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**RODNEYSE BICHOTTE**  
Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



## COVID-19 Updates

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**NYC Schools Reopen Tomorrow for Some Students**

***Amid Coronavirus Pandemic***

NYS Establishes Regional Vaccination Hubs; Outdoor Dining Resumes Tonight; Governor Declares State of Emergency; and More!

**NYS Confirmed: 815,469**  
**NYS Deaths: 28,222**  
**NYC Confirmed: 369,385**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 105,006**

## LEGISLATION



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Yesterday, **Governor Cuomo** signed **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** and **Senator Alessandra Biaggi**'s bill **A10729/S08298B** which prohibits the state of New York from selling or displaying symbols of hate.

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**

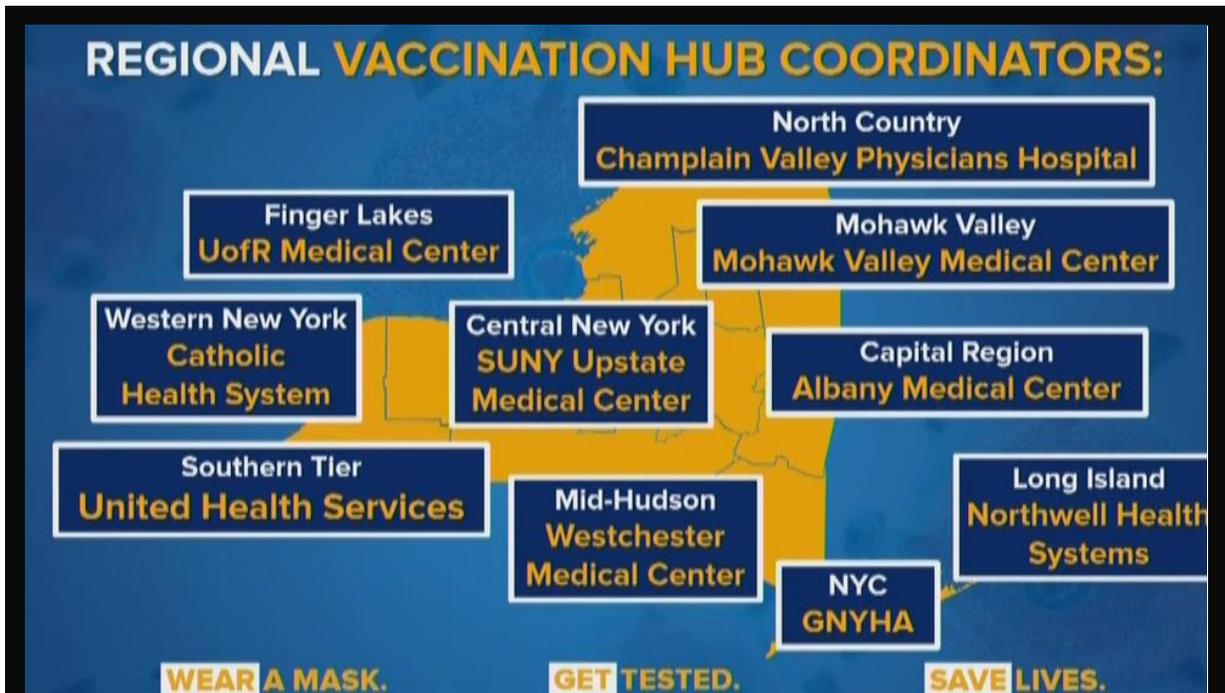


Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- **Governor Cuomo** declared a state of emergency in **18** counties as a result of the winter storm. Read more [here](#).
- New York State administered **200,000** COVID-19 tests yesterday.
  - The governor stated that Staten Island has the highest COVID-19 positivity rate.
- NYS Department of Health Commissioner **Dr. Howard Zucker** sent a letter to hospital administrators preparing them to shift into crisis mode due to the pandemic. Read the letter [here](#).
- NYS currently has **87,750** COVID-19 vaccine doses. The governor stated that the vaccine priorities are the following:
  - provide a public education campaign to battle skepticism;
  - provide outreach effort to the black, brown, and poor communities; and

