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COVID-19 Updates

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Say Their Name

Rodney King (Los Angeles, 1991)
Malice Green (Detroit, 1992)
Abner Louima (NYC, 1997)
Amadou Diallo (NYC, 1999)
Sean Bell (NYC, 2006)
Oscar Grant (Oakland, 2009)
Trayvon Martin (Sanford, FL, 2012)
Eric Garner (NYC, 2014)
Michael Brown (Ferguson, MO, 2014)
Tamir Rice (Cleveland, OH 2014)
Laquan McDonald (Chicago, 2014)
Walter Scott (N. Charleston, SC, 2015)
Freddie Gray (Baltimore, 2015)
Philando Castile (Falcon Heights, MN, 2016)
Antwon Rose Jr. (Pittsburgh, 2018)
Ahmaud Arbery (Glynn County, GA, 2020)
Breonna Taylor (Louisville, KY, 2020)
George Floyd (Minneapolis, 2020)

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"Say Their Name" Reform Agenda

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

MTA 13-Point Action Plan for A Safe Return; Launch of Centers of Excellence;
COVID-19 Mobile Testing Sites; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 376,208
NYS Deaths: 24,175
NYC Confirmed: 205,940
Brooklyn Confirmed: 56,770

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo announced a **"Say Their Name" Reform Agenda** that he and the legislature will focus on next week in light of the murder of George Floyd and a continued pattern of police brutality against minority communities. The "Say Their Name" Reform Agenda includes:
 - transparency of **prior disciplinary records** of law enforcement officers by reforming 50-a of the civil rights law
 - banning **chokeholds** by law enforcement officers
 - prohibiting **false race-based 911 reports** and making them a crime; and
 - designating the Attorney General as an **independent prosecutor** regarding the deaths of unarmed civilians caused by law enforcement.
- The governor announced that we experienced the **lowest number, 42**, of coronavirus related deaths since this pandemic started.
- For more information, visit [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- **Mayor de Blasio** announced a plan to deepen the investment in communities by strengthening the public healthcare system.
 - The mayor's **Task Force on Racial Equity and Inclusion** strongly advised they make tangible impacts to provide people with more healthcare, and implement by speeding up all plan now to reach that goal.
 - A new [initiative](#) was announced to build **3** new **Centers of Excellence** which will provide community clinics in hard-hit communities of color; prepare for future spikes; prevent hospitalization; and help people recover outside of the hospital.
 - New Centers of Excellence are currently under constructions and will open **September 2020:**
 - **Elmhurst, Queens** - 71-17 Roosevelt Avenue
 - **Tremont, Bronx** - 1920 Webster Avenue
 - **Bushwick/Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn** - 815 Broadway
 - New York City is preparing to open for phase 1 with **32,000** non-essential construction sites prepared to begin work on **Monday, June 8th**
 - Agencies will provide businesses with initial support to help them remain compliant within the new guidelines.
 - The **first 30-days** will be an educational campaign with non-monetary orders

- **After 30-days**, businesses who do not comply will begin to receive violations which includes a stop work with a **\$5,000 penalty** and a **\$10,000 penalty** for subsequent violations of non-compliance.
- The mayor reiterated that **essential workers** who are out beyond the curfew doing their job are **exempt** from the curfew. This included essential workers such as delivery individuals. Click [here](#) for more information.
- The mayor announced that law enforcement officers must deal with the consequences where discipline is warranted and must be dealt with swiftly.
 - The mayor notes that to eliminate structural racism there must be:
 - better disciplinary system
 - better transparency
 - weed out enforcement officers who do not belong on the force
- New York City launches **mobile testing** to come out to the community. The first **2 testing trucks** will be available next week:
 - **Soundview** on **June 9th** and **10th**
 - **Kew Gardens** on **June 11th**
 - An additional **10 trucks** will be available in **July** providing 80 test per truck per day.

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 84 (up)
ICU admissions: 344 (down)
COVID-19 positive tests: 4% (up)

*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: Yuri Gripas/UPI

- Today **President Trump** signed into **law** the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 easing the guidelines on loans to small businesses.
- The federal **unemployment rate** returned a surprisingly lower number than anticipated, **13.3%**. Projections predicted as much as 20%.
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GEORGE FLOYD



- In the wake of the death of **George Floyd**, Minneapolis City Council agreed on Friday, June 5th, unanimously voting to change to their law enforcement policy.
 - Police **chokeholds** and **neck restraints** are now **banned**; and
 - nearby police officers are now required to intervene if they witness such acts.
 - For more information click [here](#).

