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## COVID-19 Updates

# NY FORWARD

A GUIDE TO REOPENING NEW YORK & BUILDING BACK BETTER



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## **Governor Releases NY Forward Reopening Guide**

### *Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

Alternate Side Parking Update; FreshDirect Deliveries This Week; Additional Testing Supplies For States; And More!

**NYS Confirmed: 337,055**  
**NYS Deaths: 21,640**  
**NYC Confirmed: 185,357**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 50,072**

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- Today, Governor Cuomo announced that there are **three regions** in NY set to reopen after the May 15th PAUSE order expires. The **Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley** regions meet all seven metrics required to reopen.
  - To see full list of where NY regions stand on metric scale, visit [here](#).
- The Governor released the **NY Forward Reopening Guide**. To access the guide, [visit here](#).
- NY will reopen certain low risks businesses and recreational activities as of May 15th, including:
  - Landscaping and gardening

- Outdoor, low risk recreational activities such as Tennis and drive-in movie theaters
- Governor Cuomo is asking local officials to:
  - Have testing tracing in place
  - Monitor infection rate with hospitals
  - Ensure business compliance
  - Communicate with other local governments
- Regional control room
  - Governor announced members of a regional control room who will monitor the progress of regions that reopen.
  - The members will alert the state if the region's metrics **no longer** meet the reopening guidelines. They will also adjust the reopening plan for that region accordingly.
  - The members can be found [here](#).

## NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- Mayor de Blasio announced effort to **strengthen community health providers** in hardest-hit neighborhoods.
  - Supply clinics with PPE
    - **120,000** surgical masks per week
    - **115,000** gloves per week
  - Focus on high-risk patients by increase staffing:
    - Providing access to hundreds of volunteers through medical reserve corps to help providers serve high risk patients.
  - Expanding Tele-Medicine
    - Goal is to expand tele-health services with **150** community providers and host weekly webinars.
  - Support test and trace:
    - Partner with providers to expand and implement test and tracing.
  - Assist with federal aid
    - Help community health providers access federal COVID funding.
    - NYC Small Business Services to provide small group and one-on-one assistance to community health providers and clinics.
- **Small Business:**
  - The Mayor announced that **Gregg Bishop** will serve as the **Senior Advisor** for **Small Business COVID-19 Recovery** and **Jonnell Doris** will serve as the new **Commissioner** of **Small Business Services**.
- **Protecting Homeless New Yorkers:**
  - **8,000** single adults are now in hotel rooms.
  - City will continue to move **1,000** people weekly from shelters into hotels to isolate and continue wide scale testing.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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### Testing:

- Today, President Trump announced that over **9 million** COVID-19 tests have been performed in the United States.
- The Food and Drug Administration has authorized over **92** emergency use authorizations for COVID-19 tests.
  - Friday, the **FDA** authorized the emergency use authorization of a COVID-19 **antigen test**. The manufacturer, **Quidel Corporation**, will be able to produce **150,000** antigen test per day immediately and **300,000** antigen tests per day in a few weeks.

- There are now over **242** retail and pharmacy testing sites across the country, **70%** of sites are located in vulnerable communities.

**Funding:**

- Federal Administration is sending **\$11 Billion** to American state territories and tribes to provide states with more testing abilities.

**Supplies:**

- Federal government providing ventilators to other countries.
- Federal government is providing states nationwide with the following:
  - **12.9 million** swabs and additional swabs if needed.
  - **9 million** transport media to transfer swabs to labs.
  - Over **90 million** N95 masks.
  - **126 million** surgical masks.
  - **9 million** face shields.
  - **21 million** surgical gowns.
  - **993 million** surgical gloves.
  - **10,690** ventilators.

**ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING UPDATE**



Photo Credit: (Howard Simmons / New York Daily News)

Mayor De Blasio announced that **Alternate Side Parking** will be **suspended** through Sunday, **May 17th**. Alternate Side Parking will **resume Monday, May 18th to the Sunday, May 24th** to allow for a week long cleaning sweep for the City. Alternate Side Parking will be **suspended again from Monday, May 25th to Sunday, June 7th**.