- an expedited distribution and administration program that started this week.
- The governor stated that vaccines are being distributed to all regions proportionately.
  - NYS is currently in **phase 1** of the vaccine distribution, which includes vaccinating health care workers, nursing home and congregate care residents and workers.
  - NYS is expected to move to **phase 2** in late January if vaccine supplies continue.
    - Phase 2 includes vaccinating essential workers and people with underlying health conditions.
- NYS established the **Regional Vaccination Hubs**, led by local hospital systems, to develop a plan for a regional vaccination network.
  - This effort is in coordination with community leaders to help prepare for phase 2.
  - The Regional Vaccination Hub coordinators are listed [here](#).
  - Plans will be submitted during the first week of January and will be reviewed and approved by NYS DOH.
- The governor indicated that his administration will ensure that the vaccination will be at **no cost** to the public.
  - The **NYS Department of Financial Services** is directing health insurers to immediately cover any COVID-19 vaccination administration costs in full.
  - For more vaccine information visit [here](#).
- The state will advance **\$1.5 billion** to organizations needing cash flow until next February or March.

**NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO**



Photo Credit: NYC Mayor's office

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that **42,900** COVID-19 vaccines were delivered and that **5,200** healthcare workers have been vaccinated.
- During his daily briefing, the mayor stated the following:
  - the coronavirus rate is rising;
  - there is a possible lockdown ahead;
  - people should wear masks;
  - people should practice social distancing; and
  - people should stay home for the holidays.
- NYC public hospitals have canceled **elective surgeries** in response to a second wave of the coronavirus. Read more [here](#).
- The mayor stated that the Bronx received almost **11** inches of snow. The rest of the city received **5-8** inches of snow.
  - The mayor encouraged residents to stay home as the city attempts to clear out the snow.
- Today was a remote learning day for all NYC students as school buildings were closed due to the snow.
  - In-person learning will **resume** tomorrow, December 18th, for grades K-5.
  - Buses will run as usual tomorrow.
- The mayor announced that starting tonight **outdoor dining** will resume citywide.
- Mayor de Blasio criticized the new stimulus package proposal because it does not provide much assistance for cities and states.

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**



Photo Credit: Yahoo finance

- An FDA panel of independent experts voted to recommend the emergency use authorization of the **Moderna** coronavirus vaccine. Read more [here](#).
- Vice President Mike Pence will receive the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine on Friday. Read more [here](#).
- Federal lawmakers are close to making a deal on a **\$900** billion stimulus deal.
  - The deal would include a new round of stimulus payments, probably **\$600**, to American adults;
  - federal jobless aid of around **\$300** per week; and
  - rental and food assistance in addition to other things. Read more [here](#).

**GLOBAL NEWS**



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- President Emmanuel Macron of **France** has tested positive for the coronavirus. Read more [here](#).
- **Dutch** Prime Minister Mark Rutte imposed a five-week nationwide lockdown. Read more [here](#).

**SNOW REMOVAL SAFETY TIPS**

## SNOW REMOVAL SAFETY TIPS



Stretch out before you go out to prevent injury.



Avoid overexertion. Cold weather adds strain on the heart. Take frequent breaks.



When removing snow, do not cover fire hydrants, or shovel snow into manholes or catch basins.



Offer to help individuals who require special assistance.



For additional tips on what to do before, during, and after winter weather, visit [here](#).

**BROOKLYN COVID-19 TESTING SITES**

**Week of 12/14 to 12/20, 2020**

*\*This is a targeted list only. for a full list, please go to [nyc.gov/covidtest](http://nyc.gov/covidtest) or call 212-COVID19.*

**NYC Health+Hospitals Testing Sites (ongoing)**

Days and times vary

**Coney Island Hospital**  
2601 Ocean Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York 11235  
844-NYC-4NYC  
COVID-19 Testing/Antibody Testing  
Mon – Sat, 8am–4pm, Sun, 8am–12pm

**Gotham Health, Cumberland**  
100 North Portland Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11205  
844-NYC-4NYC  
COVID-19 Testing/Antibody Testing  
Mon–Fri, 9am–3:30pm  
Sat– Sun, 10am–2pm

**Gotham, Jonathan Williams Houses**  
333 Roebling Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11211  
844-NYC-4NYC  
COVID-19 Testing/Antibody Testing  
Mon – Fri: 8:30am–3:30pm  
Sat – Sun: 9am – 2 pm

**Starrett City**  
1279 Pennsylvania Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11239  
Rapid Molecular Testing  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Red Hook Recreation Center**  
155 Bay Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231  
844-NYC-4NYC  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Crown Heights**  
196 Albany Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Mon – Fri, 9am–5pm

