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COVID-19 Updates



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**Localities Authorized To Make Determination on Public
Pools and Schoolyard Openings**

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Mayor de Blasio Introduces Initiatives To Support Restaurant Workers and Youth;
Some Regions Set for Phase 3; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 380,892
NYS Deaths: 24,442
NYC Confirmed: 208,517
Brooklyn Confirmed: 57,605

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo has given **localities the authority** to use their discretion in making the determination to open **public pools** and **playgrounds**. This began today, **June 11th**.
- Governor Cuomo announced 5 regions that are ready to enter **Phase 3** as of June 12th: Central New York; Finger Lakes; Mohawk Valley; North Country and Southern Tier
 - Phase 3 includes:
 - **indoor restaurants and food services** including food trucks and other concessions
 - **personal care** services such as tattoo/piercing facilities; appearance enhancement practitioners; massage therapy; spas; cosmetology; nail specialties; and tanning salons.
 - For more information click [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- **Mayor de Blasio** announced a new initiative that supports restaurants. The **Restaurant Revitalization Program** helps unemployed and underemployed restaurant workers.
 - The Mayor's Fund, NYC Opportunity offers **\$3 million** to Advance NYC and One Fair Wage
 - Grants will be up to **\$30,000 each** subsidizing wages of \$20/hour supporting 1,000 workers for a period of at least 6 weeks.
 - Targeting **27** communities that were hardest hit by COVID-19.
 - Worker from select restaurants will have a opportunity to apply for a **one-time cash assistance of \$500**.
 - A **grassroots** group of **donors** around the country contributed **\$1.4 million** to help restaurants provide a living wage on top of tips
- An additional three programs were announced to address the employment need for the youth.
 - **NeON Summer**
 - **2700** youth with paid learning opportunities in the **27** hardest hit neighborhoods (100 people/neighborhoods)
 - **Each One Teach One**
 - Offering **\$100,000** to connect **120** youth with mentors and media experts to through a paid program where youth will design media messages and campaigns to promote social distancing.

- **Community Crisis Response Initiate**
 - **22** community based organizations that focus on crisis response will receive a total of **\$10,000** for **youth programming** (supports up to 500 youth)
- Mayor de Blasio, in partnership with Cure Violence, introduces a new platform for youth through a series of **Town Hall meetings** to hear their ideas and have the tough conversations.
 - Harlem
 - East New York/Brownsville
 - Jamaica/Far Rockaway
 - South Bronx
 - North Shore Staten Island

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 69 (up from 67)
ICU admissions: 337 (down from 341)
COVID-19 positive tests: 3% (no change 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: Erin Schaff/The New York Times. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

- Education Secretary **Betsy DeVos** issued an [emergency rule](#) barring foreign and undocumented college students from receiving virus relief funds.
- Stocks fell in the sharpest **single-day decline** in **3 months** on news of a second wave of the virus and poor economic outlook from the Federal Reserve.
- Meanwhile, **President Trump's** campaign, which has announced rallies in many states with the highest number of new COVID-19 cases, has barred attendees from filing lawsuits against the campaign if they contract the virus.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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New York City Public Schools will re-open for the fall on **September 10th**, just three months from now. Although schools will be open, some parents may have reservations about their children returning to class. Therefore, a remote option will remain for continued learning. Plans are still be worked out. For more information click [here](#).

FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION



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In partnership with
SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



FACE MASK *Distribution* EVENT

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/Vendors



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

Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte** and District Leader **Josue Pierre** in partnership with **Salem Missionary Baptist Church** will host a **Face Mask Distribution** on Friday, **June 12, 2020** from **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** . RSVP is **required** to receive a mask and giveaways. Sign up [here](#) .

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT



Photo Credit: Noah Goldberg/Queens Daily Eagle

- District Attorney **Eric Gonzalez** and Attorney General **Letitia James** won a lawsuit today which will prevent ICE arrests at state courthouses.
 - A judge found that ICE activity at courthouses discourages victims, witnesses, defendants and respondents from attending court.

CONTACT TRACING JOBS

THE NATIONAL BLACK LEADERSHIP COMMISSION ON HEALTH AND NYC'S RACIAL INCLUSION AND EQUITY TASK FORCE PRESENTS:

Virtual Contact Tracing Job Fair



FIELD WORK IN SUPPORT OF COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING

YOU ARE INVITED TO A ZOOM MEETING.
FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH, 1 PM - 2 PM (EST)

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://nycmayor.webex.com/nycmayor/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebd27f8a787a9eb396ee59dcdd7d0fc5f>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
Limited spaces available.

