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# **NYS Closure Of All Non-Essential Businesses Starts 8PM Tonight**

**FEMA GRANTS  
FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION**

***Amid Coronavirus Pandemic***

*Four additional hospital sites; additional supplies obtained; therapy testing to begin; and more*

**NYS Co nfirm ed: 15,168  
NYS deaths: 114**

**NYC confirmed: 9,654**  
**Brooklyn confirmed: 2,484**

## **NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**

### Governor Cuomo Executive Order:

- Four new hospital sites identified: SUNY Stonybrook; Westbury; Westchester Convention Center and Jacob Javits Convention Center.
- Javits Center will also be used to house 4 field hospitals at 250 beds capacity each, giving an additional 1000 beds.
- Additional request for an Army Corps of Engineers temporary hospital to be housed at Javits Center.
- New York's resources of 200 labs to assist in testing.
- New York City to submit a plan within 24 hours to eliminate street density, especially in parks.

Federal Government issued a Federal Disaster Declaration allowing FEMA to provide financial assistance. **100% of the cost of this disaster will be covered by FEMA.**

## **DRUG THERAPY TESTING**



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New York to conduct immediately trials for new drug therapy. The FDA is going to acceleration **10,000 doses** of drug therapy to New York.

## **ACCESS TO SUPPLIES**



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### **New York State has identified new critical equipment**

- **6000** new ventilators purchased
- 2 million N95 masks obtained by NYS; **1 million** will be sent to NYC and **500,000** to Long Island
- Additional ventilators are being gathered from all health facilities that are not using.

### **LIFESTYLE CHANGES**



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New York City identified as the [U.S. Epicenter](#) of the Coronavirus. More than 1/3 of U.S. cases are in NYC.

[Youth](#) who once thought to be less prone to attract the coronavirus is now showing higher numbers. **Youth between the age of 18-49 in New York State is now 53% of the coronavirus cases.**

Governor Cuomo states that we can expect to see the coronavirus around for several months, possibly 4, 6, or 9 months. Anticipates 40%-80% to contract coronavirus.

### CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



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If you are a first responder, medical personnel, transit worker, or other key personnel who must go to work but is in need of childcare, fill out this form to apply for enrollment in a Regional Enrichment Center, which will open in all boroughs on [Monday, March 23rd, 2020](#).

Click [here](#) to complete form

### NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced that **all offices and auto bureaus will be closed** until further notice.

While offices are closed, expiration dates for driver licenses, non-driver IDs, and registrations will be extended, according

to the agency. In addition, road tests will be suspended until further notice. Additional info [here](#).

## PRISONS

### **Vulnerable defendants released from Brooklyn jail**

Mayor de Blasio has identified at least [40 vulnerable defendants](#) to be released/moved from custody to prevent a widespread of the coronavirus. Public safety and containment of the virus is all being considered in this process.

## NYC MTA



Photo Credit: NBC New York

### **MTA local bus riders ride free**

New York City passengers will be able to [ride free](#) on on local buses in an effort to protect bus drivers from contracting coronavirus. Passengers must enter through the rear door, except riders with mobile impairments who can enter through the front door.

Riders who use Select Bus Service are still required to pay at the curbside machines.

## LIQUOR STORES TO REMAIN OPEN

[Liquor stores](#) are deemed essential services and will remain open during the period of PAUSE.

## RESOURCES FOR EXPENTANT MOTHERS /

## IMMIGRANTS AND HIV SERVICES

Expectant Mothers:

Caribbean Women's Health Association:

- General Office #: 718-826-2942
- Doula Services:
  - Abena Amory, Program Coordinator, 718-826-2952 x221
  - Debra Lesane: Program Director, 718-826-2952 x203
- Breastfeeding/Parent Workshop & Support Group Inquiries/Updates
  - Lisa Joseph: Special Assistant/Public Programs, 718-826-2952 x206

Brightpoint Health: 885-681-8700

- Make appointment or be assessed by nurse via phone

Legal/Immigration: Ann Aly, Legal Assistant, 516-350-0371  
The immigration department is providing remote assistance for persons needing to consult with the attorney and persons needing application assistance.

HIV Services/Inquiries: Corean Salliard, Coordinator HIV Programs, 718-826-7942 x213

## AVOID SCAMS



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Notify NYC: Beware of COVID19 scams!

Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp) .

Or to the Attonery General's office and fill out a [complaint form](#)

CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Visit this [site](#) to obtain a list of essential services.

### SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on New York City's workforce, the City of New York has developed a list of resources for those who may be unemployed due to COVID-19 or are seeking additional assistance. The list below will be updated frequently.

It has information on the following categories:

- Employment Resources
- Food Assistance
- Health & Medical Assistance
- Financial Assistance
- Rent Arrears and Public Assistance
- Emotional Support & Spiritual Care
- Other Assistance

Visit this [website](#) for resources.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19



# What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

## Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

## Separate yourself from other people in your home

As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

## Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

## Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

## Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, immediately clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

## Clean your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

## Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water.

## Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>.

## Discontinuing home isolation

Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Current information on COVID-19 is limited; home precautions are conservative and based on general recommendations for other diseases, like Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

**STAY INFORMED**



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about  
**coronavirus**



Health officials are working tirelessly to protect public health and contain this virus. And, as your representative in Albany, I am working to ensure that our state is putting the health and safety of our families first.

Remember COVID-19 can affect any community and we must stand by one another during this time, not alienate, threaten or discriminate against others.

For questions you can also reach out to the New York State's novel coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065**. For continuous updates, you can visit the following websites:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

*The CDC also now has the option for you to sign up for weekly updates on COVID-19.*

New Yorkers Can Sign Up for Email Updates [Here](#) and Ask Questions About COVID-19 [Here](#)

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [Here](#)

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Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)**, and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education, Banks, Health, and Higher Education**. She is also a member of the Task Force on Women's Issues and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council and Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force**.

As a current Assemblymember, District Leader, and Chair of Brooklyn Democratic Party, Rodneyse Bichotte has been an outspoken advocate on issues concerning **immigration, education, economic development, unemployment, education reform, health care access, senior citizen centers, affordable housing, school safety, women's and LGBTQ rights** , as well as other issues affecting the quality of life in the community.

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