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Justin Lemus, 15, poses with his vaccination sticker after getting his first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at the Mount Sinai South Nassau Vaxmobile parked at the De La Salle School in Freeport, New York on May 14, 2021. Photo Credit: AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

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Newly Vaccinated 12 - 17 Year Olds Eligible To Win A Four-Year Scholarship

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

NYS Fair Will Reopen At 100 Percent Outdoor Capacity; Hometown Heroes Parade; and More!

VACCINE PROGRESS

NYS First Doses: 11,127,696 NYS Completed Series: 9,808,073

Brooklyn First Doses: 1,231,363 Brooklyn Completed Series: 1,062,671

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo announced that the **NYS Fair** will reopen at 100 percent outdoor capacity. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The governor announced that **\$2.2 billion** in food assistance will be issued to 2.5 million families with children who qualify for **free school meals** but missed school meals due to remote learning. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The governor announced that individuals ages 12 17
 years-old, who are newly vaccinated, are eligible to win a 4-year scholarship to any public
 college or university in New York State. Register here.
- The governor announced that NYS is partnering with 6 Upstate transit agencies through July 14, to provide a free **unlimited 7-day** public transit pass to individuals who get their first **COVID-19** shot. Read more here.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

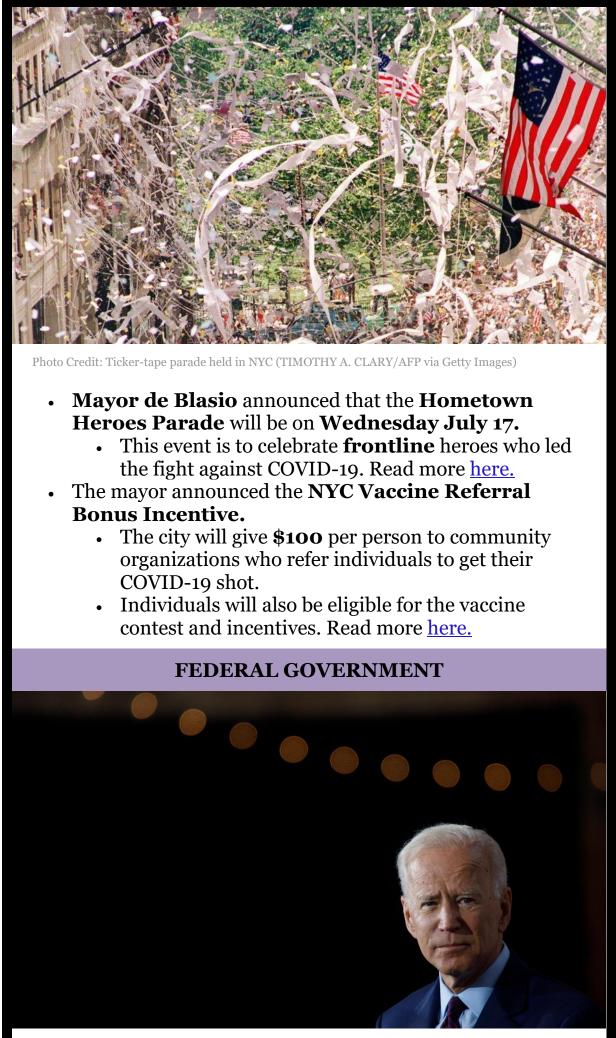


Photo Credit: Tom Brenner

- The leaders of the **G-7** nations <u>issued a joint</u> <u>statement</u> promising to enact measures on Covid-19 vaccines, China and global corporate tax. Read more <u>here.</u>
- First lady Jill Biden visited a Utah middle school to call for more education spending and to emphasize the safe reopening of schools in the fall. Read more <u>here.</u>
- President Biden plans on working with **Mr. Bennett**, Israel's new government, over the expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Read more <u>here.</u>



Daneila Polanco as mistress of ceremonies, and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn presenting

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn attends the 2021 Women Entrepreneur Empowerment Summit as a Keynote Speaker for the Latina Leaders Awards Ceremony



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn with Berkeley College president Michael J. Smith



(left to right) Judge Dweynie Esther Paul; Council Member Farah N. Louis; District Leader Josue Pierre; Pastor Gilford Monrose; Mohammad Razvi, Executive Director of COPO; Ayesha Ali, Consul General of Pakistan NY.

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn joined distinguished leaders in the launch of the official recognition of "Little Pakistan."

