

How to Vote in the June 23rd Primary Election:

- Polls will be open on Election Day, June 23. Early voting sites will be open from **June 13 - June 21, 2020**. Find your poll site: visit voting.nyc.gov or call 1-866-868-3692.
- All New Yorkers are eligible to vote by absentee ballot in the **6/23** election, given the risk of illness from COVID-19.

Request an Absentee Ballot Application:

- NYC residents may request an absentee ballot on-line: www.nycabsentee.com
- Every registered voter will be mailed an application for an absentee ballot to your voting address, and a postage-paid return envelope.
- Check "temporary illness or physical disability" as the reason you are requesting an absentee ballot. Return it to the Board of Elections (BOE) and they will mail you an actual ballot.
- If you are not currently at your voting address and need the application mailed elsewhere, call 1-866-868-3692, download it: www.elections.ny.gov/votingabsentee.html, or request it online: www.nycabsentee.com

Return the Absentee Ballot Application:

- Applications must be postmarked, requested online, emailed, or faxed to the BOE by **June 16th** (or delivered in person by 6/22).
- **Online:** www.nycabsentee.com
- **Mail:** Kings County Board of Elections
345 Adams Street, 4th Fl. Brooklyn, NY 11201
- **Fax:** 718-246-5958
- **Email:** AbsenteeJune2020@boe.nyc

Return Your Absentee Ballot:

- Mail to the BOE, postmarked by **June 22** (or delivered in-person on 6/23).

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Eligible voters can vote by
mail in the 6/23 Elections.

Visit: www.nycabsentee.com
and www.elections.ny.gov

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Assemblymember
Jo Anne Simon

We're all
in this together

COVID-19
updates and
resources

COVID-19 Resources

Stay up to date on New York's reopening plan, how our community is supporting each other, and legal, housing, food and business resources. To sign up for my email alerts, email simonj@nyassembly.gov.

• **New York State Department of Health:**
888-364-3065 | www.ny.gov/coronavirus

Email sign-up:
now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates

• **New York City Health Department:**
www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/index.page

• **Help with Food, Money, Housing, and Work:**
access.nyc.gov | 311

• **Mental Health Help:** If you're feeling anxious or stressed, contact NYC Well, a free, confidential 24/7 helpline, staffed by trained counselors.
888-NYC-WELL | Chat online: nyc.gov/nycwell

• **New York State Domestic Violence Hotline:**
1-800-942-6906 | NYC: 1-800-621-HOPE

• **Free Meals for Everyone (any age, any status):**
Pick up meals at "grab and go" sites. For locations and pick-up times, text "NYCFOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877-877 or visit nyc.gov/GetFood

• **Free Meal Deliveries for Seniors and Others:**
If you can't leave your home to get food, call 311 and say "Get Food" or go to nyc.gov/GetFood

• **NYC Open Streets:** Get fresh air and be physically distant through this initiative. For locations and to give input, visit nyc.gov/openstreets

• **Health Care:** Apply by 6/15, or within 60 days of losing your coverage. You may be eligible for free or low cost health insurance.
1-855-355-5777 | <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov>

State and Federal COVID-19 Resources

Unemployment Insurance

- If you've lost work, apply for UI online at www.labor.ny.gov/signin or call 1-888-209-8124. The federal CARES Act provides enhanced UI benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for those who are not usually eligible -- including self-employed, independent contractors, workers with a limited work history, and more.
- It is difficult enough to lose your job right now on top of trying to stay well, but the arduous process applicants have had to go through is unacceptable. Every day, my office advocates for UI cases to be expedited and we have made several recommendations to improve the process. Please know that **your benefits will be backdated to the day you were first unemployed.**
- If you need help securing UI benefits through the state appeals process, the New York State Bar Association and the state court system have formed a pro bono partnership to match applicants with attorneys free of charge. www.nysba.org/legalhelp. You may also contact my office for help.

Federal CARES Act highlights

- Provides recovery checks for taxpayers earning up to \$99,000. If you haven't received a check, visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment
- New York small businesses are eligible for emergency loans to help retain employees: <https://www.sba.gov/> (City resources: nyc.gov/covid19biz)
- Private insurance plans must cover COVID-19 treatments and all COVID-19 tests are free.

Food Help

To help New Yorkers purchase food, the state provided \$200 million in emergency funding to expand SNAP benefits, enabling all eligible recipients to receive the maximum benefit amount in April. Visit otda.ny.gov/SNAPCOVID-19.

Face Coverings

Contact my office if you need a free face covering.
Email simonj@nyassembly.gov or call 718-246-4889

Sick and Paid Leave Benefits

New state law provides sick leave and benefits to isolated or quarantined workers. Visit paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/COVID19.

Information accurate as of 5/19/20.

Vital COVID-19 Updates



Tax Day

The deadline for filing both your state and federal taxes has been moved from **April 15 to July 15.**

Get Counted!

New York needs a complete census count so we get our fair share of federal funding for hospitals, public schools, transit, and emergency services. It's confidential and it's easy -- it only takes around 10 minutes! Complete the census online at my2020census.gov, mail it in, or call 844-330-2020.



Blood Donation

Consider donating blood to help prevent supply shortages. Call the NY Blood Center at 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org. Maimonides Blood Donation Center: 718-283-7657.



Thank You! New York's essential workers are working hard every day to provide critical services and keep our state moving forward. We'll always have their backs.

COVID-19 Tests

If you feel sick, call before you go into a hospital or your doctor's office. To receive help getting a COVID-19 test, call the 24-hour state hotline: 1-888-364-3065, or 311. The City is also providing free COVID-19 antibody tests.

Eviction Moratorium

The state's moratorium on COVID-related residential or commercial evictions is extended until August 20th. The state also banned fees on late or missed rent payments during the moratorium, and allowed renters facing financial hardship to use their security deposit as payment and repay the deposit over time.