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## COVID-19 Updates



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**New Yorkers Cautiously Celebrate Memorial Day**

## *Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

New York State Will Pay Benefits For Workers Who Died Fighting the Pandemic; The United States COVID-19 Death Toll Approaches 100,000; and More!

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**NYS Confirmed: 362,764**  
**NYS Deaths: 23,488**  
**NYC Confirmed: 198,731**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 54,360**

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**



Photo Credit: Photo Credit: Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- During today's briefing on the **USS Intrepid**, **Governor Cuomo** announced that the state will provide **death benefits** to the families of **essential workers** who died amidst the pandemic.
  - Some of the essential workers who's families will receive the hazard pay include **health workers, police officers, firefighters, transit workers and emergency medical workers.**
  - State and local pension funds will pay out the benefits.
- The governor reminded New Yorkers over the weekend, that wearing a **mask** is required when using **public transportation.**
- The **mid-Hudson** region is still on track to enter **Phase One** of reopening on **Tuesday, May 26th**, and **Long Island** is still on track for **Wednesday, May 27th.**
- Veterinarian practices are allowed to open in all regions **tomorrow.**

**NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO**



Photo Credit: Bill de Blasio Photographer: Demetrius Freeman/Bloomberg

- **The Daily News** is reporting that **Mayor de Blasio** is pushing to expand New York City's **borrowing capacity**.
- City Hall has reportedly set aside **\$23 million** for external Coronavirus consultants, while simultaneously making **budget cuts** amidst the pandemic.
- Read more [here](#).

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**



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- The **United States** death toll from COVID-19 is above **98,000**.
  - Cases are increasing across the south, partly due to increased testing there.
- **President Trump** says he is no longer taking **hydroxychloroquine**, after completing a two-week-long round.
- Chinese **Foreign Minister Wang Yi** said the United States is putting world stability in jeopardy and that some political forces here are pushing China to the brink of a "**new Cold War.**"
  - The remarks come in response to ongoing disagreements between the two countries over the handling of the **COVID-19 crisis.**

**MEMORIAL DAY**



Photo Credit: REUTERS

- New Yorkers celebrated **Memorial Day** quietly this year.
  - **Beaches** in the city were open for walking and sitting, but closed for swimming.
  - **Green-Wood Cemetery**, which has seen a sharp increase in visitors during the pandemic, was more crowded on Monday, however, visitors spread out to **honor the fallen**.
- Elsewhere in the **United States**, people flocked to beaches **without PPE** or distancing.
  - In states including **Missouri, Florida and Texas**, residents threw caution to the wind and celebrated.
- **Joe Biden** and his wife, Jill, appeared at the **War Memorial Plaza** in Delaware today to pay tribute to veterans.
  - Biden wore a mask in light of the **pandemic**.
  - It is his first public appearance in **10 weeks**.
- **President Trump** and First Lady **Melania Trump**, visited the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** at

**Arlington National Cemetery.** They later attended a ceremony at **Fort McHenry** in Baltimore.

- The Daily News reported that the president struggled to stand during the Arlington visit. View more [here](#).

## LITTLE HAITI MASK DISTRIBUTION



Photo Credit:

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Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte**, together with state Senator **Kevin S. Parker** and Council Member **Farah Louis** distributed face masks, gloves and hand sanitizers

today in an effort to make sure the Flatbush community has the supplies they need to fight the spread of the Coronavirus.



Senator **Kevin S. Parker** , 21st Senatorial District



City Council Member **Farah Louis** , District 45 (right) with a volunteer



43rd District Leader **Edu Hermelyn** (left) and **Hermann Mazard** (right)



42nd Assembly District Leader **Josue Pierre**



Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte** stands with some members of the **HAUP** team.



*The COVID-19 Brooklyn Taskforce*

**TENANT TUESDAY HOTLINE**



# TENANT TUESDAY HOTLINE



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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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*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

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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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## 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

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*Thank you  
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 keeping us connected.

## AVOID SCAMS

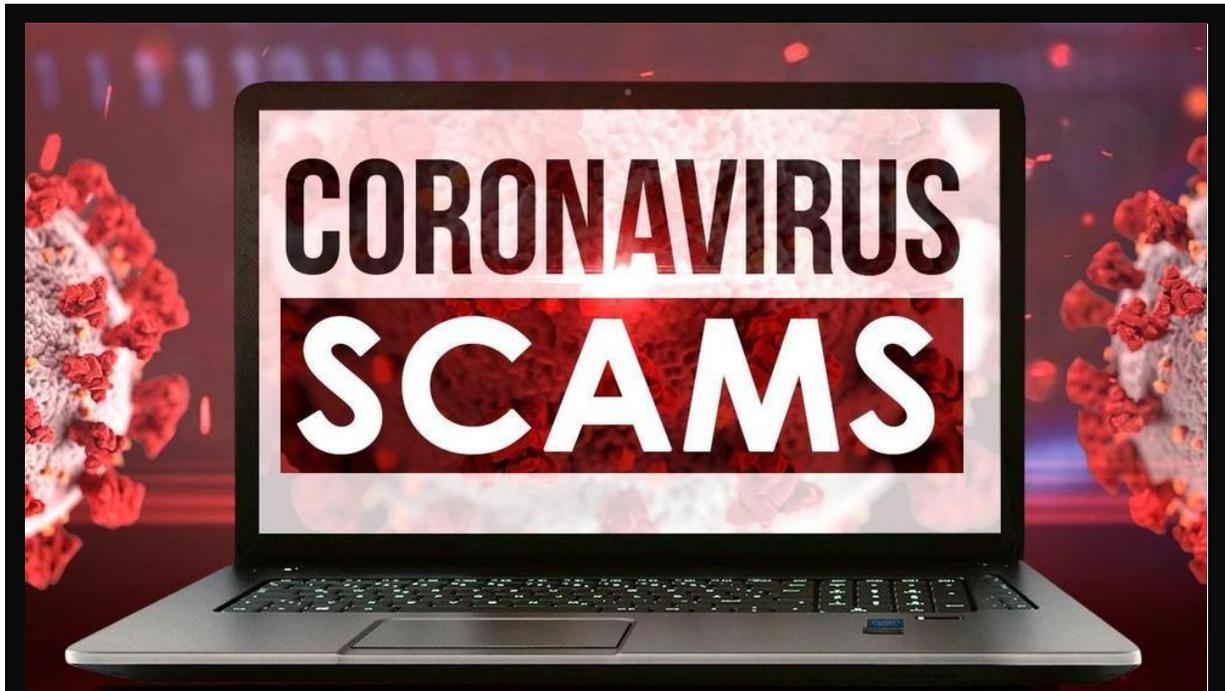


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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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