19 testing as a criterion for admission."
  4. "4,000 nursing home deaths occurred after the issuance of the March 25 guidance, including some in 323 facilities that apparently had no reported COVID-19 infections before receiving admission or re-admission of hospital resident who had been diagnosed with COVID-19."
  5. "[T]hese admissions may have contributed to increased risk of nursing home resident infection, and subsequent fatalities..."
- January 28, 2021: Select Subcommittee Republicans sent a letter to Governor Cuomo highlighting the bombshell report from Democrat NY AG James and again requesting communications and data about his lethal order. Governor Cuomo ignored this request.**

- February 10, 2021: Governor Cuomo's top aide, Melissa DeRosa, admits to the Cuomo Administration intentionally "fr[eezing]" the state's nursing home death toll to conceal the facts out of fear the truth would be "used against [the Cuomo Administration]" by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- February 11, 2021: The Associated Press reports that Governor Cuomo's lethal order sent nearly 9,000 COVID-19 positive patients from hospitals into nursing homes.
- February 17, 2021: It is reported that the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are in the early stages of investigating Governor Cuomo's mishandling of nursing homes, including his lethal directive and possible obstruction of justice.
- February 17, 2021: Democrat New York State Assemblyman Ron Kim told CNN and The New York Times that Governor Cuomo threatened to "destroy his life" if he did not participate in the nursing home cover up.
- February 18, 2021: CNN banned Chris Cuomo from covering his brother.
- February 19, 2021: Select Subcommittee Republicans sent another letter to Governor Cuomo, again requesting communications and data about his lethal order, after his top aide admitted to hiding the true nursing home data from the U.S. Congress, the New York State Legislature, and possibly the Department of Justice for the purposes of avoiding accountability and prosecution. Governor Cuomo ignored this request.**
- February 24, 2021: House Committee on Oversight and Reform Ranking Member James Comer (R-Ky.) and all Oversight Republicans call on Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) to issue subpoenas for New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's testimony before the Oversight Committee and for the documents, information, and communications Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis Republicans have requested repeatedly from Governor Cuomo related to his order mandating contagious coronavirus patients to be admitted to nursing home and long-term care facilities.