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# COVID-19 Updates



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## **New York Will Allow Small Memorial Day Ceremonies**

### ***Amid Coronavirus Pandemic***

Mayor Outlines Plan for Summer School; Cuomo to Allow Some Hospital to Accept Visitors; Trump Criticizes World Health Organization; Canada Border to Stay Shut; and More!

**NYS Confirmed: 352,845**  
**NYS Deaths: 22,843**  
**NYC Confirmed: 193,821**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 52,681**

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**

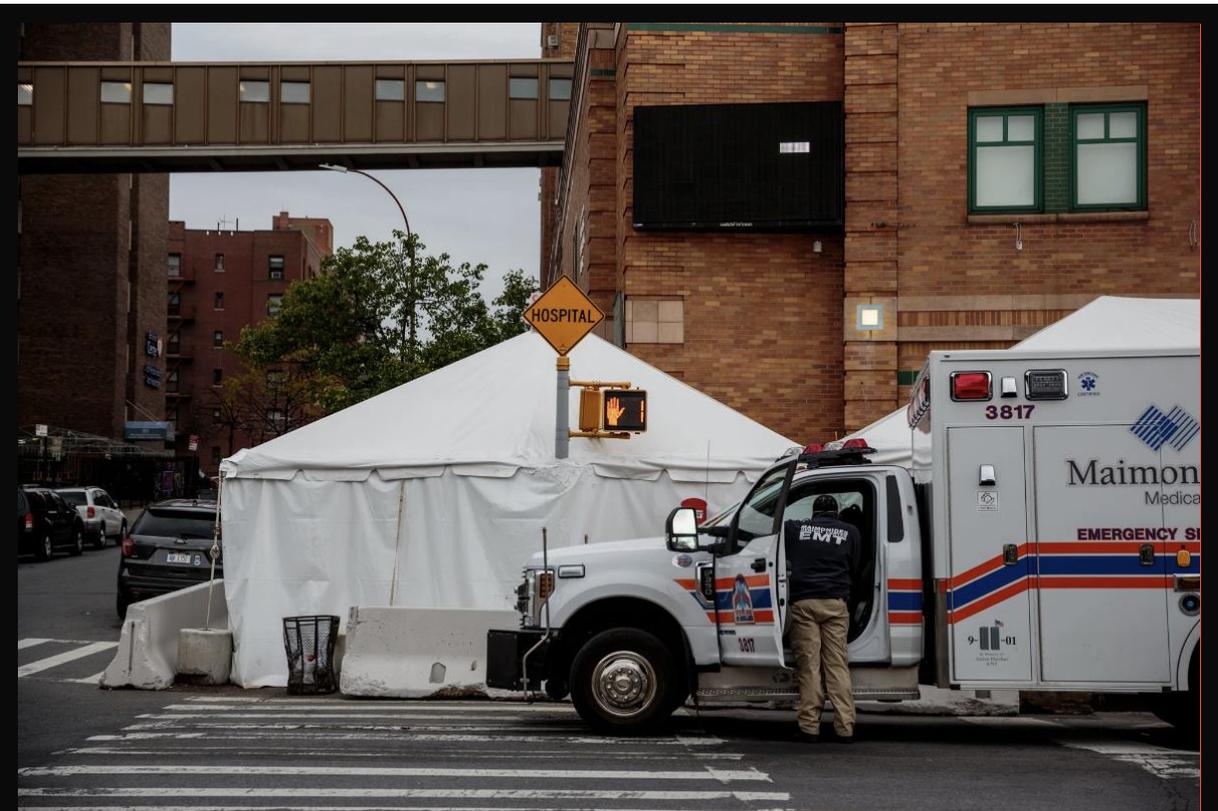


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- Governor Cuomo announced the state will **allow** small Memorial Day ceremonies and car-only parades.
  - Small gatherings of **10 or fewer attendees** and vehicle-only parades will be permitted.
- Under a pilot program, some New York hospitals will allow visits to resume.
  - **16** hospitals will allow visitors.
  - **9** of the hospitals are located in NYC.
  - **Coney Island Hospital** and **Maimonides Medical Center** in Brooklyn are included in the list.
- The governor **called on Washington** to pass funding for state and local governments.
- The **Capital Region** is cleared to begin reopening Wednesday.

- Another **105** New Yorkers succumbed to the virus on Monday, which is about the same number of lives lost on March 26, in the beginning of the pandemic, according to Cuomo.
- Total hospitalizations, net change in total hospitalizations, net change in intubations and daily number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations **all declined**.

## NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Pbs.org

- Mayor de Blasio unveiled his summer school plan today.
  - **284,000 iPads** have been delivered to students
  - **5,000** more have been shipped and **you STILL can sign up if your child needs a device**.
    - Call 311 or visit [here](#).

