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## COVID-19 Updates

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### **NYC Reports Zero COVID-19 Fatalities**

*Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

Governor Announces Public Schools Can Reopen in Phase 4; Violence in NYC Continues to Rise; and more.

**NYS Confirmed: 402,263**  
**NYS Deaths: 24,989**  
**NYC Confirmed: 219,301**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 60,815**

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO

NEW YORK TOUGH  
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Photo Credit: Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo; P oster celebrating New York’s response to the coronavirus pandemic

- **Governor Cuomo** announced that schools in New York can open again once a region is in **Phase 4**.
  - The daily infection rate in that region needs to remain at **5% or lower** over a **14-day average** for schools to stay open.
  - If a region reports a daily infection rate of over **9%**, they will “**hit an emergency stop button.**”

- The governor announced that New York State will deploy testing and contact tracing teams to **Atlanta** to help residents of the city combat the virus.
- New York State is closely monitoring an uptick in COVID-19 cases in **Rensselaer County**.
- According to data released yesterday:
  - Patient Hospitalization: **801 (+2)**
  - Patients Newly Admitted: **75 (+0)**
  - Hospital Counties : **28**
  - Number ICU: **174 (-3)**
  - Number ICU with Intubation: **102 (+2)**
  - Total Discharges: **71,565 (+88)**
  - Deaths: **5**
  - Total Deaths: **24,979**
- Travelers from **out-of-state** will soon have to fill out a form giving authorities information about where they came from.
  - The order will apply to travelers from states on the quarantine list, which currently includes **19 states**.
  - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will be responsible for enforcing the new requirement in the New York City area. Local airports will enforce the rule in the rest of the state.
- The governor unveiled poster depicting **President Trump** as the 'Man in the Moon.' Read more [here](#).

## NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Mayor Bill de Blasio

- NYC marked its first day in months with no COVID-19 deaths.
  - The first confirmed COVID-19 fatality in NYC was on **March 11**.
  - The **NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene** reported zero deaths in the city for a 24 hour period on Saturday.
  - Read more [here](#).
- Today, the city reported a **2%** positivity rating for coronavirus testing.
  - **56 patients** were admitted to the hospital, and **279 patients** were in intensive care units.
- The good news, however, comes with some heeded caution. Coronavirus infections among **20 to 29 year olds** jumped **30%** last month. Read more [here](#).
- The mayor updated guidance on face coverings, advising that it should be worn at all times in an indoor setting that is not your home.
- The mayor unveiled a new **Violence Prevention Plan** in the wake of a continued increase in shootings over the weekend. The plan includes:
  - Increased **NYPD** presence on more than **20 streets** and in public housing developments.
  - Youth town hall in Harlem next Friday, along with additional **youth engagement activities**.
  - Faith-based clergy outreach and "take back the block" initiatives.
  - **Cure violence program** will offer street corner resources to de-escalate conflict. Read more [here](#).

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post

- White House aides released information to the Washington Post, intended to discredit Dr. Fauci, the country's top infectious disease expert.
  - Read the story [here](#).
- **Seventeen states** and the District of Columbia have **sued the Trump administration** to block a rule that would revoke visas of foreign students. Read more [here](#).
- The **New York Times** obtained a [69-page document](#) circulated internally at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which warned reopening schools would be the '**highest risk**' for coronavirus spread.
- The U.S. budget deficit grew to **\$864 billion** in June, the Treasury Department announced today.

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

# New York State Assembly's 2020 Summer Reading Challenge

Sponsored by  
**Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte**



"I pledge to read for at least 15 minutes each day for at least 40 days during the months of July and August. I will mark the calendar below with a check mark (✓) each day that I read by myself or with my reading buddy."

**Suggested Reading List visit: [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm)  
 For additional reading ideas and preschool book activities, visit: [daybydayny.org](http://daybydayny.org)**

## July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



## August 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Join the challenge and read this summer for at least 40 days.  
 Exercise your brain and have fun while doing it.

