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COVID-19 Updates



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NYC Mayor Announces Mental Health Support for Health Care Workers

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

MTA to Provide Plan to Clean Trains Daily; Antibody Testing for Transit Workers; Online Marriage Licenses; Halal Food Trucks; And More!

NYS Confirmed: 299,691
NYS Deaths: 18,015

NYC Confirmed: 164,841
Brooklyn Confirmed: 44,236

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo; "Self portrait of America" mural of homemade masks sent to New York from people across U.S.

- Governor Cuomo announced that New York State is now conducting an average of **30,000** diagnostic tests per day.
- FDNY and NYPD preliminary antibody testing study results shows that **17.1%** of FDNY and **10.5%** of NYPD have antibodies.
- NYS is expanding antibody testing for **1,000** transit workers.

- The Governor announced that the **MTA** will provide a plan tomorrow on how they plan to clean and disinfect trains every night to protect front line workers.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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Thrive NYC 

Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

Mental Health Support:

- **NYC Health + Hospital Helping Healers Heal Program.**
 - Program provides **24/7** Behavioral Health helpline for Health + Hospital staff. The helpline number is **(646) 815-4150**.
 - The program will also provide one on one peer group support and wellness rounds at all facilities.
- **FDNY Gold Standard Counseling Services Unit** is available by phone 24/7 at **(212) 570-1693**.
- **Thrive NYC** services are also available to all by calling **(888) NYC-WELL**.

Confronting Combat Stress:

- Mayor and First Lady Chirlaine McCray announced **Department of Defense Mental Health Support for NYC Health Care Workers**

- Military trauma specialist will assess entire health system to implement new programs tailored to individual hospitals.
- Will train **1,000** staff members from public and private hospitals to combat stress management.

Free Antibody Testing:

- NYC will offer free antibody tests to over **150,000** healthcare workers and first responders; a partnership with **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** and the **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**.
- Tests will be offered at hospitals, firehouses, police stations and correctional facilities.
- Testing identifies whether a person was infected with COVID-19 and recovered from virus
- Testing will begin next week and the goal is to test all healthcare workers and first responders in one month.
- If someone tests positive for antibodies that does not mean that they are fully protected from catching COVID-19 again.

Protecting Homeless New Yorkers:

- NYC Department of Homeless Services will further reduce shelter density by moving **1,000** more people from shelters into hotels, prioritizing large shelters.
- **NYC Health + Hospitals** will work with Department of Homeless Services to provide **medical oversight** at all DHS sites and will begin testing homeless individuals at sites this week.

Marriage Licenses:

- Mayor is launching “**Project Cupid**” to allow couples to get married online. This will start next week.

- Information will be provided in 11 languages. For more information visit [here](#) and [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: NY Times

- Today, President Trump met with large business executives to discuss plans to reopen the economy.
- The President announced that he does not plan to extend the guidelines once the **30** day "slow the spread" social distancing guidelines expire.
- **35 states** have released formal reopening plans.
- The **U.S Pentagon** announced that they will invest **\$7.5 million** to increase swab production by **20 million** per month starting in May using the **Defense Production Act**.
- According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the early trial results of an experimental drug

named **remdesivir** have shown good results. This drug can possibly provide a COVID-19 patient with a quicker recovery. Fauci stated, "the median time of recovery for patients taking the drug was **11 days**, compared with **15 days** in the placebo group."

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JETBLUE



Jetblue airline will now **require** all passengers to wear a face covering during flights.

**HAITIAN ROUND TABLE: COVID-19 IMPACT ON
HAITIAN BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE U.S**



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THE HAITI DIALOGUE TELE-SERIES PART IV **THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HAITIAN BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE U.S.**

Join legislators, government and industry leaders for a tele-discussion (via Zoom) regarding the impact of COVID-19 on Haitian small business owners in the U.S. and learn more about available resources and best practices.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

1:00PM - 2:00PM

SPEAKERS



HON. RODNEYSE BICHOTTE
NYS Assemblymember and
Brooklyn Dem. Party Leader



CASSANDRE DAVILMAR
Owner and Manager



HON. WENDY GARCIA
Chief Diversity Officer
NYC Comptroller's Office



YVE-CAR MOMPEROUSSE
CEO and Co-Founder
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Join Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte tomorrow Thursday, April 30th from 1:00 p.m to 2 p.m for a Haitian Round Table Dialogue Tele-Series on the impact of COVID-19 on Haitian business

owners in the U.S. To attend you must RSVP
at Info@thehaitianroundtable.org.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



Assemblymember
Rodneyse Bichotte
42nd Assembly District



FLATBUSH AVENUE WALK-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITE

*This testing site is **by appointment only**.*

You **must** contact the
NYS Department of Health
at **1-888-364-3065** to
schedule an appointment.

Brookdale Family Care Center

1095 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

For more information about this or any community concern,
contact Assemblymember Bichotte's district office

718-940-0428 | bichotter@nyassembly.gov | www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District** . To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.

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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). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office, fill out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: 800-697-1220.**
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



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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.

NYS Department of Health Hotline for people who want to be assessed and get appointment for test ([888-364-3065](tel:888-364-3065)). NYC residents should call ([844-692-4692](tel:844-692-4692)).

Volunteer to Support

Others: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days to household with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call 844-488-8395**. Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit [here](#).

In-District Businesses open/closed : Provided by **Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID** : Visit Flatbush Avenue Business Directory [here](#) and Church Avenue Business directory [here](#). **Businesses open/closed**: Provided by **Flatbush Development Corporation** : Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory [here](#). Includes businesses located in:

- Cortelyou Road (Coney Island Ave - Ocean Ave)
- Coney Island Avenue (Cortelyou Road - Foster Ave)
- Newkirk Plaza
- Newkirk Avenue (Coney Island Ave - Ocean Ave)
- Foster Avenue (Coney Island Ave - Ocean Ave)
- Ditmas Park

Small Businesses:

For resources on **business** grants and loans, [visit here](#).

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

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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](#)

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.

Learn more about
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her websites:
<http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte>
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