- Although the Coney Island strip has been long known as Little Pakistan, City Council recently approved the designation.
- It covers Coney Island Avenue from Avenue H to Foster Avenue.
- This will increase the local economy for small businesses in Little Pakistan.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaks on the designation of Little Pakistan



Left to right: Judge Dweynie Esther Paul; Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn; Council Member Farah N. Louis; Bazah Roohi, founder of American Council of Minority Women; and District Leader Josue Pierre



To attend, register here. This is a free event.

BREAST CANCER SURVEY



Let Your Voice Be Heard

Even with advances in screening for breast cancer, Black women are more likely to die from the disease. We would like to engage women like yourself to know what are barriers to breast health screenings and care.

Who can participate in the survey?

African-American women, 40 years and older, who have not had breast cancer

What will you receive?

\$ 20 Target Gift Card for survey completion

For More Information, visit: bit.ly/366VGYN or scan the QR code with your smart device Please Contact: Francesse Antoine, 646-962-5016 fra4002@med.cornell.edu



SCAN ME

Take the Survey Now NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital Weill Cornell Medicine Meyer Cancer Center

MD Anderson Cooper Gancer Center

New York Presbyterian is running a **breast cancer screening** survey. Eligible participants can earn a \$20 Target gift card by participating. Sign up <u>here</u>.

NAMC: DOING BUSINESS WITH THE MTA/SBMP

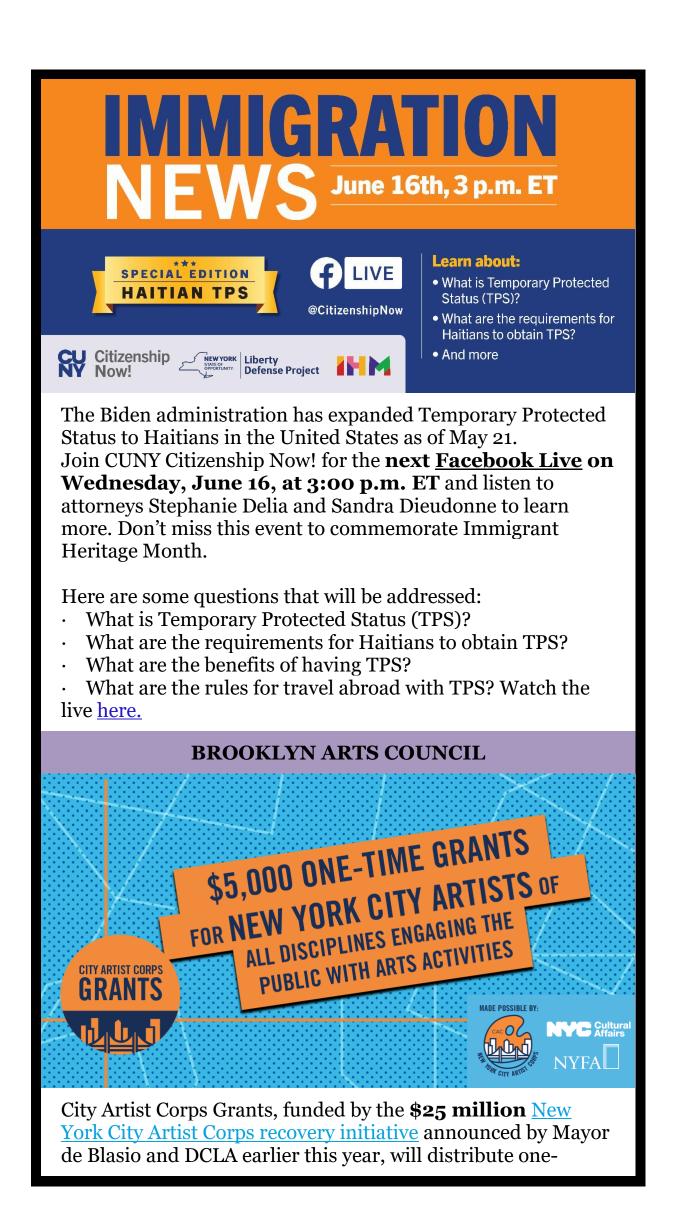


Christine Norman Director, Supplier Diversity Program, MTA

For more information, contact secretary@namctristate.org

Join **NAMC on Wedndesday, June 16th at 10:00 am** to learn more about doing business with the **MTA** and the Small **Business Mentoring program**. Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn will deliver welcoming remarks during this virtual event. Register <u>here.</u>

CUNY CITIZENSHIP NOW



time **\$5,000 grants** to more than **3,000 artists** who will engage the public with arts activities across New York City's five boroughs beginning this July.