**Kings County Hospital**  
451 Clarkson Avenue  
T-Building, Room T-110 1st floor (Corner  
of Clarkson Ave & New York Ave)  
Brooklyn, New York 11203  
718-245-3131  
COVID-19 Testing/Antibody Testing  
Mon–Sat, 7am–6pm  
Sun, 8am–5pm (closed 12pm–1pm)

**Gotham Health, East New York**  
2094 Pitkin Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11207  
844-NYC-4NYC  
COVID-19 Testing/Antibody Testing  
Mon – Sun, 9am – 3pm

**Midwood Pre-K**  
1223 Coney Island Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11230  
844-NYC-4NYC  
Rapid Point Molecular Testing  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Borough Park**  
4002 Fort Hamilton Parkway  
Brooklyn, NY 11218  
Rapid Molecular Testing  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Canarsie Municipal Parking Lot**  
622 E 99th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11236  
(aka 1389 Rockaway Parkway)  
844-NYC-4NYC  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Woodhull Hospital**  
760 Broadway  
Brooklyn, New York 11206  
718-963-8000  
COVID-19 Testing/Antibody Testing  
Mon – Sun, 8:30am – 3:30pm

**Gotham Health, Homecrest**  
1601 Avenue S  
Brooklyn, New York 11229  
844-NYC-4NYC  
COVID-19 Testing/Antibody Testing  
Mon – Fri, 8:30am–4pm

**Bensonhurst 14th Ave**  
6315 14th Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11219  
Rapid Molecular Testing  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Bay Ridge 5th Ave**  
8511 & 8515 5th Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11209  
Rapid Antigen Testing  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Ida G. Israel Community Health Ctr**  
2925 W 19th Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11224  
844-NYC-4NYC  
Mon – Sat, 8am – 4pm; Sun, 8am–12pm

**Brooklyn Army Terminal**  
140 58th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11220  
Mon – Sun, 9am–7pm

**Mobile Testing, H+H Site**

**Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri, Dec. 14-18  
9:30am - 4:30pm**

**South Williamsburg**  
NYCHA/Marcy Houses  
Basketball Courts behind Building #22  
Marcy Houses Driveway Loop  
602 Park Ave. BK 11206

**Mobile Testing, Partner Site**

**Hours of Operation: 8am - 7pm (days vary)**

**Borough Park**  
Mon - Fri, Dec. 14-18  
Leif Ericson Park  
Fort Hamilton Pkwy & 66th St.  
BK 11219

**Bedford-Stuyvesant**  
Sat & Sun, Dec. 19-20  
Marcy Plaza  
Marcy Ave. & Fulton St.  
BK 11216

**NYC Health Department COVID-19 Express**

**Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri, 9am-5pm**  
By appointment only: [nyc.gov/health/covidexpress](http://nyc.gov/health/covidexpress)

**Crown Heights**      **Fort Greene**  
**Crown Heights Center**      **Fort Greene Center**  
1218 Prospect Place. BK 11213      295 Flatbush Avenue Ext. BK 11201

**Self-Test Sites**

**Dates and times Vary & are subject to change. Please verify on website beforehand: <https://bit.ly/selftestsites>**

**Greenpoint**      **Williamsburg**  
Mon - Fri, Dec. 14-18, 10am-4pm      Mon - Fri, Dec. 14-18, 10am-4pm  
**Greenpoint Health Center**      **Williamsburg (Adult Med)**  
875 Manhattan Ave. BK 11222      279 Graham Avenue BK 11211

TO FIND TESTING SITES ACROSS NYC:  
Call 212-COVID19 or go to [nyc.gov/covidtest](http://nyc.gov/covidtest)

To find testing sites around NYC, visit [here](#).

**FLATBUSH CATON MARKET**

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MARKET**  
ON CLARENDON

2184 CLARENDON RD  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

**CHRISTMAS FETE  
HOLIDAY MARKET  
+ TOY GIVEAWAY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**12 PM - 2 PM**

**SANTA CLAUS & TOY GIVEAWAY**

**1 PM - 3 PM**

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There will be a toy giveaway on **Saturday, December 19th** from **12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Flatbush Caton Market on 2184 Clarendon Road.

### ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING UPDATE



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NYC Alternate Side Parking Regulations will be suspended **Friday, December 18**, and **Saturday, December 19** for snow operations. Parking meters will remain in effect.

