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COVID-19 Updates

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New York State Schools Are Permitted To Open

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Deadline for School Districts to Submit Plan; Moratorium Extended on Live Poultry Sales in NYC; Over 700,000 Students To Begin Blended Learning in the Fall; President Trump's Executive Orders; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 421,336
NYS Deaths: 25,204
NYC Confirmed: 228,069
Brooklyn Confirmed: 63,223

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Video Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo released a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) called "**Mask Up, America**".
 - This PSA highlights the positive impact of mask wearing during the influenza pandemic in 1918 that infected 500 million people - a third of the world's population at that time - in several waves.
- **Governor Cuomo** today signed legislation ([S6252/A8009](#)) which extends the **moratorium on live poultry markets** and slaughterhouses in New York City, prohibiting the issue of licenses to such facilities within a 1,500-foot radius of residential buildings. The bill extends the existing moratorium by **four years**.

- The **deadline** for school districts to submit plans for in-person learning is **Friday, August 21st**.
 - Currently, **107** school districts have not submitted a plan for in-person learning.
 - Districts failing to meet the deadline will be unable to provide in-person learning this year.
 - Districts that are found to be out of compliance will be contacted by the State Department of Health today to cure their deficiency.
- **Governor Cuomo** and **Governor Andy Beshear** held a virtual joint press conference to address President Trump's recent executive orders including the lack of support to states to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - **New York State**, will need **\$30 billion** over the next two years just to get out of a hole;
 - The **MTA** needs **\$12 billion** to avoid raising fares and tolls; and
 - Without funding of **\$3 billion** to **Port Authority**, the airport construction project will be at risk of discontinuing.
 - For more information click [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

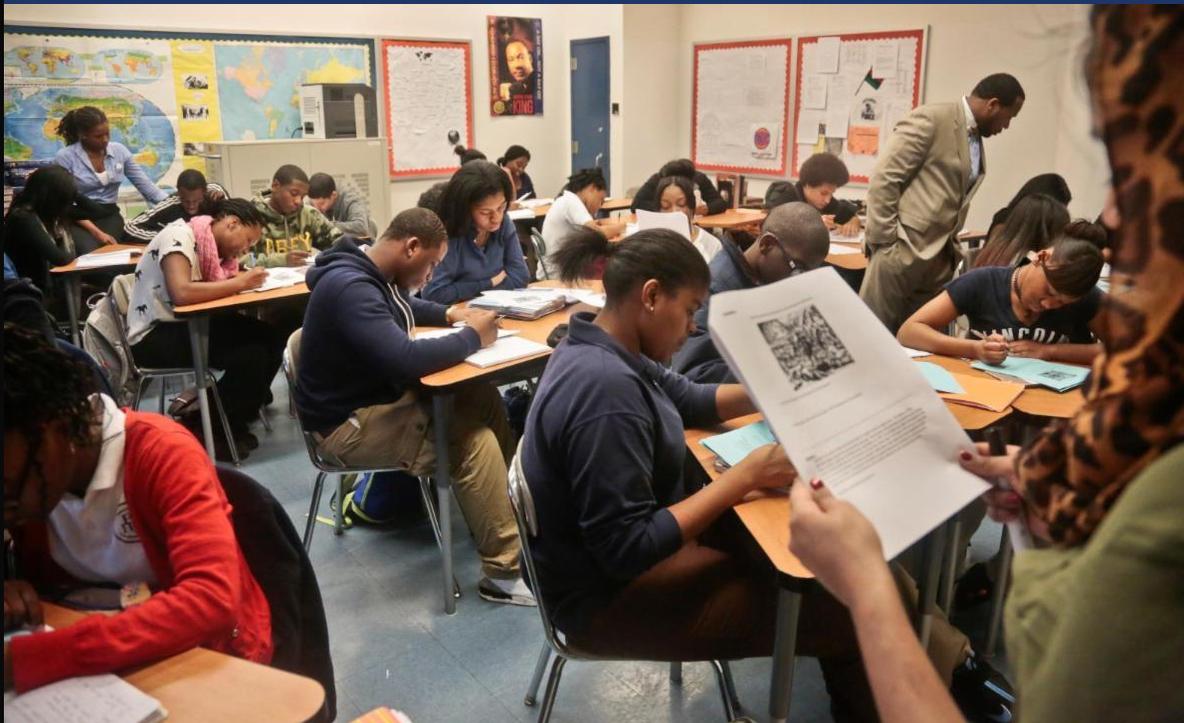


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- **Mayor de Blasio** announced results from a survey revealing that **74%** of students are planning to return to the classroom and participate in blended learning.
 - This is consistent with a survey taken a few weeks ago showing 3/4 of the parents are looking to have their children return to school.

