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ASK ANDREW #13

If Andrew is such an effective manager, why did he "hinder" NYC government ability to respond to the pandemic effectively?

BROOKLYN, NY... The Cuomo COVID Orphans released the latest yet to be answered questions for reporters to ask former Governor Andrew Cuomo in this 13th installment of their weekly series, called ASK ANDREW.

The official [NYC COVID-19 Response Review Report](#) stated:

"the City worked with State, Federal, and non-profit partners to **establish 11 alternate care sites in NYC**, including the U.S. Naval Ship (USNS) Comfort and a Federal Medical Station at the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

the City often had no prior notice of what the Governor would address during press conferences and learned of new guidance and policies it was tasked with enforcing with the rest of the public.

The Cuomo administration was reluctant to share data with the City and often refused to give advance warning of policy changes and new directives. This dynamic **hindered** the City's ability to plan and respond to the pandemic effectively.

For example, in March 2020, the State restricted the City's access to its Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS)."

On March 18, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo [waved off the idea](#) of putting New York City under a shelter-in-place policy due to the coronavirus pandemic — just hours after the city's mayor, Bill de Blasio, stated we should 'prepared right now' for that possibility."

This week's ASK ANDREW

1. If the NYC mayor worked to set up 11-alternative care sites ([see p32](#)), why did Cuomo administration still send 6,000 COVID positive people into NYC nursing homes?
2. Does the former governor believe that the best way to communicate with the NYC mayor and the city government was at his daily press conferences ([see p24](#))?
3. Does the former governor regret cutting off NYC DOH access to the states COVID HERDS critical data system ([see p24](#)) during a pandemic?
4. Did Andrew, living in Albany, truly understand the city's need to shut down better than NYC DOH and the NYC Mayor? (see [link](#) and [link](#))?

To read a detailed summary of the facts surrounding Cuomo's actual COVID-19 response record, click [here](#).

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