### DCAS YOUTH CITYTALK PANEL



## City Government Career Pathways for Youth CityTalk Panel

**Sponsored by:**  
**DCAS and partnering City agencies**

DCAS is hosting a panel discussion to help youth learn about careers in city government. The City Government Career Pathways for Youth CityTalk Panel will feature representatives from various City agencies who will discuss opportunities working for the city as well as available internships. Attendees will learn about the process for applying for City jobs and gain insights about what it is like to work for the City.

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### Info Session

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

to register, please visit:  
<https://bit.ly/YouthEvent1222>

### For more information contact:

Stacey Jacob

[Citywiderecruitment@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:Citywiderecruitment@dcas.nyc.gov)



If you require a reasonable accommodation to attend this webinar, please contact the Office of Citywide Recruitment at [citywiderecruitment@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:citywiderecruitment@dcas.nyc.gov) by 12/18

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**NYC DCAS**  
Citywide Administrative Services

**NYC** **NYC**  
Office of the Mayor Buildings

**NYC**    
Children NYC Parks

**NYC DCAS** is hosting a panel discussion to help youth learn about careers in city government. The event will be on **Tuesday December 22nd at 3:00 p.m.** To register visit [here](#).

**DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK**



**Leaving home?**

**Don't forget  
your mask!**



**MUTUAL AID NYC FOOD RESOURCES**

# MUTUAL AID NYC HOTLINE

Call the Mutual Aid NYC hotline during the times listed below for information about food resources, grocery delivery and other services in your neighborhood and beyond. The hotline is free, open to everyone and is available in 11 languages, including English.

**Monday - Thursday: 2 PM - 8 PM Friday: 2 PM - 5 PM**

## ESPAÑOL

Llame a la línea telefónica de Ayuda Mútua NYC en los horarios listados más abajo para información relacionada con comida, entrega de la compra a domicilio y otros servicios en su barrio y otros barrios. La línea telefónica es gratuita, abierta a todo el mundo, y disponible en 11 idiomas, incluyendo Inglés y Español.

**Lunes-Jueves: 2PM - 8PM Viernes: 2PM - 5PM**

## 普通话

在下面列出的时间内，拨打纽约互助热线，以获取有关您附近及其他地区的食物资源，杂货配送和其他服务的信息。该热线是免费的，向所有人开放，并以11种语言提供，包括英语和中文。

**星期一 - 星期四: 2 PM - 8 PM 星期五: 2 PM - 5 PM**

## বাংলা

দয়া করে মিউচুয়াল এইড NYC হটলাইনে ফোন করুন নিম্নলিখিত নির্দিষ্ট সময়গুলোতে আরও জানতে খাদ্য সম্পদ, মুদি সরবরাহ (গ্রোসারি ডেলিভারি) এবং অন্যান্য সেবার বিষয় যেগুলো আপনার পাড়ায় উপলব্ধ। এই হটলাইনটি সকলের জন্যে এগারোটি ভাষায় বিনামূল্যে প্রস্তুত (ইংরেজি এবং বাংলায়)।

**সোম - বৃহস্পতিবার: ২ - ৮ p.m. শুক্রবার: ২ - ৫ p.m.**

## FRANÇAIS

Appeler la Mutual Aid NYC directe ligne durant les temps listés en dessous pour les informations concernant les ressources alimentaires, pour la livraison de vos condiments et autres besoins dans votre quartier ou en dehors. La ligne directe est gratuite, ouverte à toute personne et disponible dans 11 différentes langues en plus du français.

**Lundi - Jeudi: 14h - 20h Vendredi: 14h - 17h**

## العربية

خلال الساعات المدرجة أدناه لتجد NYC اتصل بخط ساخن ميوتشوال أيد المعلومات عن الموارد الغذائية وخدمات توصيل منتجات البقالة والخدمات الأخرى في حيك والأحياء الأخرى. هذا الخط الساخن مجاني ومفتوح للجميع ومتاح بـ 11 لغة بما في ذلك اللغة الإنجليزية و لغتك الإثنى حتى الخميس: 2م-8م الجمعة: 2م-5م

## CREOLE

Rele Mutual Aid NYC liy dirèk pandan tan ki nan lis anba a pou enfòmasyon sou resous manje, livrezon makèt ak lòt sèvis nan katye ou ak apre. Liy dirèk la gratis, louvri pou tout moun epi li disponib nan onz lang, ki gen ladan angle ak kreyòl.

