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COVID-19 Updates

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NYC Mayor Gives Details On Phase One Reopening

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Governor Cuomo Signs An Executive Order Permitting Businesses To Deny Entry To People Not Wearing Masks; The U.S. House Passed Legislation To Give Small Businesses More Flexibility With PPP Loans; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 366,733
NYS Deaths: 23,722
NYC Confirmed: 201,051
Brooklyn Confirmed: 55,174

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE



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The New York State Legislature reconvened today for session and passed a number of bills, including the following:

- **A.10521/S08113-A**
 - Prohibits a utility corporation or municipality from terminating services to a residential customer for non-payment during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- **A.10517/S08254-A**
 - Requires the Department of Health to conduct a study on the health impacts of COVID-19 on minorities in New York State.
- **A.10493-A/S08414**
 - Allows a witness or party at a preliminary hearing on a felony complaint to appear by electronic means during a state of disaster emergency.
- **A.10252-A/S08138B**
 - Permits municipalities to defer certain property taxes during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and will also permit installment payments.
- **A.10522/S08419**
 - Enacts the "Emergency Rent Relief Act of 2020."
- **A.10516-A/S08130-D**
 - Enables New Yorkers to apply for absentee ballots through an electronic application.
- **A.10508-A/S08182-A**
 - Allows licensed pharmacists to administer a vaccine for COVID-19.
- **A.10348-A/S08275-A**
 - Suspends the forfeiture of unemployment benefits for the duration of the COVID-19 declared state of emergency.
- **A.10528/S08427**
 - Establishes a COVID-19 pension benefit for families of public employees who die due to their workplace exposure to the disease.
- **A.10530/S08428**

- Amends a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the local finance law relating to bond anticipation notes issued in calendar years 2015 through 2021
- To find additional assembly bills that were passed visit [here](#) and to find senate bills visit [here](#).

Absentee Ballot Online



Emergency Rent Relief



NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Darren McGee- Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- The governor signed an **executive order** allowing businesses to deny entrance to people not wearing a mask.
- Brooklynites **Chris Rock** and **Rosie Perez** joined the governor at today's press conference.
- Cuomo announced the state will distribute **1 million** masks to New York City's hardest hit neighborhoods.
- The **Metropolitan Transit Authority** (MTA) will pilot the use of **UV light technology** to kill COVID-19 in subway cars and crew facilities.
- During a radio interview today, Cuomo said that experts will have to analyze data and determine if we are ready to move forward before the open regions of New York can move to Phase 2 of reopening.

- The state has yet to issue formal guidelines for the next phase of reopening, but officials in some regions say they are ready to move forward.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- Today, Mayor de Blasio discussed the guidelines for the first phase of business reopening and gave updates on how we are continuing to assist homeless New Yorkers.
 - Reopening - Phase One:
 - With the **Test and Trace Corps** set to launch **June 1**, and the number of positive cases, hospitalizations, and cases in the ICU in continuous decline, New York City is moving closer to the beginning of reopening.

- Industries eligible for reopening during **Phase 1** include **construction** (residential, nonresidential, roads and bridges, land subdivision, utilities), **manufacturing** (apparel, electronics, machinery, textiles, printing), **wholesale suppliers** (apparel, chemical products, household appliances, electronics, metals), **non-essential retail** (clothing, electronics, appliances, furniture, office supplies, sporting goods).
- With this first phase of reopening we expect an estimated **200,000-400,000** workers to return.
- To ensure this is done safely, all businesses will need to adhere to specific hygiene, distancing, and health protocols.
- Basic rules for all sectors:
 - **Social distancing** of at least **6 feet** of distance unless safety or core function of the work activity requires less.
 - **Reduce occupancy** to under **50%**, limit confined spaces to **1 person** (elevators, behind cash registers, etc).
 - **Limit all in-person** gatherings and meetings, and only hold them in large, well-ventilated areas with social distancing.
 - **Personal Protective Equipment** (PPE) must be worn.
 - Employers must provide employees with **free face coverings** or, if

warranted, face shields or other proper protective equipment.

- Require face coverings if employees cannot keep 6 feet of distance due to safety or core work function.
 - Ensure **frequent cleaning** and disinfecting of any shared surfaces.
 - Implement **mandatory health screenings** for employees, including questionnaires, temperature checks.
 - Create **distance markers**, post signage throughout the workplace reminding personnel to adhere to phase 1 guidance and rules.
- Find more guidance from NYS [here](#).
 - The mayor said that the city should expect to see an increase in **motor vehicle traffic** in **June** when New York City begins to reopen. Read more [here](#).

