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COVID-19 Updates

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Wildfires on West Coast Rage

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Macy's Thanksgiving Parade Will Be Virtual This Year; 55 NYC School Staff Test Positive for COVID; Schneps Media Hosts Salute to Labor; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 444,948
NYS Deaths: 25,394
NYC Confirmed: 238,067
Brooklyn Confirmed: 66,274

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- Governor Cuomo announced the **38th** straight day with COVID-19 infection rates below **1%**. This is a positive sign for New York. Read more [here](#).

- **SUNY Oswego** announced that it will suspend all sports activities, Greek activities, in-person dining, and dorm visits as COVID-19 cases rose to **126** over the weekend. Read more [here](#).
- Governor Cuomo signed legislation ([So8129/A10249](#)) on Friday to reconstitute the **September 11 Workers Protection Task Force**.
 - The task force will extend for **5 years** until **June 2025** where it will provide program recommendations and improve health access for workers whose health were affected during September 11, 2001's rescue & recovery efforts. Read more [here](#).
- NYC Transit Chief, **Alex Elegudin**, is leaving the MTA to work for the governor as his top disability advisor. Read more here.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Office of Mayor Bill de Blasio

- Last week, a letter was delivered to Mayor de Blasio, signed by **163** business executives and leaders, asking that action be taken on public safety and other quality of life issues that jeopardize economic recovery. Read the letter [here](#).
- This year's **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** is expected to be very different.
 - This year's parade won't be live as it has been for so many years prior.
 - Citizens will have to tune in via TV on NBC and web this year at [Macys.com/Parade](https://www.macys.com/Parade).
 - The mayor is expecting a different kind of event, one that has been reinvented just for this moment in history.
 - The parade will be held on **November 26** from **9 am to 12 pm**.
 - For more information click [here](#).
- The **Open Streets: Restaurants** initiative is continually expanding. The mayor announced **7** new **weekend outdoor dining** locations on Friday.
 - This initiative has more than **10,000** restaurants and **87** participating streets throughout New York City.
 - More than **90,000** jobs were saved because of this initiative's effort.
 - To read more click [here](#).
- New York City continues its effort to get schools reopened for in-person learning by **September 21st** as part of its hybrid model for this year.
 - So far **16,982 school staff** has taken advantage of the city's priority testing made available to them.
 - Out of those tested **0.32%**, or **55 people**, have tested positive. Read more [here](#).

- **98%** of results came back within **48 hours**.
- Staff who test positive are put under a **2 week** mandatory isolation and provided medical assistance before going back to work.
- One school was closed.
- Students and DOE employees are being offered free priority back to school testing at **22** Priority Testing Sites at **NYC Health + Hospitals**. The testing turn around time is between 24-48 hours. Find a site near you [here](#).
- A new **DOE COVID-19 response situation room & team** has been created which has:
 - A direct hotline for principals
 - Open 6 days a week, Monday - Friday: 5:30 am - 9:30 pm & Sunday: 11 am - 9:30 pm
 - This team will comprised of DOE, Test & Trace, & DOHMH staff in the same location to allow for quick responses and effective decision making
 - This operation will be lead by NYC Department of Building's Commissioner **Melanie E. La Rocca**.
- Mayor de Blasio announced that an additional **2,000 educators** will be deployed to schools immediately. This list will comprise of redeployed central staff, long-term substitutes, and temporary staff.
- The **MORE-UFT** group, an activist faction of the United Federation of Teachers union are planning "work outs" on Monday. The group says schools are not ready to open. Read more [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Doug Mills/The New York Times

- Governor **Steve Sisolak** of Nevada states that President Trump was "taking reckless and selfish actions" as he allowed an indoor campaign event to happen near **Las Vegas, Nevada**. To read more click [here](#).
- Politico reports that the Trump administration has been interfering with **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) guidance, asking to review and make changes to the weekly scientific reports. **Michael Caputo**, a former Trump aide and longtime Western New York Republican insider, is playing a key role according to the story.
 - Politically appointed communication aides have complained to **CDC Director Robert Redfield** and other senior officials that the agencies

reports would undermine President Trump's positive messaging concerning the pandemic.