- The grants, which will be distributed over three award cycles, are intended to support NYC-based working artists who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
- Any New York City-based individual artists are encouraged to apply. Applications for Cycle 1 are now open, and will close on **Tuesday**, **June 22** at 10:00 AM EDT. Click <u>here</u> to view full application guidelines.

NYS PANDEMIC SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM

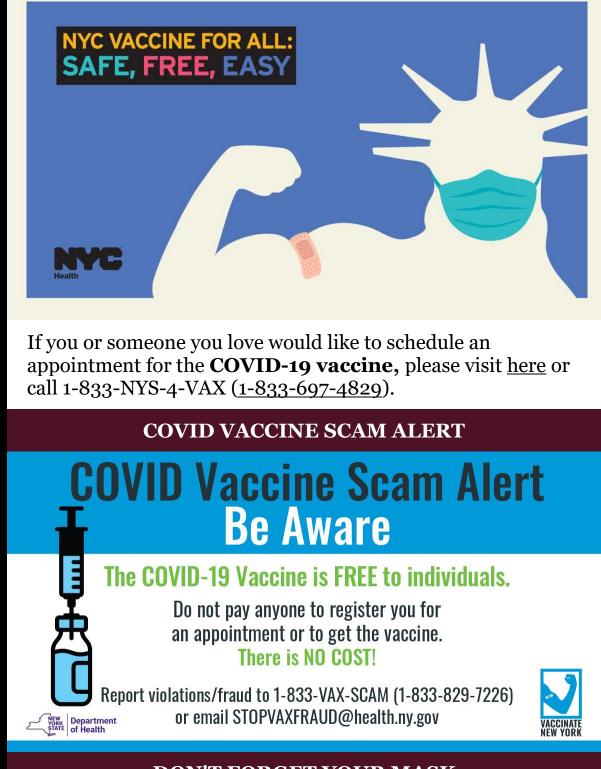


- The New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program was created to provide flexible grant assistance to currently viable small businesses, micro-businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations in the State of New York who have experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is **NOW OPEN** and *BOC Network can help you to apply*.
- Grant awards will be calculated based on a business' annual gross receipts for 2019:
 - Annual gross receipts = \$25,000-\$49,999:
 \$5,000/business;
 - Annual gross receipts = \$50,000-\$99,999:
 \$10,000/business; and
 - Annual gross receipts = \$100,000-\$500,000: 10% of gross receipts (max grant is \$50,000).



additional testing sites around NYC, visit here.

COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES



DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK



MUTUAL AID NYC HOTLINE 5

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

晋通话

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 ৷এই 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

الحربية خلال الساعات المدرجة أدناه لتجد NYC اتّصل بخطّ ساخن ميوتشوال أيد المعلومات عن الموارد الغذائية وخدمات توصيل منتجات البقالة والخدمات الأخرى في حيّك والأحياء الأخرى. هذا الخط الساخن مجّاني ومفتوح للجميع ومتاح ب11 لغة ما في ذلك اللغة الإنجليزية و لغتك الإثنين 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 फ़ूड बैंक या राशन की डेलिवरी जैसी सेवाओं की जानकारी के लिए नीचे दिए गए समय पर म्यूच्यूअल एड NYC को फ़ोन करें। यह हॉटलाइन आपकी सेवा के लिए है और अंग्रेजी और हिंदी के अलावा, 11 और भाषाओं में मौजूद है। सोमवार - गुरूवार: 2 - 8 PM शुक्रवार: 2 - 5 PM

한국어

생필품 및 기타 서비스에 대한 정보를 원하시는 경우, 하단에 표기 된 시간에 맞추어 Mutual Aid NYC 핫라인에 연락하여 주시길 바랍 니다. 모든 서비스는 무료로 제공되며, 누구나 사용 가능합니다. 서 비스는 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.

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AID NYC

'رکسی کھانے پینے کے وسائل ، راشن (گروسری) کی فراہمی اور اپنے پڑوس اور اس سے باہر کی دیگر خدمات کے بارےمیں معلومات حاصل کرنے کے لیے نیچے دنے گئے اوقات کے دوران باہمی امداد ہاٹ لائن پر کال کریں۔ باٹ لائن ہر ایک کے لئے مفت ہے اور انگریزی اوراردو سمیت 11 زبانوں میں دستیاب ہے۔ پیر تا جمعرات: ۲ سے شام ۸ بچے تک، جمعہ: ۲ سے شام ۵ بچے تک