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 59 (up from 55)
ICU admissions: 421 (down from 431)
COVID-19 positive tests: 6% (down from 8%)

*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

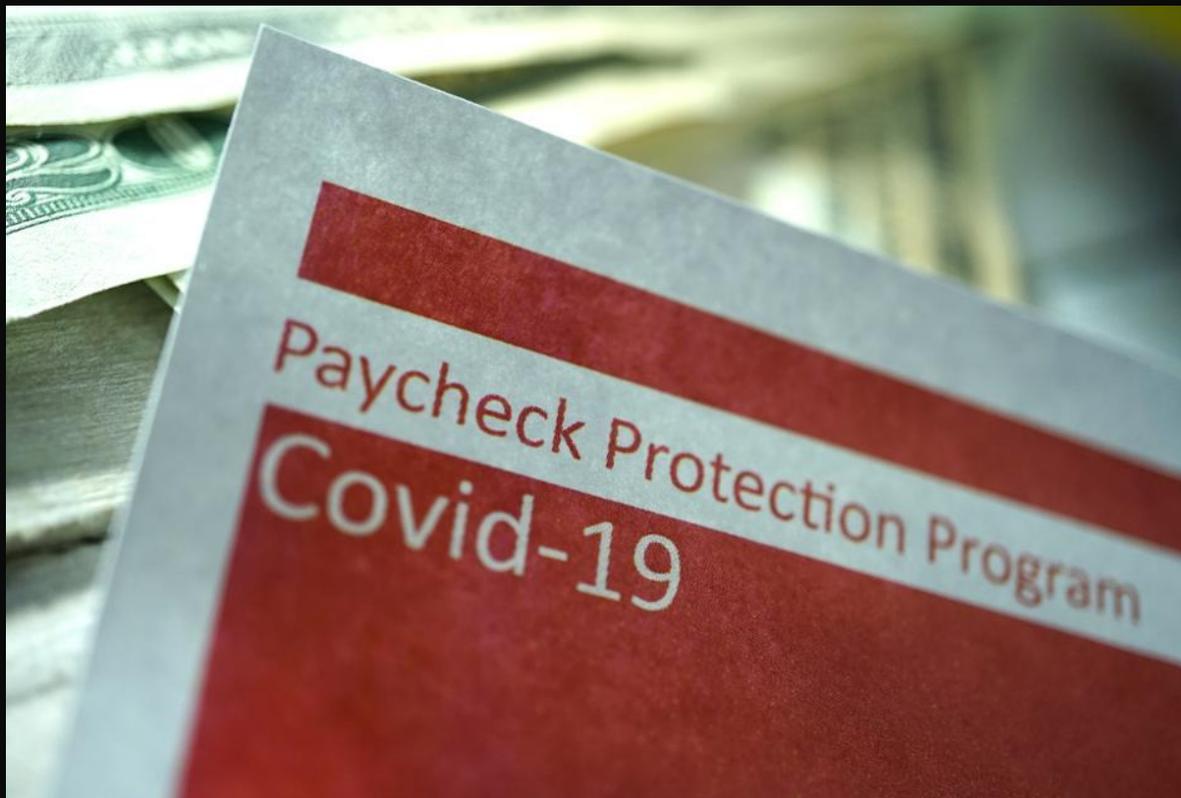


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- **President Trump** extended federal funding for **National Guard** deployments until **mid-August** to help states in their COVID-19 response efforts.
 - According to the Pentagon, some **46,000** National Guard members are supporting response efforts.
- White House Press Secretary, **Kayleigh McEnany**, said that the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, is setting aside **\$10 billion** of round two funding for the **Paycheck Protection Program** to be lent exclusively to **Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)**.
- The House passed a bill designed to give small business owners more flexibility in how they spend money from a key coronavirus aid program.

- The plan would:
 - Reduce the share of aid money small business are required to spend on payroll from **75% to 60%** (the PPP's architects aimed to encourage companies to keep workers employed).
 - Extend the window businesses have to use the funds from **2 months to 6 months**.
 - Push back a **June 30** deadline to rehire workers.
 - Extend the time recipients have to repay the loan.
 - Let companies that get loan forgiveness defer payroll taxes.

OUTDOOR DINING



Photo Credit: Sarah Blesener for The New York Times

- New York City Council is pushing a plan for **outdoor dining**. The plan would require the mayor to find a way to open street, plaza and sidewalk space to outdoor dining.
- Despite this, the mayor announced at his briefing today that restaurants and bars are not among the businesses included in **Phase One** of the reopening plan.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NY1

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



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **firefighters** for risking their lives to save others.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the the **2020 Census** . The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting [here](#) or by calling 844-330-2020.

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



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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](#).

FreshDirect meals:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

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.

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