- Read more [here](#).
- Wildfires are devastating the west coast. California, Oregon and Washington State are battling large blazes that have **displaced millions** and harmed **air quality** across the region.
 - Prisoners in Oregon are dealing with COVID-19 risks and other concerns as a result of the blaze.
 - Oregon's Coffee Creek Correctional Facility had to move more than **1,300 inmates** to other prison because of the fires.
 - Many inmates had to sleep in close proximity of each other making them very vulnerable to catching the virus.
 - The coronavirus which has spread significantly in the prison population is being fueled by these major changes. Read more [here](#).
 - President Trump, speaking from California, where hotter temperatures have made it harder to contain the fires, continued to deny **climate change** saying "I don't think science knows actually".
- Los Angeles' public school system embarked on a testing program for school staff and students which is expected to be one of the most comprehensive in the country.
 - The goal is to test **700,000 students** and **75,000 employees** for the coronavirus.
 - So far out of **5,400** students and staff tested, **5** have tested positive.
 - The Los Angeles Unified School District is the second largest in the nation after New York City.
 - The program will cost **\$150 million**. Read more [here](#).

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NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS



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**FREE QUICK AND EASY COVID-19
TESTING IS AVAILABLE AT OUR
MOBILE TESTING SITES**

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

**Clarendon Road Church
3304 Clarendon Road
Brooklyn, NY 11203**

September 14th - September 18th

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

For more information, call 1-844-NYC-4NYC or 311



NYC Health + Hospitals has a free COVID-19 mobile testing site at Clarendon Road Church located at 3304 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, NY 11203. This mobile site will be active from September 14 - September 18 from 10 AM - 4 PM. No appointment is needed to get tested.

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NYC | **YOUNG MEN'S
INITIATIVE**

<https://tinyurl.com/FatherhoodInfo>

CUNY Fatherhood Academy is providing a free educational program for fathers and expectant fathers from the age of 18 to 30. To register for this opportunity click [here](#) and to sign up for their CUNY Fatherhood HSE Diploma (GED) Info Session click [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is in effect through **September 18**.
- The ASP rules will be suspended again on **September 19** for Rosh Hashanah.

AVOID SCAMS

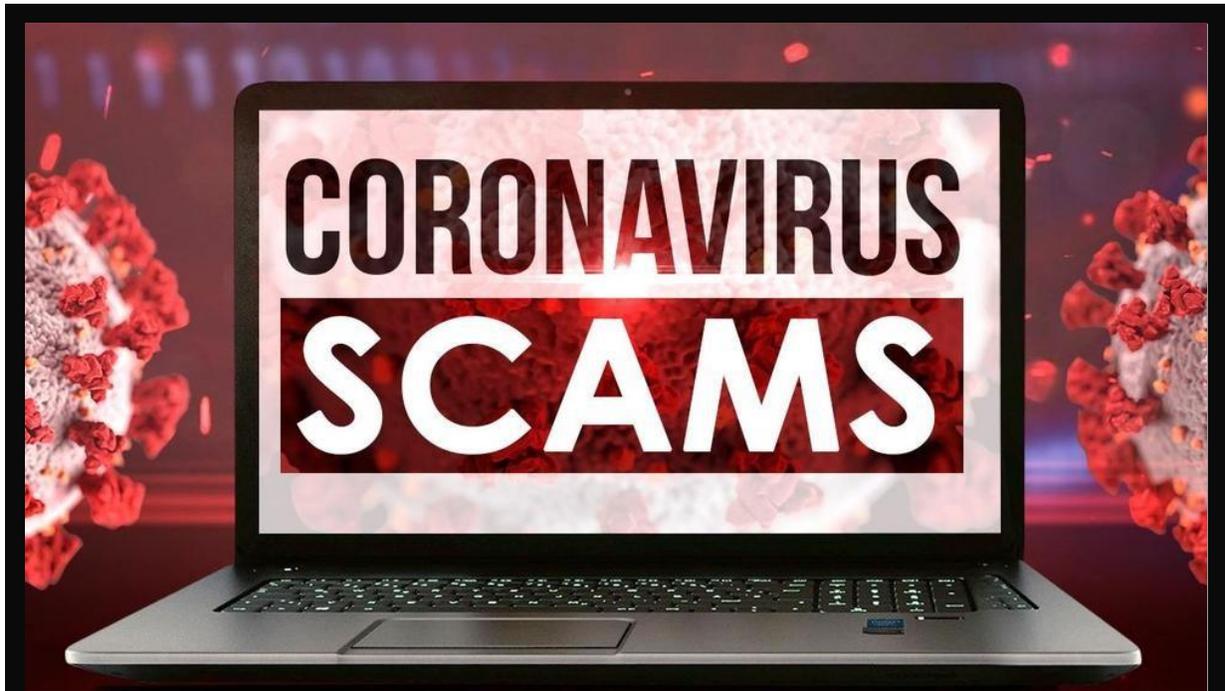


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: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

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#). If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

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

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.

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