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COVID-19 Updates



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New York Lawmakers Pass Police Reforms; 50a Law Repealed

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Governor Announces New Metrics For Tracking COVID-19; Mayor De Blasio Says He Will Cut NYPD Budget; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 379,482
NYS Deaths: 24,348
NYC Confirmed: 204,576

Brooklyn Confirmed: 57,367

REPEAL 50-A



Hon. Rodneyse Bichotte
(D) 42nd Assembly District

Assemblymember Bichotte speaks on the repeal of 50-A.

- New York legislators voted today to repeal a law known as **50-a**, a state law police departments use to shield disciplinary records.
- In the senate, all **Republicans** voted against the measure.
- The Assembly approved it with a vote of **101-43**, also along party lines.
- Advocates have called for the repeal since the death of **Eric Garner** at the hands of NYPD officer **Daniel Pantaleo**, who's disciplinary record was shielded by the law.
- The legislature will provide some protection to officers, including redaction of home addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

LEGISLATION



Video Credit: NY1

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

- **A.8674-A/S08493**
 - Requires body cameras for all New York State Police.
- **A.10611/S08496**
 - Repeals section 50–A of the Civil Rights Law.
- **A.8226-B/S06601-B**
 - Affirms the right of persons in custody to prompt and reasonable medical and mental health assistance.
- **A.1360-A/S03253-A**
 - Protects New Yorkers' rights to record law enforcement activity.
- **A.1531-B/S08492**
 - Prevents the biased misuse of emergency services such as 911.
- **A.10609/S01830-C**
 - STAT Act to bring transparency to policing data.
- **A.927-A/**
 - Requires officers to promptly report discharge of a firearm.
- **A.4615/S01137-A**
 - Prohibits police officers and agencies from profiling based on race or ethnicity.

- **A.6144-B/So6670-B**
 - Eric Garner Anti-Chokehold Act, prevents the use of chokeholds by police.

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- **Governor Cuomo** announced that the metrics of success in the state's fight against COVID-19 will change. Now, officials will report on the **percentage of people who test positive** for the coronavirus.
 - Currently, about **1%** of people are testing positive for the coronavirus across the state.
 - You can view the new state dashboard [here](#).
- The governor confirmed the **Mid-Hudson Valley** is entering **phase two** of reopening today and **Long Island** will enter **phase two** tomorrow.
 - **New York Forward** guidance for **phase two** reopening can be found [here](#).
- The state, in partnership with **Sean Penn** and **CORE**, has established **11** COVID-19 testing sites in highly-affected communities.
- More information on where and how to get tested for COVID-19 is available [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: NY Post

- **Mayor de Blasio** has vowed to cut funding to the **NYPD** in the wake of New Yorkers demand to defund the police.
- The **NYPD** has an annual budget of **\$6 billion**, more than **6%** of the mayor's proposed **\$90 billion** budget.
- The mayor said details of the cuts would be worked out with City Council in advance of the **July 1** budget deadline.
- Read the story [here](#).

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 52 (down from 67)
ICU admissions: 337 (up from 326)
COVID-19 positive tests: 1% (down from 3%)

*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: Bill Jacobson

- **President Trump** tweeted attacks at **Martin Gugino**, a 75-year-old protester who was shoved by police in Buffalo, causing him to bleed from his head.
 - The false and misleading tweets caused some backlash, even from Trump's own party. Read the story [here](#).

CHILD ABUSE



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- Reports of **child abuse** in the city have fallen by 51% in the last two months, as children are kept at home, away from mandated reporters like **teachers** and **social workers**.
- The way investigators work has also changed in light of the pandemic, for example, investigators now talk to families outside their apartments, rather than inside.
 - To get a look inside, investigators use video technology/phones.
- Read the report [here](#).
- To report child abuse, call **311** in NYC, or the **New York State Central Register (SCR)** directly at **1(800) 342-3720**. If the child is in immediate danger, call **911**.

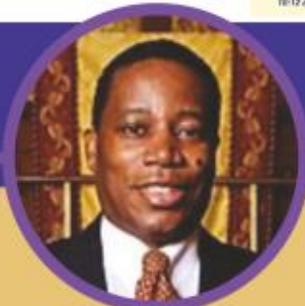
FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION



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JAMES A. THORNTON
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In partnership with
SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Friday, June 12, 2020
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

305 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226

While supplies last

RSVP required by June 11th for your mask: Email AD42@nyassembly.gov or call 718-940-0428



Sponsors



For more information on this free event or any other community concerns,
please contact the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at 718-940-0428.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: queenoftheclick

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** through **Sunday, June 21st**. Parking meters will remain in effect.

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 continue to help our children learn during this difficult time.

Thank you teachers.



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **teachers** for educating our children, even when lessons are remote.

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

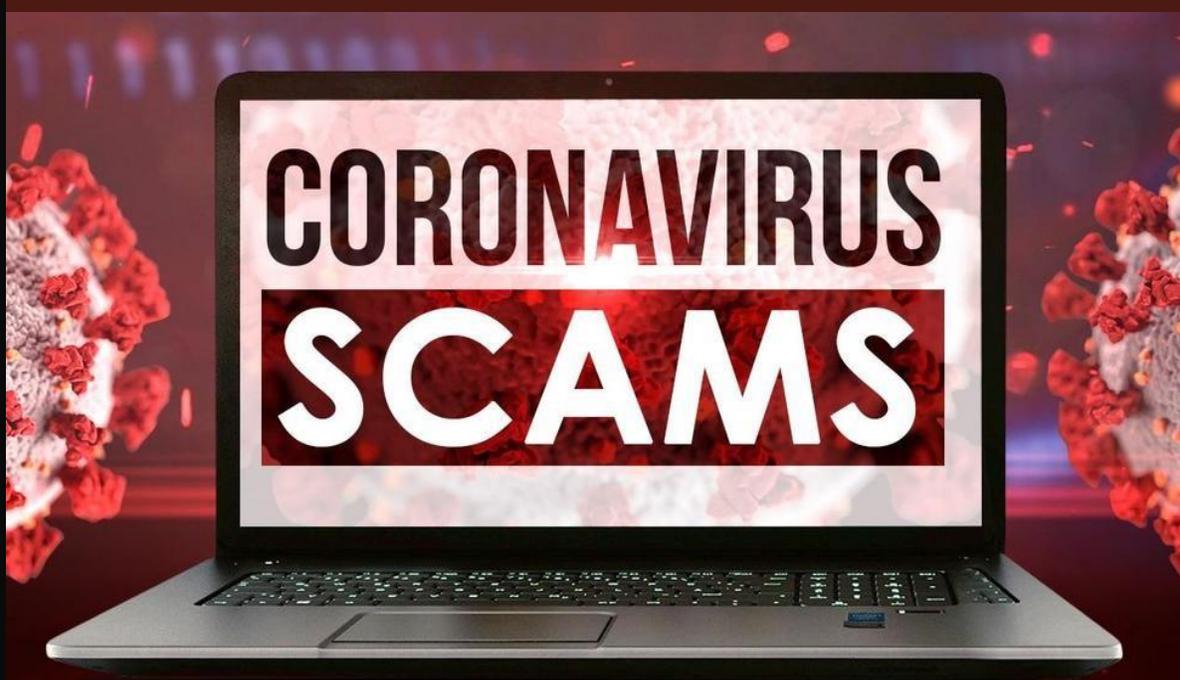


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 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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