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COVID-19 Updates

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Cuomo Rings in Reopening of New York Stock Exchange

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Wear A Mask Winners Announced, New York City Closer To Reopening With Onboarding Of 1,700 Contact Tracers; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 363,836
NYS Deaths: 23,564
NYC Confirmed: 199,301
Brooklyn Confirmed: 54,560

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- The **New York Stock Exchange** (NYSE) reopened to big gains today. Stocks surged on optimism about economies reopening. **Governor Cuomo** rang the opening bell as the trading floor came to life for the first time in two months.
 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed more than **500 points**, closing above **3000** for the first time since early March.
 - The president of the NYSE, **Stacy Cunningham**, said in an [op-ed](#) published earlier this month, that only a **small subset of brokers** will be able to enter. Other employees of large companies that are usually on the floor will continue to work **remotely**.
 - Those entering the building must wear a mask, follow social-distancing rules, undergo temperature checks and abstain from using public transit.
- **Mid-Hudson** region counties — Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester — have been given the go-ahead to enter **Phase One** of New York State's four-phase reopening plan.
 - Read more [here](#).
- **Mariah Kennedy-Cuomo**, Governor Cuomo's daughter, announced the **#WearAMask** New York winner. The winner is "**We Love NY**," from Bunny Lake Films.
 - A total of **96,332** votes were cast.
 - There was only a difference of **502** votes between **1st and 2nd place**.
 - There was some disagreement about who was an eligible voter. Therefore, the state will run **both the winning ads**. The runner up is "**You Can Still Smile**" by Natalia Bougadellis.

WEAR A MASK WINNER



NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

A Video on Contact Tracing



Video Credit: Partners In Health

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that the city has hired more than **1,700** contact tracers, who will be ready by **June 1**.
 - Contact tracers fall into two groups, **case investigators** and **monitors**.
 - **Case investigators** will call patients who have tested positive for the virus and ask about their contacts.
 - So far there are **938** investigators, and **410** are from the hardest hit communities.
 - They speak a total of **40** languages.

- **Monitors** will follow up with those contacts.
 - There are **770** monitors, and **331** come from areas that were hit hard.
 - About **40%** of the monitors speak Spanish.
- There will be **180** COVID-19 testing sites by the end of **June**, including **12** more sites opening next month.
 - Testing is **free of charge** for those without insurance.
- The mayor confirmed **Alternate Side Parking** will be suspended through **June 7**.

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 63 (down from 76)
ICU admissions: 423 (down from 451)
COVID-19 positive tests: 7% (down from 11%)

*The city's goal is to keep new hospitalizations below **200** , ICU admissions under **375** and the percentage of positive tests below **15** .*

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Cle Houston/Facebook - *Houstonians ignore social distancing guidelines over the weekend.*

- As the **United States** COVID-19 death toll loomed closer to **100,000**, President Trump said, "states should open up ASAP" (as soon as possible).
- The New York Times reports that the **Pandemic-EBT** program's **slow start** has left millions of children hungry. The program has only reached a small fraction of the **30 million** kids it was intended to help. You can see the story [here](#).
- While overall, new Coronavirus in the United States are down, dozens of states, mostly in the south, are seeing an **uptick in cases**.
 - More than half the states seeing new infections were those that reopened **early**.

CHINA



Photo Credit: Agence France-Presse - Getty Images

- Officials in **Wuhan** say they have conducted **6.5 million** Coronavirus tests in **2 weeks**.
 - The government hired thousands of medical and other workers to conduct the citywide testing drive.
 - Other measures included **airing announcements over loudspeakers** encouraging people to get tested.
 - The testing campaign aims to virtually screen all **11 million** people living in the city.
- The drive has confirmed that Wuhan has largely contained the outbreak.
- Read more [here](#).

SCHOOL DISTRICT 17



Community School District 17

Presents

Navigating Life During COVID-19

with



Dr. Wladimir Lewis-Thomas, Adjunct Associate Professor at Long Island University/Brooklyn Campus, Department of Counseling and School Psychology, retired Administrator for School Counseling NYC Department of Education



Attention all Parents, Parent Leaders, Families, Caregivers, Staff and Friends

Please use the link below to get access to the session
When: May 28, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://meet.google.com/fai-ozgt-gty>

Let's come together and talk about Remote Learning, Screen Time, Scheduling, needs of your child/children and how to keep them safe and focus during COVID-19

Contact Philton or Margot for more information @ PLewis22@schools.nyc.gov or MSargeat@schools.nyc.gov

Click Here to Join

<https://meet.google.com/fai-ozgt-gty>

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** again 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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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



Always there when we need them.

Thank you

first responders!

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **first responders** for being there when we need them.

AVOID SCAMS

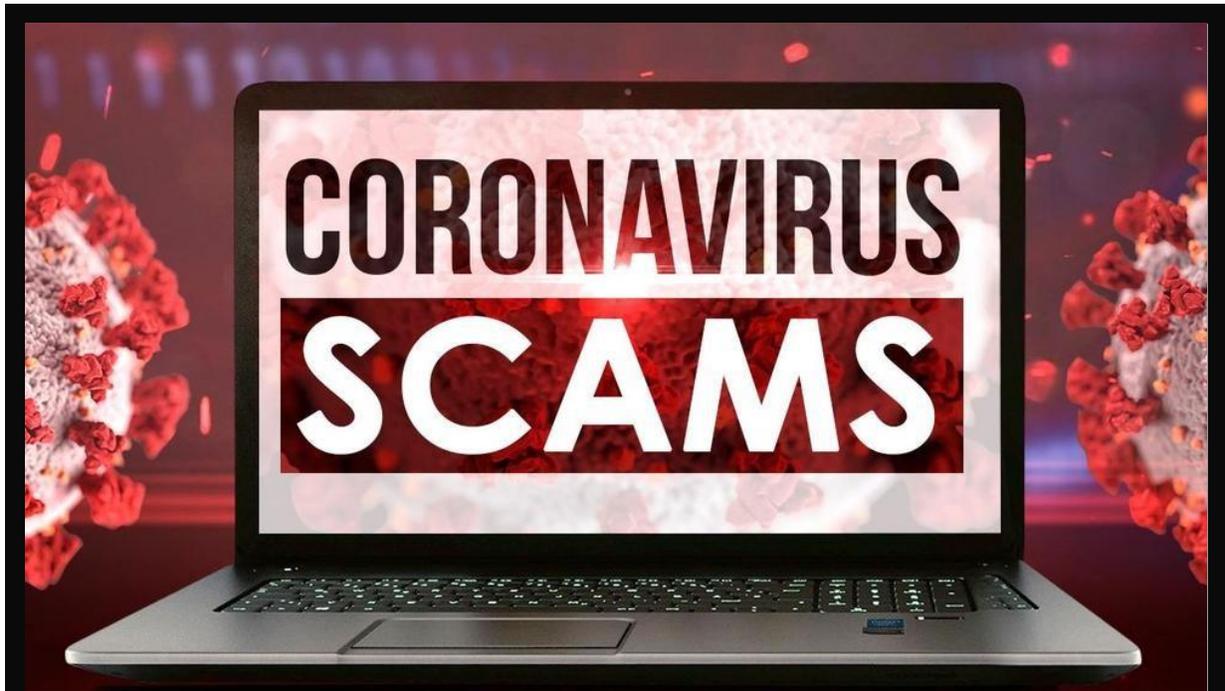


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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** . 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

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](#)

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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