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COVID-19 Updates



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NYS Horse Race Tracks to Reopen June 1st
(No Fans Allowed)

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Elective Surgeries Expanded in NYS; NYC Open Streets; FDA Authorizes New At-home COVID-19 Collection Kit; U.S. House Passes Stimulus Package; Home Emergency Assistance Program; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 348,232
NYS Deaths: 22,478
NYC Confirmed: 191,600
Brooklyn Confirmed: 51,991

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- NYS total hospitalization rate is down, intubations are down and overall new COVID-19 cases are down.
- NYS is looking to reopen economic activities without having crowds or gatherings.
 - Governor announced that we are opening **horse racing tracks** across the state on June 1st **without fans**.
 - Watkins Glen International race track will also open June 1st.
 - NYS will issue guidance on how they can open safely in the coming week.
 - NYS looking to have NY Mets and NY Yankees games without fans present.
- Westchester and Suffolk County residents are now eligible for elective surgeries and ambulatory care.
- Governor Cuomo indicates that even as we reopen we have to remain vigilant.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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NYC Open Streets:

The Mayor announced an initiative to extend open street space in New York to provide room for people to practice social distancing. Individuals or organizations that wish to have other New York City streets considered for the Open Streets program may **submit their suggestions** [here](#) . Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance. To view current Open Street locations, visit [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: medtech

- Today, the **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** announced the **authorization** of a COVID-19 **at-home collection kit**. The newly-approved kit made by **Everlywell**, will allow an individual to take a nasal sample and send it to a lab for testing. This kit is available by prescription only. For more information visit [here](#).
- Yesterday, The **U.S. House of Representatives** passed a new **\$3 trillion** COVID-19 relief package. The package will now be sent to the Senate for a vote. The President has already indicated that he plans to veto the bill. However, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she is open to negotiating with the Senate. For more information visit [here](#).

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Photo Credit: New York State

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) application period has extended until **June 30th**. This program helps "low-income homeowners and renters pay for utility and heating bills." HEAP also provides cooling assistance to those eligible. For more information visit [here](#).

UNITY BENEFIT CONCERT



THE HAITIAN TIMES AND
THE HAITIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ABROAD
PRESENT

UNITY

Benefit Concert

SUNDAY
MAY 17 2020

FROM 7PM - 10PM

LIVE

WYCLEF JEAN
KLASS
NU LOOK
VYAB
DARLINE DESCA
BUYU AMBROISE
JAZZ BAND
PAUL BEAUBRUN
BELO
RAM
HARMONIK
BRIDGING THE GAP
AND MANY MORE.

90 PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS
WILL BE DONATED TO
THE GLOBAL HEALTH
ALLIANCE IN HAITI AND
10 PERCENT WILL BE GIVEN TO
HAITIANS IN NY
IN NEED OF HELP.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
800-865-2950



Photo Credit: Haitian Times

The **Haitian Times** and **The Haitian Medical Association Abroad** present a **Unity Benefit** on **Sunday, May 17th** from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call (800) 865-2950. To view the concert tomorrow, visit [here](#).

HAITIAN UNITY DAY

Virtual Celebration of

HAITIAN UNITY DAY

Join the Haitian-American Legislative Caucus for a live celebration of Haitian culture with special musical performance:



Monvelyno Alexis & Riva Nyri Précil



Monday, May 18, 2020

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Watch live on Facebook or Register in advance for Zoom Meeting:

<https://bit.ly/HaitiUnityDay>

Watch live on each Assemblymember's Facebook:

@SolagesNY

@RodneyseBichotte

@AssemblywomanKimberlyJeanPierre

@nysamclydevanel

@FrontusAD46

@JaffeeNY



Join **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** and the **Haitian-American Legislative Caucus** on Haitian Flag Day, **Monday, May 18th, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**, for a virtual celebration of Haitian culture. To register in advance, visit [here](#). You can watch the video on Monday, [here](#).

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING



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 of the City. Alternate Side Parking will be **suspended again from Monday, May 25th to Sunday, June 7th**.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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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**. **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**.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
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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**PEDIATRIC MULTI-SYSTEM
INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME**

PEDIATRIC MULTI-SYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME

Photo Credit: 11alive

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is under way regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the “**Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome**,” and now **requires** healthcare providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
 - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
 - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
 - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
 - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
 - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
 - Racing heart or chest pain
 - Decreased amount of frequency in urine
 - Lethargy, irritability or confusion

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS

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postal workers.*



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Postal Workers** for connecting families friends and colleagues while apart.

AVOID SCAMS

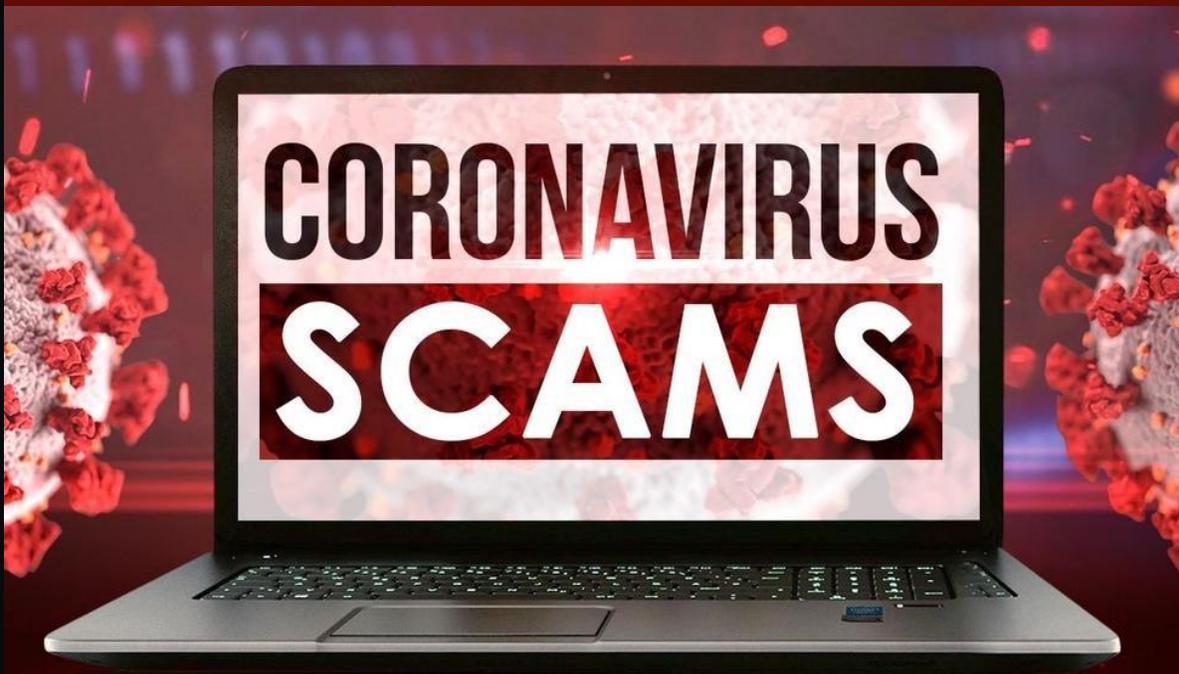


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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



Photo Credit: Ansi.org

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](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](#).

Dial-A-Teacher

Students grades **K through 5** can receive **homework help** from classroom teachers using Dial-A-Teacher. Fill out this [form](#) to get a call from a teacher. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m to 7 p.m. Due to limitations, the current subjects that are available are **English and Math**. Dial-A-Teacher is hoping to expand their services to include other subjects, grades and languages soon. 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

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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
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and www.rodneysebichotte.net

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