



Assemblymember
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COVID-19 Updates



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Eviction Moratorium is Extended to End of Year

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

President Trump Nominates Judge Amy Coney Barrett For Supreme Court Seat; Covid-19 Infection Rate is Going Up, Especially in Brooklyn; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 456,460

NYS Deaths: 25,468

NYC Confirmed: 243,072

Brooklyn Confirmed: 68,462

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: /Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo announced today that the moratorium on **residential evictions** will be extended through **January 1**. To read more click [here](#).
- The governor announced this weekend that the statewide COVID-19 infection rate is **1.5%**. Brooklyn's rate is nearly double that at **2.6%**. The rates are the highest since mid-July.
 - The state is seeing **elevated positive test rates** in Brooklyn, Orange County and Rockland County.
 - **17%** of those tested in zip code **11219**, which includes Borough Park, have come back Covid-19 positive.
 - Read more [here](#).
- Pay raises for approximately **80,000** state government employees were deferred for the third time this year. Read more [here](#).
- Ads from the "**Mask Up America**" campaign have been seen **30 million** times.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- The **Department of Health** identified **4** new ZIP codes as emerging areas of concern:
 - Rego Park (2.34% positivity rate);
 - Kew Gardens Hills/Pomonok (2.71%);
 - Kensington/Windsor Terrace (2.45%); and
 - Brighton Beach/Manhattan Beach/Sheepshead Bay (2.74%).
- Other problem areas include:
 - Midwood (5.34%);
 - Kew Gardens (3.82%);
 - Edgemere/Far Rockaway (3.9%);
 - Borough Park (4.63%);
 - Bensonhurst/Mapleton (4.41%);
 - Sheepshead Bay (3.91%);
 - Flatlands/Midwood (3.85%); and
 - Williamsburg (1.78%).
- Since the clusters have not been contained, and have in fact worsened, before the city's self-imposed **Monday evening deadline**, some **reopening rollbacks** may be implemented.
 - Rollbacks would only apply to the affected ZIP codes, not citywide, the health department said.
 - The measures could include **bans of gatherings of 10 or more people, mask fines, private school and child care center closures and shutting down all non-essential businesses again.**
- Council of School Supervisors and Administrators, the union representing **principals**, said it has lost

confidence in the school reopening plans and called on the state to takeover the city school system. Read more [here](#).

- The mayor announced that the **NYC Open Restaurants** program will be year round.
 - **Indoor dining** will return **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**.
 - All restaurants that choose to reopen must adhere to strict safety protocols, like increased ventilation and air filtration standards, temperature checks and requiring patrons to wear face coverings when not seated.
- Mayor de Blasio issued an Executive Order on Friday that will allow **indoor pools** to open at **33%** capacity
- Deputy Sheriff's shut down **4** illegal gatherings over the weekend, including a gathering of nearly **200 people** at a karaoke bar in Flushing, Queens.
- Mayor de Blasio signed 3 bills into law that expands protection for workers, consumers, and commercial tenants. The bills are Intro. **2032-A, 2083-A** and **2049-A**.
 - **Intro 2032-A** will expand previous legislation to now allow [paid safe and sick leave](#) for businesses operating with **\$1 million** or more of net income with **at most 4 employees**. Also, employees of large companies of 100 or more workers will now be able to have up to **56 hours** of paid sick leave.
 - **Intro 2083-A** will protect commercial tenants (small businesses) from being liable for defaults because of the lost of revenue due to the impact of COVID-19. This protection pushes the date of protection which would have ended on September 30, 2020 to **March 31, 2021**. This is an amendment of **Local Law 55** which you can read more on [here](#).
 - **Intro 2049-A** provides protection for hotel workers who would have been displaced and out of work due to hotels being sold or having a transfer of ownership. This legislation will make it mandatory for the new owners to provide employment for 90 days after purchase or transfer of ownership and an evaluation of employees after the 90 days. This legislation also protects consumers staying at hotels where hotel management will have to meet certain notice requirements when it comes to service disruptions.
 - To read more click [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Alex Brandon/AP

- President Trump has nominated Judge **Amy Coney Barrett** to fill the Supreme Court vacancy left by Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**.
 - The confirmation hearings will begin on **October 12**. Read more [here](#).
- The New York Times obtained President Trump's long-concealed **tax returns** in a breaking report released Sunday night.
 - The returns show that the president paid **no income taxes** at all for **10** of the prior **15** years.
 - He paid only **\$750** in federal income taxes during the year he won the presidency and in his first year in office. Read the story [here](#).
- Treasury Secretary **Steven Mnuchin** and House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** have agreed to resume **stimulus** talks. Read more [here](#).
- Over **1 million** people have died of Covid-19 worldwide. Read more [here](#).

