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COVID-19 Updates



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COVID-19 Infection Rate Is Still Increasing Nationwide

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Governor Cancels New York State Fair; State Will Impose Fines to Individuals Who Ignore Quarantine Mandate; Federal Government Issues New Guidelines for International Students; and more.

NYS Confirmed: 397,649

NYS Deaths: 24,913

NYC Confirmed: 217,216

Brooklyn Confirmed: 60,211

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Syracuse; New York State Fair in 2019

- Visitors traveling from a high risk COVID-19 location to NY risk a fine up to **\$10,000** if they do not quarantine for **14** days. The governor admitted it will operate on an honor system.
 - People who do not comply could be subject to a fine of **\$2,000** for their first violation. Read more [here](#).
 - To view list of high risk states visit [here](#).
- **Governor Cuomo** announced that the **New York State Fair** will be cancelled this summer out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19.
- The governor announced that a number of July 4th festivities and gathering did not follow social distancing protocols and New York State guidelines.
 - This included festivities on Fire Island and in the East Village.
 - Additionally, there were reports of social distancing and mask violations in upstate New York from out-of-state travelers.
 - Governor Cuomo is calling on local governments to enforce social distancing and face covering mandates.
- Governor Cuomo announced that **38** states are seeing increasing COVID-19 infection rates. The governor called

on president Trump to acknowledge to the American people that COVID-19 exists and it is increasing.

- The Mid-Hudson region will enter **Phase IV** of reopening tomorrow, **July 7**.
 - **Long Island** is on track to enter **Phase IV** on Wednesday, **July 8**.
- The governor also announced that the **New York State Department of Health** is finalizing guidance on the possible reopening of schools in September.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that there was an **uptick in shootings** over the weekend. The mayor indicated that he is addressing the issue and called on clergy and other community leaders to join the effort.
 - The mayor said he was scheduled to meet with local leaders via video conference today.
 - The mayor also announced that **Police Commissioner Dermot Shea** was set to meet with the chief judge for the state and district attorneys from all five boroughs today to address the issue.
- New York City entered **Phase 3** of reopening today.
 - The businesses allowed to reopen include tanning salons, massage centers and spas. The city is also reopening outdoor basketball, tennis, volleyball and handball courts, providing new recreation opportunities during the summer.
 - The mayor announced that **Phases 1** and **2** of reopening were successful.

- The mayor announced that public transportation ridership has increased compared to ridership in June.
 - Subway ridership increased by **18%**;
 - Bus ridership by **12%**; and
 - Staten Island Ferry Ridership by **15%**.
 - The mayor announced that Traffic into Manhattan increased by **3%** on East River Bridges and by **7%** on Harlem River Bridges.
 - Rush hour services will also resume today.
- The mayor also announced that **700** city personnel, including members of the **Sheriff's Office**, were out this weekend engaging and educating neighborhoods with the highest concentration of bars and restaurants.
 - **100,000** face coverings were distributed.
 - **1,000** business were inspected and **85%** were found in compliance.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Jeenah Moon/ Getty Images

- Florida set a record of a single day COVID-19 rate. On **July 4th** there were **11,458** new cases according to a New York Times database. Read more here.
- The **Student and Exchange Visitor Program** announced that **international students** may **not** take a full online course load and remain in the United States this upcoming academic semester.

- Today, the U.S. Department of State announced that they will not "issue visas to students enrolled in schools and/or programs that are fully online for the fall semester nor will U.S. Customs and Border Protection permit these students to enter the United States."
- Read more [here](#).
- The **World Health Organization** reported that **73** countries risk running out of essential H.I.V. medications.
 - **24** of the **73** countries are already facing critical shortages.
 - This shortage is due to "disruption of the supply line and other problems caused by the COVID-19 pandemic."
 - Read more [here](#).
- In an **open letter** to the American public, three leading health organizations urge Americans to wear masks when they leave their homes.
 - The letter indicates that "Covid-19 is not behind us and we must resist confusing reopening."
 - The letter also indicates that Dr. Anthony Fauci told Congress that the "U.S could see **100,000** new coronavirus cases each day if we do not take more precautions."
 - Read the letter [here](#).

SUPREME COURT



Photo Credit: Stefani Reynolds/Getty Images

Today in a **9-0** vote, the **Supreme Court** voted that states can punish **electoral college** voters who vote against a state's popular vote during a presidential election. Read more [here](#).

**EVENTS IN HONOR OF AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT**

ADA 30 NYC
Americans with Disabilities Act
1990 - 2020

Photo Credit: Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

The New York City **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)** is facilitating a month of fully online programming in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the passage and signing of the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**. A full calendar of City-run and community events can be found [here](#).

PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

6 WEEK PAID INTERNSHIP

AGES 18+

MUST LIVE IN BROWNSVILLE

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- PHOTO ID
- PROOF OF ADDRESS
- RESUME



Deadline to Apply: July 10th

To apply, [visit here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRAYER MARCH

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte attended a Prayer March with **Hanson Seventh Day Adventist Church** to protest against systematic injustices.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, church members, and District Leader Olanike Alabi



Pastor Warren Richards, District Leader Olanike Alabi and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte marching with Hanson Seventh Day Adventist Church



Pastor Michael Coleman, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and activists at Hanson Seventh Day Adventist Church

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte attended a Food Distribution event at **Christian Cultural Center** with **Mayor Bill de Blasio** and **Councilmember Farah Louis**.



(Left to Right) Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Councilmember Farah Louis, volunteer, Mayor de Blasio, District Leader Edu Hermelyn and Volunteer.



Assemblymember Bichotte and Mayor de Blasio distributing food



Pastor A.R. Bernard, Mayor Bill de Blasio, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Councilmember Farah Louis

SO MONEY PODCAST



So Money with Farnoosh Torabi
1065: New York Assemblymember
Rodneyse Bichotte

00:00:00



Listen to **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** as she participates in a podcast discussion titled "**So Money**" with **Farnoosh Torabi**, an award winning financial correspondent, best selling author and television personality. In this podcast, Assemblymember Bichotte talks about her career in public service, key initiatives she is working on, and her economic predictions for the future of New York City. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



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Alternate Side Parking Schedule (through July 12th):

- **July 6 - July 11:** ASP suspended; meters and all other parking rules are in effect.
- **July 12:** ASP and meters are not in effect; all other parking rules are in effect.

The City may extend the suspension past **July 12th** based on street cleanliness and workforce availability.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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Rodneyse Bichotte
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
718-940-0428 | bichotter@nyassembly.gov | www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

We have a 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**.

**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 do tough
work that helps
stop the spread
of disease.**

**Thank you
sanitation workers.**

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **sanitation workers** for keeping our streets clean.

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

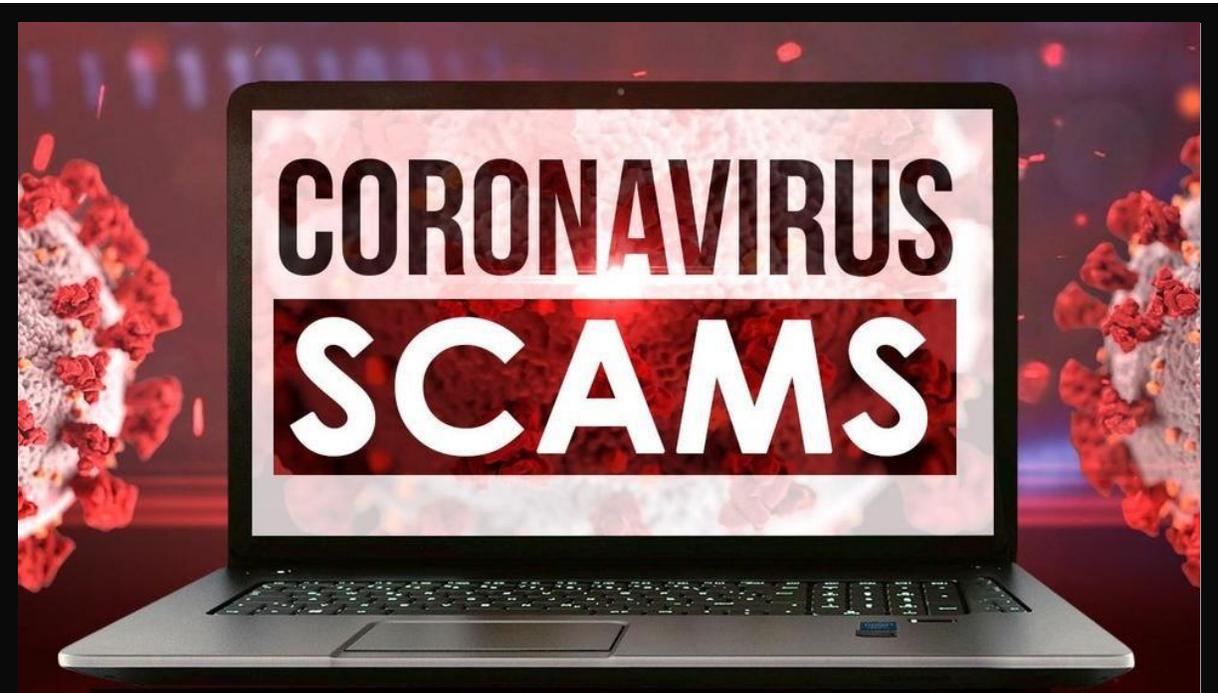


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: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

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 (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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