**Lendi jiska jedi: dezè nan apremidi jiska uitè di swa Vandredi: dezè nan apremidi jiska senkè di swa**

## हिन्दी

अपने इलाके में फूड बैंक या राशन की डेलिवरी जैसी सेवाओं की जानकारी के लिए नीचे दिए गए समय पर म्यूचुअल एड NYC को फोन करें। यह हॉटलाइन आपकी सेवा के लिए है और अंग्रेजी और हिंदी के अलावा, 11 और भाषाओं में मौजूद है।

**सोमवार - गुरुवार: 2 - 8 PM शुक्रवार: 2 - 5 PM**

## 한국어

생필품 및 기타 서비스에 대한 정보를 원하시는 경우, 하단에 표기된 시간에 맞추어 Mutual Aid NYC 핫라인에 연락하여 주시기 바랍니다. 모든 서비스는 무료로 제공되며, 누구나 사용 가능합니다. 서비스는 영어 및 한국어를 포함하여 11개국 언어로 제공됩니다.

**월요일 - 목요일: 오후 2시 - 오후 8시 / 금요일: 오후 2시 - 오후 5시**

## РУССКИЙ

Позвоните по телефону горячей линии Mutual Aid NYC в указанное ниже время для получения информации о продовольственных ресурсах, доставке продуктов и других услугах в вашем районе и за его пределами. Горячая линия бесплатна, открыта для всех и доступна на 11 языках, включая английский и русский.

**Понедельник - четверг: 14:00 - 20:00 Пятница: 14:00 - 17:00.**

## اردو

کھانے پینے کے وسائل، راشن (گروسری) کی فراہمی اور اپنے پڑوس اور اس سے باہر کی دیگر خدمات کے بارے میں معلومات حاصل کرنے کے لیے نیچے دئے گئے اوقات کے دوران باہمی امداد ہاٹ لائن پر کال کریں۔ ہاٹ لائن ہر ایک کے لئے مفت ہے اور انگریزی اور اردو سمیت 11 زبانوں میں دستیاب ہے۔

**پیر تا جمعرات: ۲ سے شام ۸ بجے تک، جمعہ: ۲ سے شام ۵ بجے تک**

**646-437-8080**

For more information, languages & hours, visit  
**MUTUALAID.NYC/I-NEED-HELP**

**MUTUAL  
AID NYC**

**Mutual Aid NYC** is providing food assistance, resources, and other services. To get more information call their hotline at which you can call at **646-437-8080**.

**NYC SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE NETWORK**

# NYC

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## SIGN UP — HERE IS HOW IT WORKS

1



Sign up by submitting  
your business profile

2



You will be assigned a Small  
Business Support Specialist  
through your local Chamber  
of Commerce

3



Work with your  
Specialist to assess your  
business needs

4



Get personalized guidance  
and access to resources for  
your business

## 5 BOROUGHS. 1 RESOURCE NETWORK.

Our public-private partnership came together to offer meaningful assistance to small business owners through the city's corporate, financial, and professional service sectors, as well as universities, philanthropists, and expert volunteers.



In collaboration with:



[NYCSmallBusinessResourceNetwork.org](https://NYCSmallBusinessResourceNetwork.org)



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The **NYC Small Business Resource Network** is a unique private/public partnership that provides our local businesses with the free, personalized guidance they need right now to survive the pandemic. If you have a small business, you can sign up for this network today.

Once you fill out the **brief intake form**, you will be matched with a business support specialist. Through this program, all five borough **Chambers of Commerce** have specialists offering one-on-one support to businesses in their boroughs.

The program is funded by a \$2.8 million grant from the New York City-based Peter G. Peterson Foundation and supported by in-kind contributions from other partners, this collaboration, led by the **Partnership for New York City**, the **NYC Economic Development Corporation** and all five **Chambers of Commerce**, leverages the city's corporate, financial and professional services sectors, as well as universities, philanthropies and expert volunteers to help small business owners gain access to a range of programs and services.

