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## COVID-19 Updates

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### **EARLY VOTING STARTS SATURDAY**

#### *Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

SNAP Emergency Assistance; NYS COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program Now Live; and More!

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### **VACCINE PROGRESS**

**NYS First Doses: 11,030,964**  
**NYS Completed Series: 9,609,994**  
**Brooklyn First Doses: 1,219,316**  
**Brooklyn Completed Series: 1,039,815**

## NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo announced the **grand opening** of **Pier 76**, a new recreational and cultural space on Manhattan's western Hudson River shoreline. Read more [here](#).
- The state **Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance** (OTDA) announced that all New Yorkers enrolled in the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (SNAP) will receive at least the **maximum** allowable level of food benefits for **June**. Read more [here](#).
- The governor has changed his plans to **restructure** the leadership of the **MTA** by appointing **Sarah Feinberg** as chairwoman. Read more [here](#).

## NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Mayor's office

- **Mayor de Blasio** demonstrates how **Rank Choice Voting** will work during this upcoming election by ranking pizza toppings. Read more [here](#).
- The mayor announced that early voting starts Saturday **June 12**.
  - Doors open at 8 a.m. Learn more [here](#).
- The mayor announced that the Macy's annual **4th of July** Fireworks show is back in NYC for all to enjoy. Read more [here](#).
- The mayor announced that **Coney Island** will also have a fireworks show.
  - Show time is from 10:00PM - 10:15PM. Read more [here](#).

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**



Empty vials for the Covid-19 vaccine from Pfizer/BioNTech are seen during a tour of the production facility. Photo Credit: Christian Charisius - Pool/Getty Images

- The Biden administration plans to purchase **500 million doses** of Pfizer coronavirus vaccine to distribute to foreign nations. Read more [here](#).
- U.S. **health officials** are investigating the reports of **heart inflammation in male teens and young adults** after they obtain the **second dose** of the **Pfizer** and **Moderna** vaccines. Read more [here](#).
- The **Labor Department** plans on limiting emergency Covid-19 workplace safety rules in the health care sector. Read more [here](#).
- President Biden will revoke **three executive orders** that ban transactions with Chinese businesses, such as **TikTok** and **WeChat**. Read more [here](#).

**PACE UNIVERSITY SMALL BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER**



**Pace University Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** is part of a statewide network that offers 1:1 business advisory assistance to small business owners and emerging entrepreneurs, including help with accessing small business financing.

- Any constituents who need support with COVID-19 recovery programs, including the NYS small business program can register [here](#).
- To learn more about the New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program click [here](#).

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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APPLY AT [WWW.SPARKPRIZE.ORG](http://WWW.SPARKPRIZE.ORG)

APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021



To apply, eligible nonprofits need to submit a 1,000 word essay demonstrating:

- HISTORY + IMPACT IN BROOKLYN
- CLEAR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY
- STRONG ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES
- DYNAMIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Open to all Brooklyn nonprofits with at least 5 years of service to the Borough's communities and annual operating budgets of \$250,000 or greater.

Visit [SparkPrize.org](http://SparkPrize.org) to learn more.

**Brooklyn Community Foundation** will distribute **\$600,000** to honor the work of Brooklyn nonprofits that have demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing racial justice in the borough and have a dynamic vision for the future of their organization.

- **Five** winners will receive **\$100,000** in general operating support.
- **Twenty** finalists will receive a **\$5,000** match as part of our 2021.
- Finalists will be notified in **October 2021**, and winners will be announced in early January 2022. Apply [here](#).

**COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES**

**NYC VACCINE FOR ALL:  
SAFE, FREE, EASY**



If you or someone you love would like to schedule an appointment for the **COVID-19 vaccine**, please visit [here](#) or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

**COVID VACCINE SCAM ALERT**

**COVID Vaccine Scam Alert  
Be Aware**



**The COVID-19 Vaccine is FREE to individuals.**

Do not pay anyone to register you for an appointment or to get the vaccine.

**There is NO COST!**

Report violations/fraud to 1-833-VAX-SCAM (1-833-829-7226)  
or email [STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov](mailto:STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov)



**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 ب 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 kreòl.

**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 주시길 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**



Are you a small business?  
We are here to help you.

### YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT

Get access to valuable resources through **Small Business Support Specialists** in your borough



FINANCIAL  
GUIDANCE



MARKETING  
EXPERTISE



TECHNOLOGY  
SUPPORT



LEGAL  
COUNSEL



BUSINESS  
COACHING

### 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 BOROUGH. 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)



@nycsmbiznetwork



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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 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

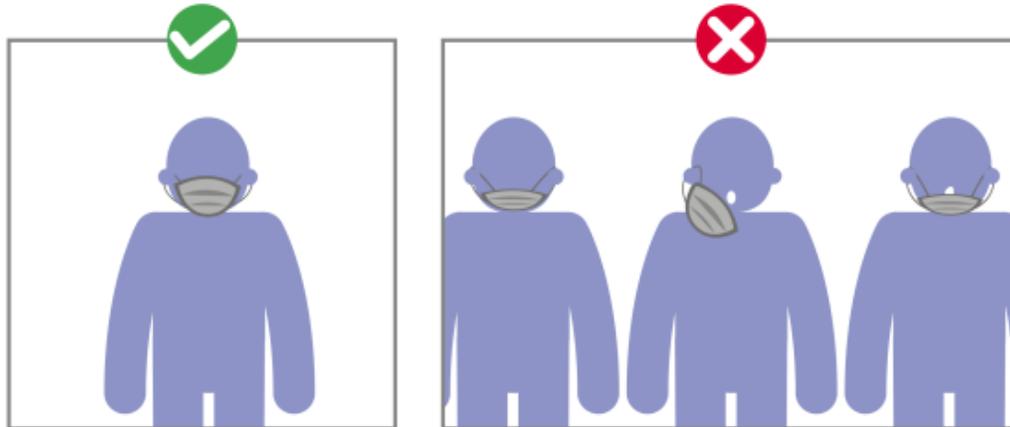
\*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

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**

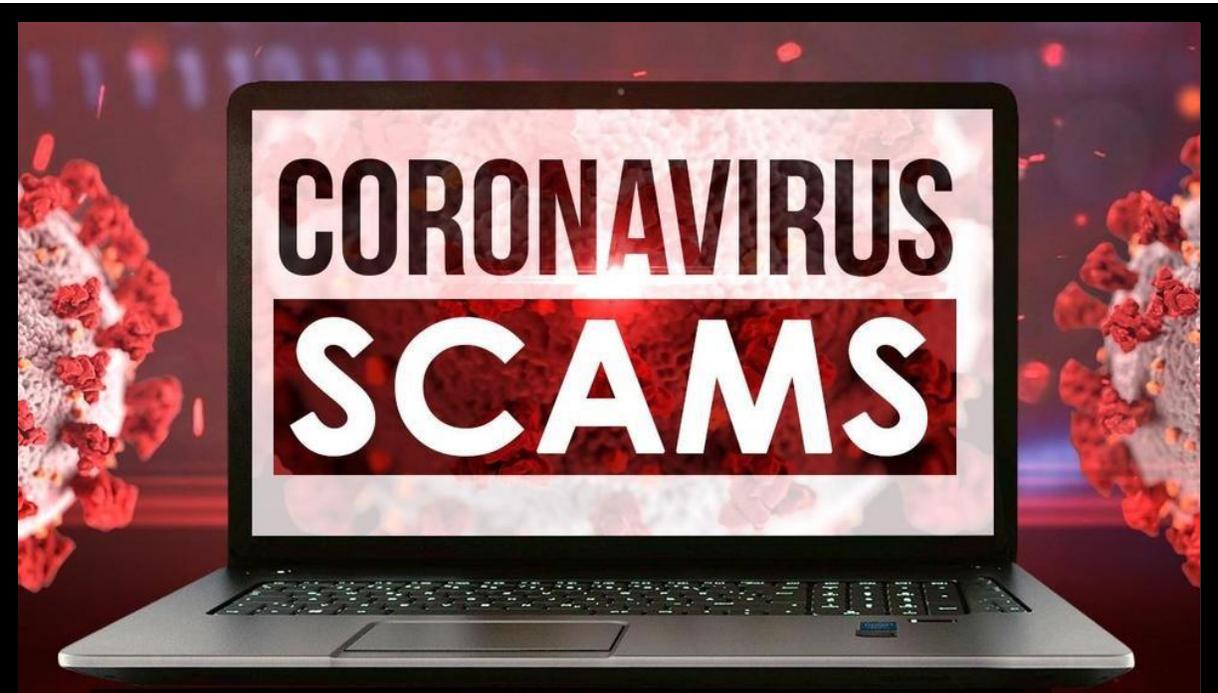


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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](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](#).

The **Hebrew Educational Society** in partnership with MET Council has a food pantry that is open to all. To reserve a spot, visit [here](#).

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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**.