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COVID-19 Updates



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**Statewide Daily Fatalities Due to COVID-19 Falls
Below 100 for First Time Since Late March**

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

The Mid-Hudson Region Is Set to Open Tuesday; CDC Is Under Fire for Combining Testing Results, Inflating Data; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 359,926
NYS Deaths: 23,282
NYC Confirmed: 197,266
Brooklyn Confirmed: 53,902

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- Today, New York's daily COVID-19 death toll fell **below 100** for the first time since late **March**.
 - **Governor Cuomo** says this is a sign the state is making progress.
 - The daily death rate was in the range of **700 to 800** during the worst weeks of the outbreak, in late April and early May.
- The Governor said the **mid-Hudson region** of New York is set to reopen on **Tuesday** and **Long Island** could be on track to reopen as early as **Wednesday**.
- The deadline to [vote](#) in the **Wear A Mask New York Ad Contest** is **Monday, May 25**.
 - The state asked New Yorkers why it is so important to wear a mask.
 - More than **600 New Yorkers** have responded with a video submission.
 - Winners will be announced **May 26**.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Christopher Sadowski

- **Mayor de Blasio** introduced **indicator thresholds** as a new way to measure the spread of coronavirus in the city.
 - The thresholds will relate to the **indicators** the city has been tracking since the COVID-19 pandemic hit NYC.
 - Indicators are: **New hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and rate of COVID-19 positive tests.**
 - Instead of looking for a consistent decline in the indicators, each metric now has a **single indicator threshold** that the city will have to **stay below** in order to reopen.
 - The threshold for new hospitalizations is just below **200 per day**, for ICU admissions it's

around **375 per day**, and for percent of people testing positive per day, it is **15%**.

- The city has met **2 of 3** indicator thresholds required for reopening so far.
 - NYC is well **below** the threshold for **new daily hospitalizations** and just **under** the threshold for the **rate of COVID-19 positive tests**.
 - The number of people admitted to ICU per day is still **too high**.
- The city will need to remain below **all 3 thresholds** for at least **10 to 14 days** in order to start reopening.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Misha Friedman/The New York Times

- The **Food and Drug Administration** has barred **30 antibody tests** from the U.S. market.
 - The manufacturers, many overseas, failed to prove the tests are accurate.
 - Many people are getting tested for antibodies on the assumption that they are linked to immunity; which has not been confirmed by researchers or doctors yet. For more information, read [here](#).

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL



Photo Credit: Damian Dovarganes/Associated Press

- The **CDC** has been combining results from both antibody tests and positive COVID-19 tests in their data.
 - The practice **pushes up** the total number of tests conducted in the **United States**.

- According to a New York Times [report](#), epidemiologists say that **antibody tests** and **active virus tests** should never be combined because active tests seek to quantify the amount of active disease in the population, while antibody tests seek to tell what percent of the population has been infected.
- A second problem with this method of collection is that patients who have had **both** diagnostic and serology tests **would be counted twice** in the totals.

**NEW DATE - MASK DISTRIBUTION
IN LITTLE HAITI FLATBUSH BROOKLYN**

[RSVP HERE](#)

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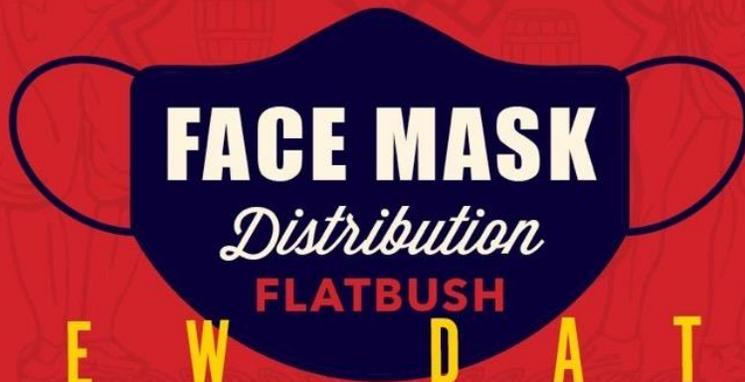