## **COVID-19 CLUSTER ZONE REMINDERS**

### **RED ZONE**

## RED ZONE: MICRO-CLUSTER

**RESIDENTIAL/  
NON-RESIDENTIAL  
GATHERINGS**

Prohibited

**HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

Lesser of 25% of maximum capacity or 10 people

**BUSINESSES**

Non-essential businesses are closed

**DINING**

Takeout or delivery only

**SCHOOLS**

Closed – remote learning only

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## ORANGE ZONE

## ORANGE ZONE: WARNING

**RESIDENTIAL/  
NON-RESIDENTIAL  
GATHERINGS**

10 people maximum, indoors and outdoors

**HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

Lesser of 33% of maximum capacity or 25 people

**BUSINESSES**

High-risk non-essential businesses (ex. gyms, hair salons, barbershops) are closed

**DINING**

Outdoor dining (4 people maximum per table), takeout and delivery are permitted

**SCHOOLS**

Closed – remote learning only

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## YELLOW ZONE

# YELLOW ZONE: PRECAUTIONARY

**RESIDENTIAL GATHERINGS** 10 people maximum, indoors and outdoors

**NON-RESIDENTIAL GATHERINGS** 25 people maximum, indoors and outdoors

**HOUSES OF WORSHIP** 50% of maximum capacity

**BUSINESSES** Open

**DINING** Indoor and outdoor dining (4 people maximum per table), delivery and takeout are permitted

**SCHOOLS** Open – 20% weekly testing of in-person students and faculty is required

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**COVID-19 RAPID TESTING BROOKLYN LOCATIONS**

# ACPNY HOT SPOT RAPID TESTING: BROOKLYN APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

<i>Location</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Kings Highway 3245 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229	Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm
Bay Ridge 740 64th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220	Wednesday/Friday 9am - 4pm
Flatbush 1000 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11218	Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm

## Schedule Virtual Visit Screenings in Two Ways:

Option 1 (Existing and All New Patients): Patient calls dedicated COVID-19 screening and testing hotline (866) 749-2660

Option 2 (Existing patients only): Patient schedules COVID-19 virtual visit screening on myACPNY patient portal.

After a virtual screening, patient is scheduled for a testing appointment at their convenience at testing location.

Results are communicated back to patient by ACPNY provider.

**STOP THE SPREAD**

# Protect your community from COVID-19



## Everyone must do their part.

- **Stay home if you do not feel well.**
- **Participate in temperature checks and symptom screenings when entering public spaces.**
- **Wear face coverings when not at home.**
- **When with people who do not live in your household, keep 6 feet between you and others.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds each time.**

If you or a loved one have been near someone who has COVID-19, here's what to do:

- **Do not leave your home**, except to get medical care. Avoid taking buses, subways, and taxis.
- **Separate from other people in your home as much as possible.** You should stay in a specific "sick room" if possible.
- Do not share household items.
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible. If you share a bathroom, clean and disinfect after using it.
- Don't touch pets.
- Don't cook food and serve it to others.
- Avoid caring for children **and older adults, if possible.**

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

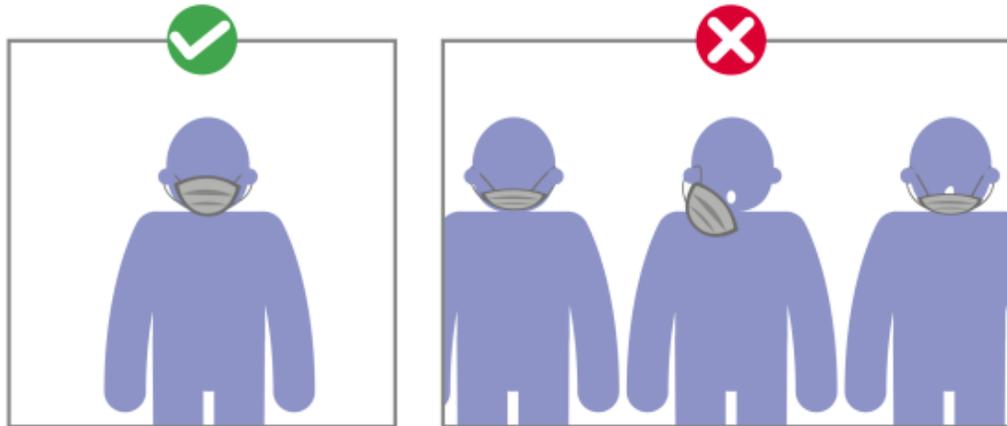
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

\*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

Stay up to date [www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus](http://www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus)