**FRESHDIRECT DELIVERY**



## MWBE AND SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATIONAL CONFERENCE CALL

LIVE



Today, **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** and **Senator James Sanders Jr.** hosted a **MWBE and Small Business Informational Conference Call** which included speakers from the Governor's Office, Mayor's Office, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, DASNY, School Construction Authority, McKissack & McKissack, MTA, NYC Department of Design and Construction, NYC Small Business Services and TruFund Financial Services. To access the recording, [visit here](#).

**COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH**



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# **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

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We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District** . **You must make an appointment before visiting the center or you will be turned away.** To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.

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*42nd Assembly District*



## **Sears Parking Lot**

2307 Beverley Road  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

**Testing site is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

For appointment call 888-364-3065

*If you experience symptoms or have been exposed  
to someone with the virus, call your doctor*



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**THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

Bravely serving  
us every day.

**THANK YOU  
LAW  
ENFORCEMENT!**



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Law Enforcement** officers for courageously serving us daily.

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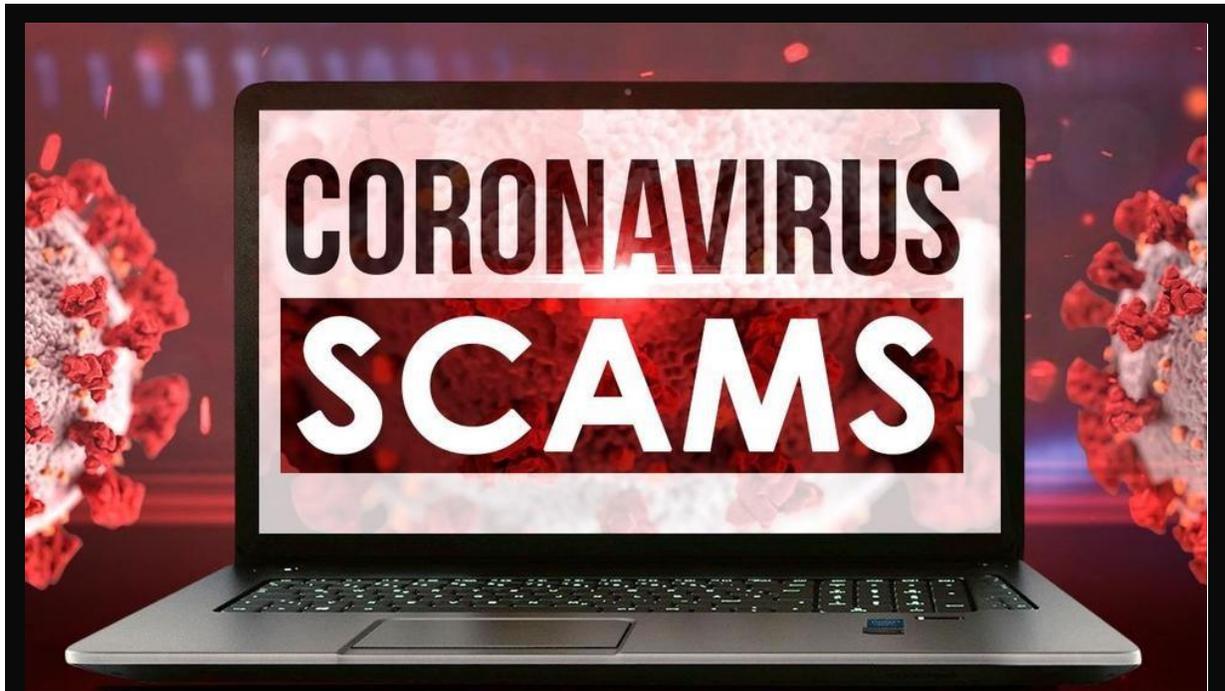


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 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](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](tel: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](#).

**IMMIGRATION**

- If you or a loved one is in need of free Immigration assistance, please call **CUNY Citizenship Now** at 646-664-9400 or text at 929-334-3784, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- **Open Society Foundation** has established the **Immigrant Emergency Relief Program** which is a \$20 million fund that will provide 20,000 undocumented immigrants with a one-time monetary emergency relief.
  - \$400/individual
  - \$800/couple or single parent with children
  - \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children
  - for more information, click [here](#).

## **SMALL BUSINESS**

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
  - **Paycheck Protection Program** a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
  - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [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

**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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