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COVID-19 Updates

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NYC Mayor Delays In-Person Learning for

Some Students

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Special Enrollment Period Extended; Six States Removed from Travel Advisory; Mayor Announces Heart Work Against Hate Initiative; Immigration Fees to Increase Next Month; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 447,262
NYS Deaths: 25,413
NYC Confirmed: 238,958
Brooklyn Confirmed: 66,586

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- The governor announced that he **will not** ban individuals from going door-to-door to **trick or treat** on Halloween.

The state will, however, provide guidance on how individuals can safely participate. Read more [here](#).

- On Tuesday, the Department of Health announced that New York **nursing homes** that have gone **14** days without a coronavirus case can reopen for limited visitation. Read more [here](#).
- The **Special Enrollment** Period for uninsured New Yorkers will be extended through **December 31st**.
- The governor announced that announced that six states—**California, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada and Ohio**—have been removed from New York State's COVID-19 travel advisory. Puerto Rico has been added. Read more [here](#).
- Lower-risk school sports are able to start on Monday, **September 21st** statewide but teams won't be able to practice or play outside of their region until **October 19th**.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: NYC Mayor's Office

- Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that **in-person learning** will be **delayed** for some students. All students will not return to school buildings on Monday, September 21st. The updated schedule to return to school is:
 - Monday, **September 21st**: Blended learning students in grades 3-K and Pre-K, as well as all grades in District 75;
 - Tuesday, **September 29th**: Blended learning students enrolled in K-5 and K-8 schools; and
 - Thursday, **October 1st**: Blended learning students enrolled in middle schools, high schools, secondary schools (schools spanning grades 6-12), and transfer schools/adult education.
 - The mayor also announced that an additional **2,500 educators** in addition to the 2,000 that was added on Monday will be added to NYC schools.
- The mayor announced a new initiatives to address the city's sanitation and street cleanliness efforts.
 - The Department of Sanitation of NY is **restoring** approximately **65 litter basket sanitation trucks**.
 - The New York City Economic Development Corporation is restarting CleanNYC to:
 - provide supplemental cleaning services in neighborhoods and parks through the end of 2020; and
 - partner with the DOE Fund, to provide employment, career training, and social services to homeless and formerly incarcerated individuals.
- The city launched a citywide multi-language campaign to encourage people to take the flu vaccine. For more information, visit [here](#).

- NYC Test and Trace Corps has prevented up to **15,000** potential new COVID-19 cases.
 - Nearly 80% of all positive COVID-19 cases completed Test and Trace Corps' intake.
 - New test and trace hotline is (212)COV-ID19.
 - The hotline operates from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. everyday.
- The mayor announced that there is a need for blood donation. To make an appointment to donate blood, visit [here](#) or call (800) 933-2566.
- The mayor announced that starting **October 1st** through **March**, the mayor's office will **furlough** every mayor's office employee, nearly 500 employees, for **5** days.
 - The mayor will be included in this furlough.
 - This furlough will save NYC \$860,000 in revenue.
 - Read more [here](#).
- Mayor de Blasio announced a "**Heart Work against Hate**" initiative for youth, launched by the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes.
 - NYC youth **ages 10 to 18** are eligible to apply.
 - The deadline for submission is Wednesday, September 30th.
 - Visit [here](#) for contest rules and application.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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- The U.S. plans to ship the first COVID-19 vaccine **24-hours** after it receives authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Read more [here](#).
- Federal Reserve officials expect to leave interest rates near zero through at least 2023. Read [more here](#).
- A federal appeals court ruled on Monday that the Trump administration acted within its authority in **terminating temporary protected status** for hundreds of thousands of immigrants. Read more [here](#).
- A nurse, who worked at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Georgia, filed a complaint with the Department of Homeland Security inspector general on Monday detailing a "high rate of **hysterectomies** and alleged medical neglect." Read more [here](#).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COVID-19 TOWN HALL



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In Commemoration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Join Us for a Virtual Town Hall

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & COVID-19 What the Community Needs to Know

📅 Tuesday, September 22, 2020

🕒 6:00 PM Eastern

■ PANELISTS



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RSVP for Zoom Event Info: bit.ly/dv-and-covid

The "Domestic Violence and COVID-19: What the Community Needs to Know" event will happen on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** To RSVP visit [here](#).

CUNY CITIZENSHIP NOW!

**Immigration fees
are going up.**

**File before
October 2nd.**



Photo Credit: CUNY Citizenship Now!

- The **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)** announced that **immigration fees are going up effective October 2nd.**
 - Fee waivers will be eliminated for many applications, including form N-400, Application for Naturalization.
 - The citizenship application fee will increase from \$640 to **\$1,160** for an online application or **\$1,170** for a paper application.
 - For immigration help, contact CUNY Citizenship Now [here](#).

PROPERTY TAX LIEN SALE VIRTUAL SESSIONS



Property Tax Lien Sale Virtual Outreach Sessions

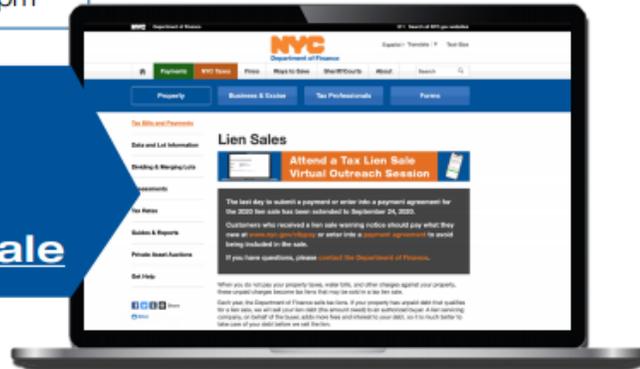


- ▶ Learn about the NYC lien sale process for unpaid tax, water, and emergency repair charges.
- ▶ Understand the options for preventing the sale of your lien and avoid future lien sales.
- ▶ Learn about other resources available to homeowners.

September 2020 Lien Sale Virtual Outreach Sessions	
Date	Time
September 14	5:00 pm
September 17	12:00 pm
September 21	5:00 pm
September 24	12:00 pm

You can attend any event, in any borough, no matter where your property is located.

To register for and attend a Webex Outreach session visit:
www.nyc.gov/liensale



NYC Department of Finance is hosting a series of **Lien Sale Virtual Outreach Sessions**. To register for a session visit [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS WEBINARS



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Pace University will be hosting webinars for small businesses. To attend a webinar, [visit here](#).

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INFO
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THE CENSUS ENDS SEPT 30TH
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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).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte providing the keynote address
at the Caribbean Life's Salute to Labor Awards Ceremony.



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Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte's Back to School Supply and Mask Giveaway in partnership with Flatbush Development Corporation, sponsored by Metro Plus Health Plan and Plaza Auto Mall.



Constituents receiving book bags and completing the 2020 Census in front of district office.



Constituents with book bags sponsored by Metro Plus Health Plan and Plaza Auto Mall.



Constituent with staffer at the Back to School Supply Giveaway event.

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.

Learn more about
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her websites:
<http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte>
and www.rodneysebichotte.net

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