## **WEARING FACE COVERINGS**

# Face Masks and Coverings for COVID-19



- You must wear a face mask or face covering in public when social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) is not possible, unless a face covering is not medically tolerated. This includes on public transport, in stores and on crowded sidewalks.
- Children over 2 years of age should wear a face mask in public, too. Children under 2 years of age should NOT wear face coverings for safety reasons.
- Cloth face coverings should be made from fabric you can't see through when held up to the light. They must be cleaned before reusing.
- Disposable paper face masks should be used for one outing outside the home. They cannot be properly cleaned.
- The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to continue social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from others), **even when wearing a face covering.**

## Putting On Face Covering

- **DO** clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before putting on your face covering.
- Make sure the face covering covers both your nose and mouth.
- **DON'T** wear your mask hanging under your nose or mouth or around your neck. You won't get the protection you need.
- **DON'T** wear the face covering on top of your head, or take it off and on repeatedly. Once it is in place, leave the covering in place until you are no longer in public.

## Taking Off Face Covering

- **DO** clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before taking off your face covering.
- Remove your mask only touching the straps.
- Discard the face covering if it is disposable. If you are reusing (cloth), place it in a paper bag or plastic bag for later.
- Wash your hands again.
- When cleaning a cloth face covering, **DO** put in the washer (preferably on the hot water setting).
- Dry in dryer at high heat. When it is clean and dry, place in a clean paper or plastic bag for later use. If you live in a household with many people, you might want to label the bags with names so the face coverings are not mixed up.

## AVOID SCAMS

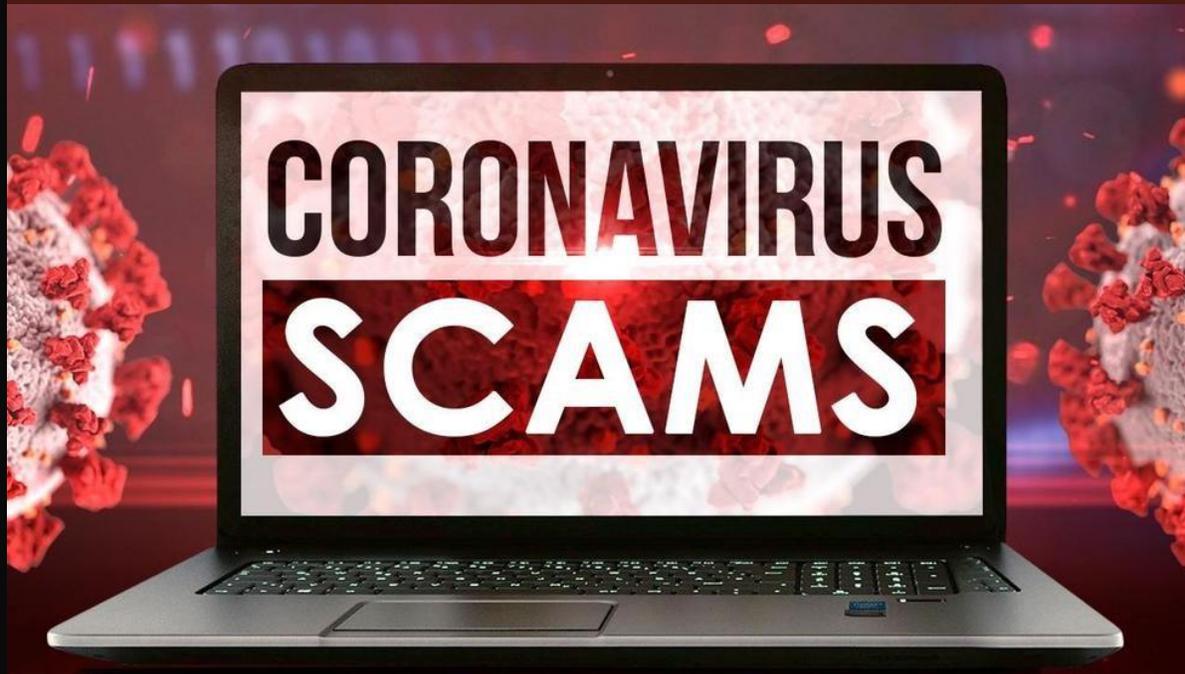


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline:** 800-697-1220.
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

## SERVICES AND RESOURCES



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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](#).

**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

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