- For about **67,000 students** in grades 3 through 8, there will be classes four days per week for six weeks, starting **July 13**.
- About **83,000 high-schoolers** will have classes every weekday, starting on **July 13**.
- For about **27,700 students** with disabilities, classes will start **July 1**.
- New York City has met **4** of the state's 7 metrics for reopening and could be ready in the first half of **June**.
- Mayor de Blasio called on the state to authorize **line-of-duty benefits** – like those paid to the families of firefighters and police killed on the job – **for the families of city workers** who have died from the coronavirus.

### NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

**New hospitalizations: 57** (up from 48)  
**ICU admissions: 492** (up from 475)  
**COVID-19 positive tests: 9%** (down from 11%)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Denis Balibouse/Reuters

- Appearing before the Senate Banking Committee, Treasury Secretary **Steven Mnuchin** issued a warning that the economy could sustain "**permanent damage**" if the lockdown persists.
- President Donald Trump threatened to **permanently end funding** to the **World Health Organization** (WHO) in a four-page letter to its director general, Dr. Tedros Adhanom.
  - **China** described the letter as slanderous, misleading.

**EDUCATION**



Photo Credit: Brooklyn College

- A handful of schools are announcing plans for the fall.
  - **Ithaca College** announced plans to start fall semester classes **in-person on October 5th**.
  - Some schools, including **Rice University** in Texas and **Notre Dame**, will shorten semesters by canceling fall break and ending in-person classes **after Thanksgiving**.
  - Meanwhile, schools, including those in the California State System, have plans to **cancel** nearly all in-person classes.
  - Current modeling predicts a **spike in cases at the beginning of December**, which will coincide with flu season.

**CANADA BORDER**



Photo Credit: Christinne Muschi/Reuters

Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced today that the border between Canada and the United States would remain closed, by mutual agreement.

- The border will remain shut for at least one more month.
- Closing does not apply to the transportation of goods by trucks, ships and plane.

**ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING**



Mayor de Blasio had announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** was **suspended** through **Sunday, May 17th**. It resumed **Monday, May 18th**, and will continue through **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**, through **Sunday, June 7th**.

**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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## **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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## MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)



Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway 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 Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care 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

You continue to help our children learn during this difficult time.

*Thank you teachers.*



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **teachers** for educating our communities.

## AVOID SCAMS

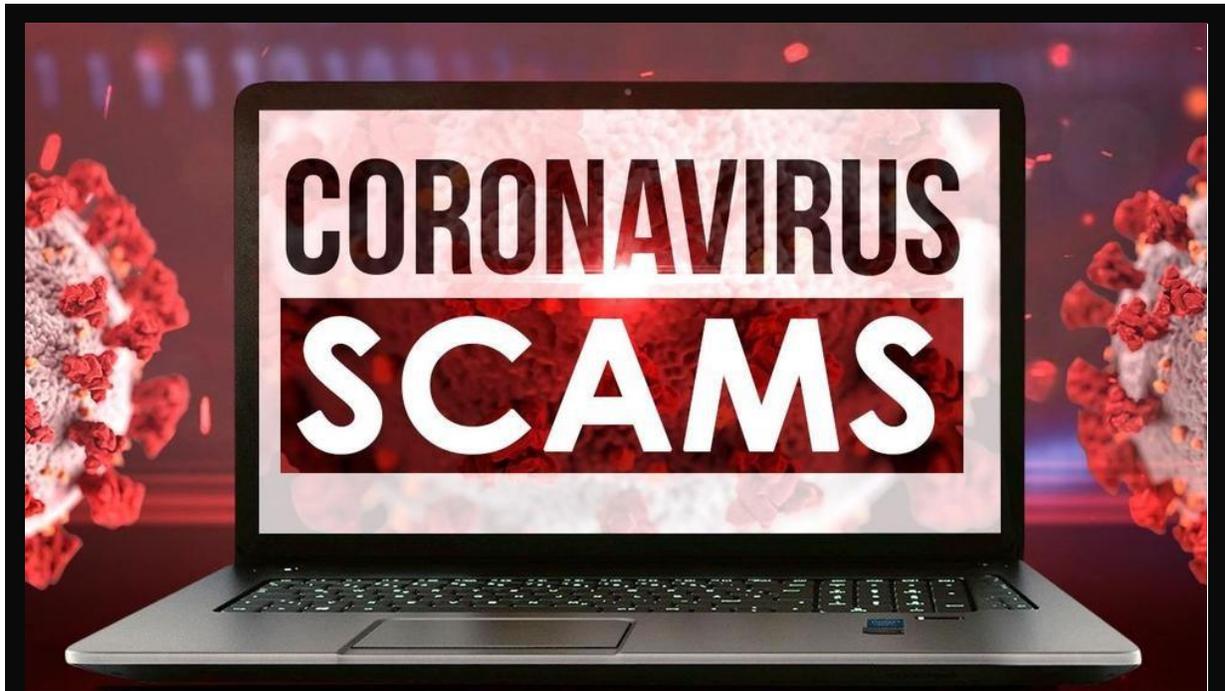


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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](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](#).

**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** provides 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 list 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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