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Starting in July, kids and teens can get free, healthy summer meals at nearby sites. Visit [SummerMealsNY.org](http://SummerMealsNY.org) to find locations near you.

## SYEP SUMMER BRIDGE 2020

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**ACCEPTING  
 APPLICATIONS  
 NOW!**

This summer young adults ages **14 to 24** have the opportunity to learn new skills, explore potential careers, build professional network, and engage in their community through the **Summer Youth Employment Program Summer Bridge 2020** . The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, July 15th** . You can apply [here](#).

### TAX DEADLINE

The deadline to file your state and federal tax returns is **Wednesday, July 15.**



### ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Alternate Side Parking (ASP) regulations are suspended through Sunday, **July 19** , 2020. All other parking rules remain in effect.

### 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  
718-940-0428 | [bichotter@nyassembly.gov](mailto:bichotter@nyassembly.gov) | [www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte](http://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**.

### **SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

- COVID-19 testing will be available at **Salem Missionary Baptist Church** today, **Monday, July 13th - Friday, July 17th**.
  - 10am - 4pm

- 305 East 21st Street, Brooklyn NY 11226

## 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



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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

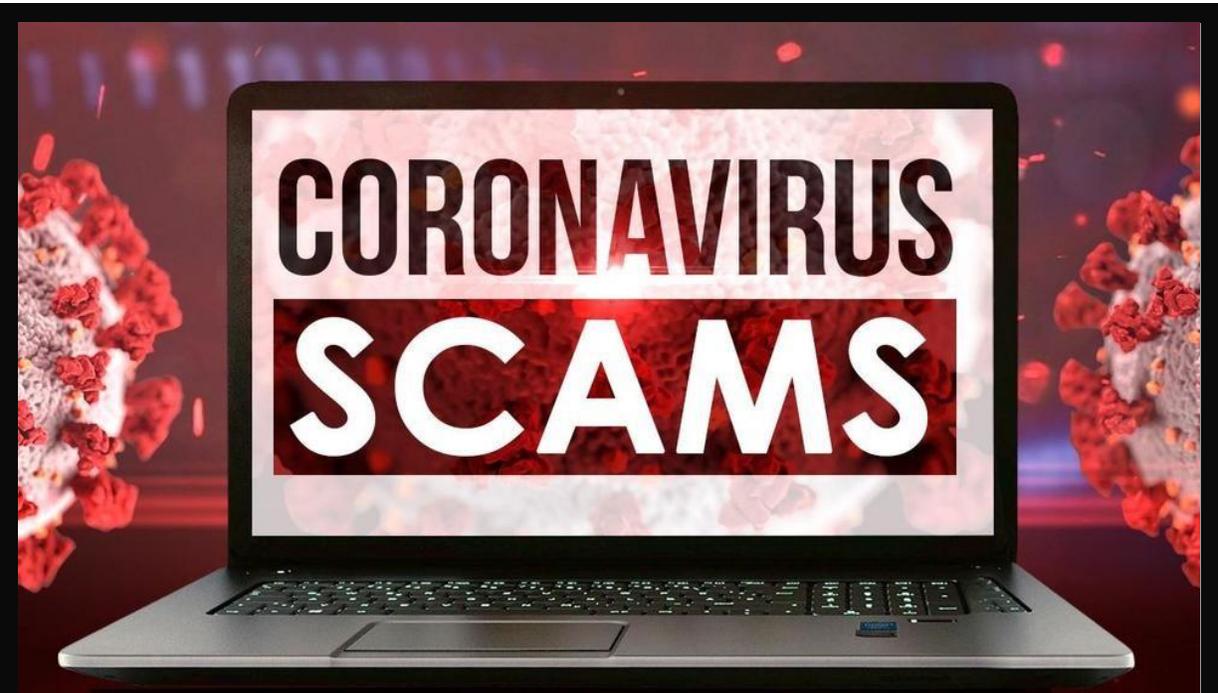


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: 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](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](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

**STAY INFORMED**

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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](#)

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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.

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