MTA 13-POINT ACTION PLAN



Photo Credit: MTA

- With New York City just 3-days from its phase one re-opening, the **Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)** unveiled its **13-Point Action Plan for A Safe Return**. Subways and buses are now moving 1.5 million customers in advance of the re-open. The 13-Point Action Plan includes:
 - Increased Service
 - Unprecedented Cleaning & Disinfecting
 - Mandatory Face Coverings
 - Enhanced Safety & Security
 - Nation-Leading Employee Safety Initiatives
 - Innovative Cleaning Solutions
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Floor Markings, Directional Arrows and New Signage
 - Staggered Business Hours
 - 2 Million Mask Contribution from State & City
 - Contactless Payments
 - New Partnership & Technology to Make System Safer
 - Data Dashboard
- For more information on the MTA's 13-Point Action Plan, visit [here](#).

CITYWIDE CURFEW



8PM CITYWIDE CURFEW

FROM TODAY TUES. (JUNE 2)
TO 5AM MON. (JUNE 8).

[EXCEPT ESSENTIAL WORKERS]

NYC

Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that the **citywide curfew** will continue through 5:00 a.m. **June 8th**.
 - The extended curfew will start at **8 p.m.** each night and end at **5 a.m.** each morning.

- Read the mayor's **Emergency Executive Order** [here](#).

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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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

You work hard every day

to put food on our tables.

**Thank you
farmers.**



During these unprecedented and difficult times, we thank our **essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Farmers** for their daily effort in keeping us fed.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete 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](tel:844-330-2020).

AVOID SCAMS

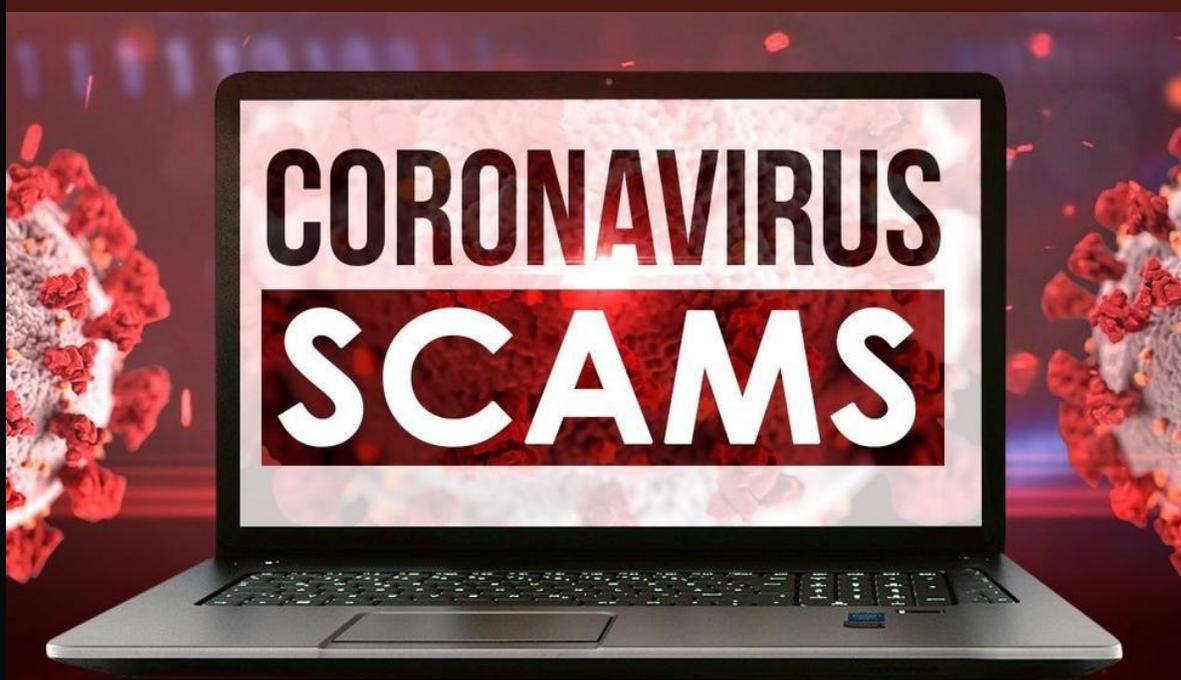


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: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

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



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](#).

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.

- \$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 (MWBs)** , 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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