OPENING REMARKS

C. Virginia Fields
President and CEO, Black Health

HEALTH EQUITY IN CONTACT TRACING

Dr. Torian Easterling
NYC Dept. of Health, Deputy Commissioner

OVERVIEW OF POSITIONS & HIRING PROCESS

Dr. Ted Long
Executive Director, Test and Trace Corps

BLACK HEALTH
National Black Leadership Commission on Health, Inc.

African American Federation

FPWA

Hispanic Federation

NYC HEALTH HOSPITALS

NEW YORK 100

NEW YORK FORWARD LOAN PROGRAM

NY FORWARD



Photo Credit: Newsbreak

- Applications for the **New York Forward Loan Program** are now being considered on a rolling basis. The **\$100 million fund** was created to provide flexible and affordable loans to **small businesses, nonprofits** and **small landlords** as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE.
- **Basic Eligibility:**
 - Small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords must have **20** or less employees and less than **\$3 million** in revenue.
 - Landlords must have no more than **200** units under ownership, and no single property greater than **50** units; Properties must either be located in a low or moderate income (LMI) census tract or meet a rent test where property rents are affordable to tenants of low and moderate income.
 - Priority will be given to industries and regions that have been reopened. Please refer to the **New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool** [here](#).
 - Businesses, nonprofits and landlords that received the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) **will not be eligible to apply**.
- For more information or to submit a pre-application for a NY Forward Loan, please visit [here](#).

Photo Credit: NHS Brooklyn

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



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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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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 your dedications in getting our youth through this school year.

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/dewp](https://www.nyc.gov/dewp). 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.

- 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>.

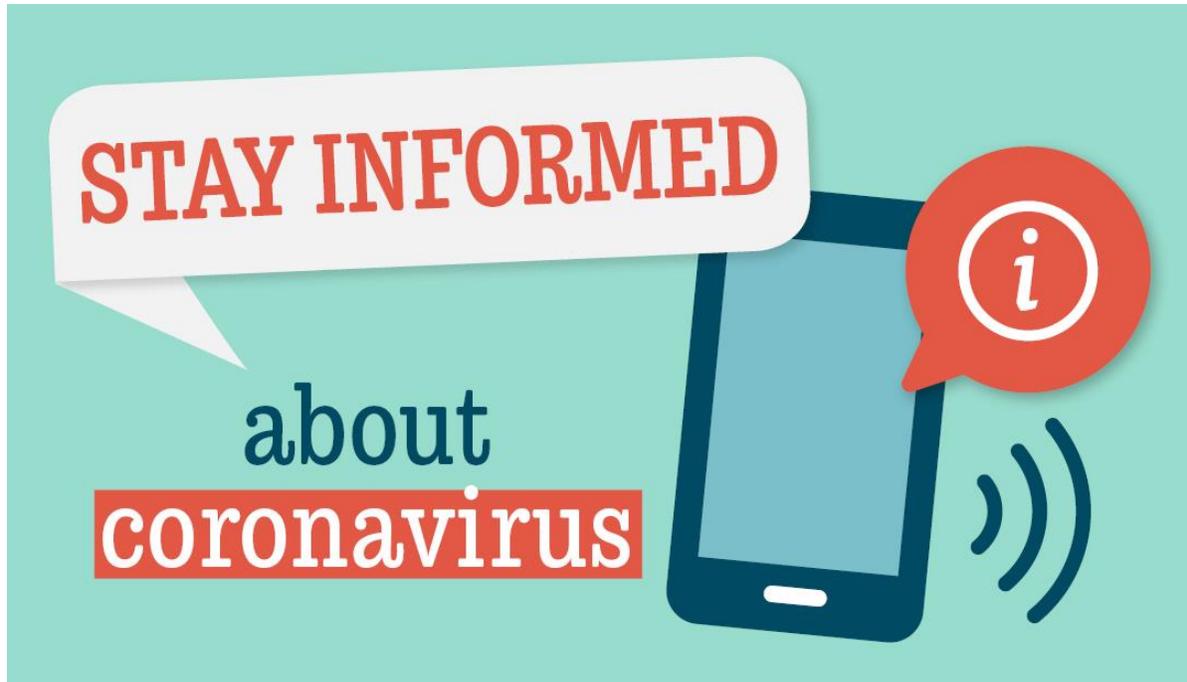
Discontinuing home isolation

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



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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