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**N E W D A T E
MON, MAY 25, 2020 / 12PM-2PM**

RSVP by May 24th for your mask:

Text MASKFLATBUSH to (833) 716-0256 or ad42@nyassembly.gov

TENANT TUESDAY HOTLINE



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FLATBUSH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S
TENANT TUESDAY HOTLINE, SERVING THE
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TUESDAY

2-6 PM

Call Directory:

- **For** SCRIE/DRIE, Affordable Housing, Senior Housing, Renewal Leases, Housing Connect.
Please Call: 914-602-0299
- **For** Repairs, Harassment, Rent Arrears and not in court, Food Resources, SNAP benefits, Voucher Rights.
Please Call: 914-602-0298
- **For** Non-payment court cases, overcharges, Succession Rights, Reasonable Accommodations, Preferential Rent
Please Call: 718-859-0035

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

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**.



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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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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 do tough
work that helps
stop the spread
of disease.**

**Thank you
sanitation workers.**

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

AVOID SCAMS

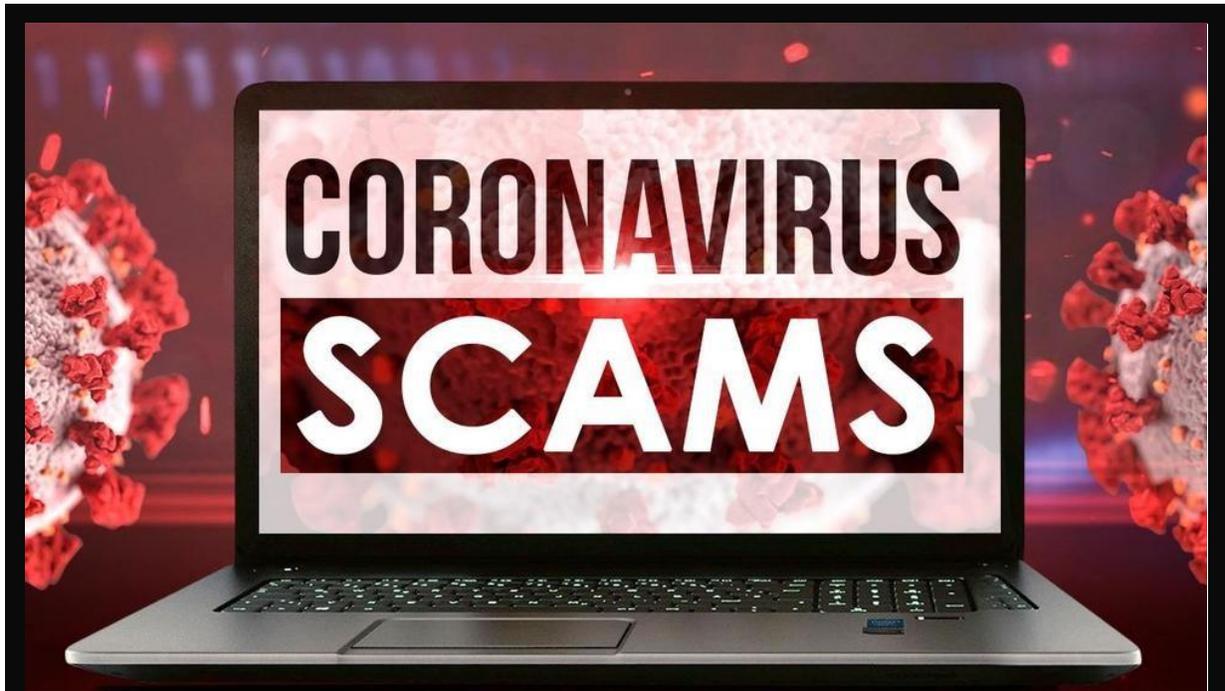


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 800-697-1220.
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



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** . 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

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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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