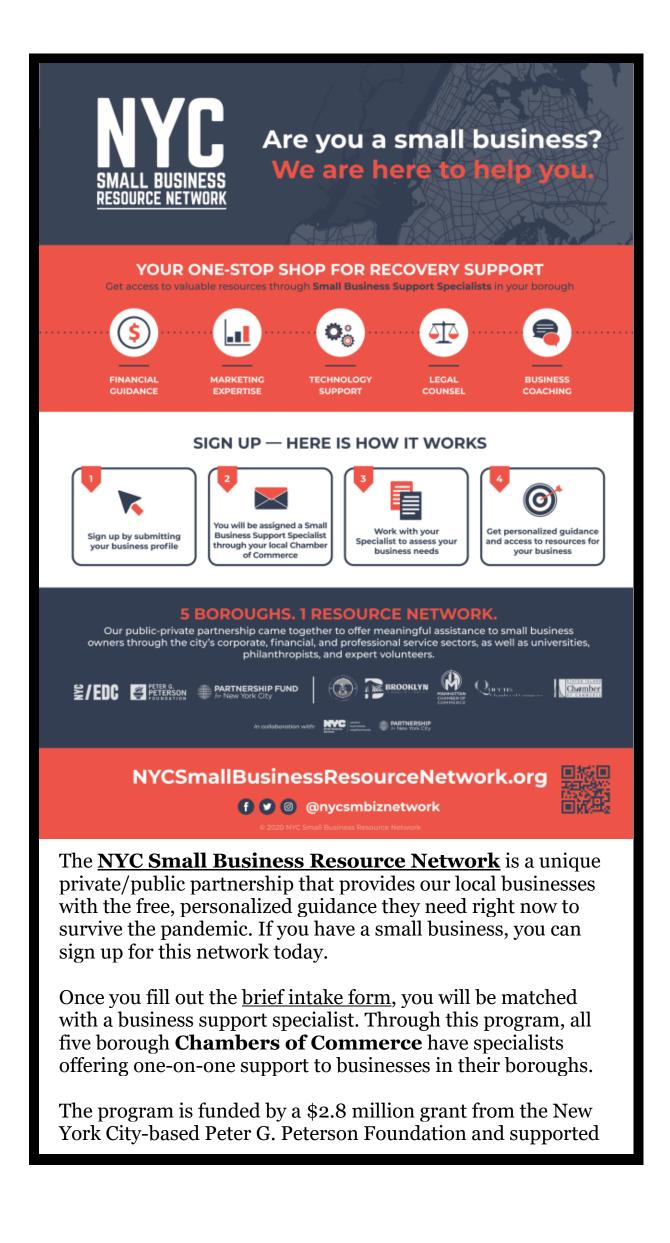


For more information, languages & hours, visit

MUTUALAID.NYC/I-NEED-HELP

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



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

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

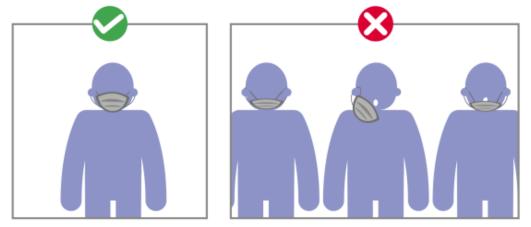
Results are communicated back to patient by ACPNY provider.

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 Symptoms may appear 2-14 days has COVID-19, here's what to do: after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: Do not leave your home, except to get medical Fever or chills care. Avoid taking buses, subways, and taxis. Cough Separate from other people in your home as · Shortness of breath or much as possible. You should stay in a specific difficulty breathing "sick room" if possible. Fatigue · Do not share household items. Muscle or body aches • Use a separate bathroom, if possible. Headache If you share a bathroom, clean and disinfect New loss of taste or smell after using it. Sore throat · Don't touch pets. Congestion or runny nose Don't cook food and serve it to others. Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Avoid caring for children and older adults, if possible. *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 NEW YORK STATE Of Health

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.

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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.



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AVOID SCAMS



Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or <u>NYC.gov/dcwp</u>. You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a <u>complaint form</u>.
- 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 <u>website</u> for resources.

NYS Department of Health Hotline for people who want to be assessed and get appointment for test (888-364-3065). NYC residents should call (844-692-4692).

Volunteer to Support

Others: <u>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c</u> ovid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

<u>Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi</u> <u>access</u> for **60 days to household with K-12 and/or college students** who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call** <u>844-488-8395</u>. Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit <u>here.</u>

The **Hebrew Educational Societ**y in partnership with MET Council has a food pantry that is open to all. To reserve a spot, visit <u>here.</u>

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**.