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- **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** joined News 12's **Kurt Semder** on Power & Politics to discuss the upcoming election, the importance of the Census, and the life and legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Watch [here](#).

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE



COVID-19: Community Conversations **Mental Health, Equity and Resilience**

Attend a Virtual Presentation

JOIN US



Hosted by: NYPL Clason's Point
Virtual meeting via computer, tablet or phone

Thursday, October 1st, 2020 3:30pm –5:00pm
To attend register [here](#)

For more information contact: Jasmin Hernandez

The Covid-19 pandemic is a global shared traumatic experience that disrupts and affects our families, friends and communities.

In NYC and nationally, people of color are disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

To address the mental health challenges brought by the pandemic and structural racism in our City, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is providing a free virtual presentation



To host a presentation for your group, please reach out to Jessica Poveda at jpoveda@health.nyc.gov, 917-994-4652

Join New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene at a virtual event titled: **Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience.**

Date: **Thursday, October 1st, 2020**

Time: **3:30 PM - 5 PM**

Register by clicking [here](#).

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- Credit Counseling
- Affordable Mortgages
- Your Home-Buying Team
- Home Inspections
- Home Buyer Education
- Getting Started!

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NHS Brooklyn is a nonprofit 501©3 housing organization certified by HUD.
We've been helping our neighbors buy, repair & keep their homes since 1982.

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Join NHS Brooklyn at a virtual seminar for **first-time homeowners**.

Date: **Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

Time: **12 PM - 1:30 PM**

Register by clicking [here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MASK DISTRIBUTION KNICKERBOCKER FIELD CLUB



Left to right: LIU Professor Ralph Engelman, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and District Leader Josue Pierre.



Left to right: Mr. Hastings; Sheila McKenzie; Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte; and Ray Habib, Knickerbocker Field Club President.



Club member Steve Martinowitz and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte.



Bill Lipton, founder of the Working Families Party, and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with volunteers.



A line forms for masks and materials.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- Alternate Side Parking is suspended today and parking meters are in effect. For more information, visit [here](#).

AVOID SCAMS

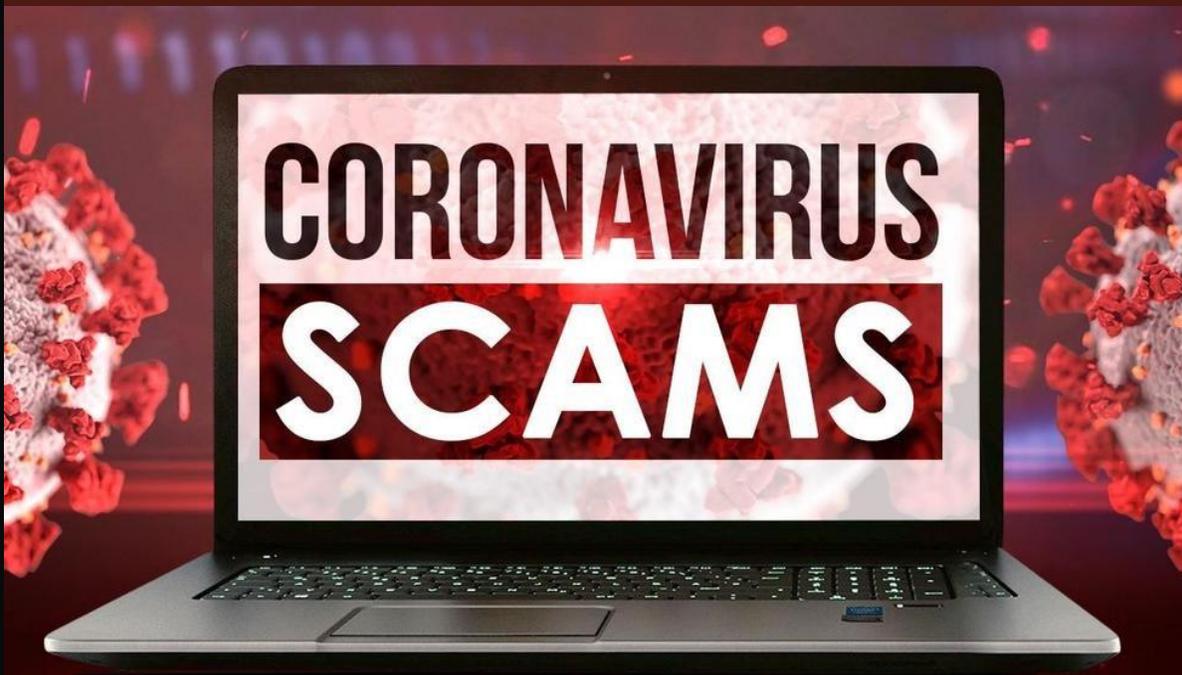


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: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

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
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