- **85%** of teachers have chosen to participate in **blended learning** (66k educators).
- **Chancellor Carranza** notes that there will be a **5-day school week** regardless of the option selected.
- **15%** of teachers who requested accommodations to work at home will be designated to **teach remotely** for full school term.
- Mayor de Blasio introduced the new **First Deputy Chancellor** of the Department of Education, **Donald Conyers**.
- Schools must maintain good air quality through enhanced ventilation including opening windows. Any schools not able to maintain good air quality will not be used.
- The mayor is in talks with New York State on receiving a **long term borrowing plan** to bridge this moment in history.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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- President Trump issued a number of **executive orders** over the weekend including:
 - **Payroll tax deferred** payment of employee portion from 9/1/20 to 12/31/20.
 - **Unemployment assistance** to states with 25% co-sharing of a \$400/week benefit through 12/31/20.
 - **Extension of eviction protection** for those experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

- **Student loans** at 0% interest on suspension loans through 12/31/20.
- The chairman of the board of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) was fired along with another board member due to the threat of over 2200 workers being told they would lose their jobs to lower paid foreign workers.
- The White House went into lockdown and President Trump was evacuated from a press briefing today after a Secret Service-involved shooting at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. He later continued his briefing. For more information click [here](#).
- For more information see [here](#) and [here](#).

HEAT ADVISORY



Photo Credit: heat advisory weather graphic

A current heat advisory is in effect through Wednesday, **August 12th** with a heat index reaching the mid-90s.

- NYC has cooling centers and cooling buses.
- To obtain more information click [here](#).
- To find cooling centers and buses click [here](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS GRANT

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK CITY

Citizens Committee has launched **Neighborhood Business Grants** to assist New York City's small businesses experiencing financial hardship due to the impact of COVID-19. Grants between **\$5,000 - \$10,000** will be issued to maintain payroll and operations. Businesses owned by people of color, immigrants, and women will be prioritized. To learn more and apply click [here](#).

YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF BROOKLYN



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte joins **Dr. Monalisa Ferrari**, Chairperson of the **Society for Haitian Research** to talk with the youth at a summer institute program addressing civic engagement and the right to vote.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

NYC Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is in effect from **Monday, August 3rd** to **Friday, August 14th**. Parking meters also remain in effect. For more information visit [here](#).

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 | 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



During these unprecedented and difficult times, we thank our **essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Access-A-Ride workers** for being the vehicle to ensure those who need transportation access, get from point to point be safely.

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

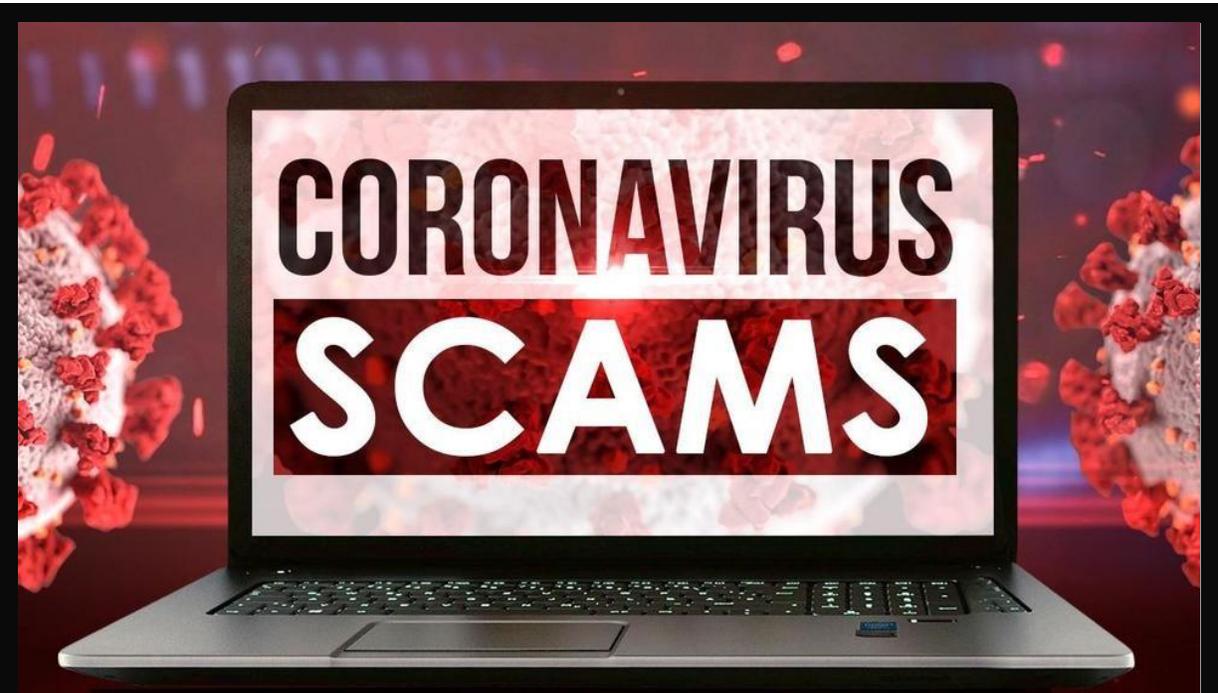


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: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

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

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 (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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