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Reports to the people

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A Mask!**



**Wash Your
Hands!**



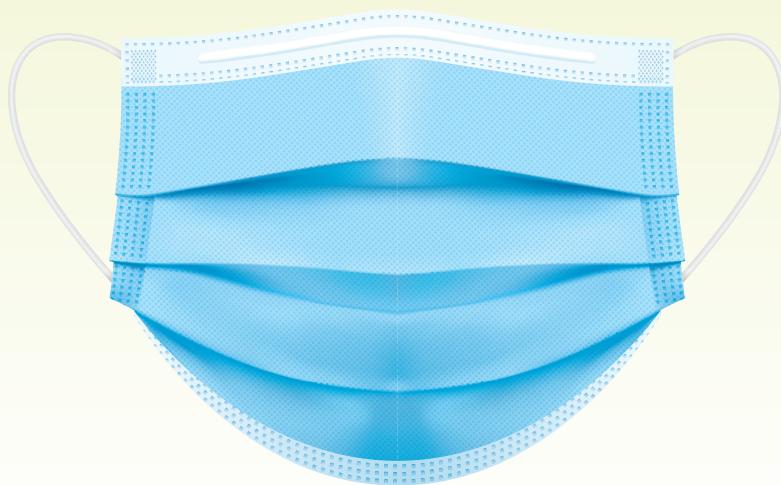
**Keep Your
Distance!**



**Our Health Is
Our Wealth!**

Secured Testing Sites

Assembly Member Charles Barron and Council Member Inez Barron have been very instrumental in securing testing sites in our community. Due to their tireless work, testing sites have increased and have included local churches, clinics, NYCHA developments, and other facilities. Throughout the pandemic, they have also been in constant contact with Brookdale Hospital ensuring that they have all of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and staffing necessary to care for the members of our beloved community. As the infection numbers continue to grow, they will continue to fight in the New York State Assembly and the City Council so that this community continues to get the equipment and care that it deserves.

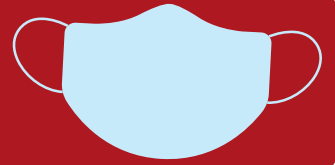


Masks and Distribution

Assembly Member Barron's office has also done its best to equip the people in our community with the tools to protect themselves from COVID-19. In partnership with Council Member Inez Barron's office, we have been able to distribute over 100,000 masks and over 100 gallons of hand sanitizer throughout the community. We have distributed to NYCHA developments, private developments, daycares, community gardens, homeowners associations, nursing homes, churches, pantries, and cultural institutions. We look forward to continuing to bring the people these tools to help them protect themselves from COVID-19. We ask that you please continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands as often as you can, refrain from touching your face, and wear a mask.



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Department of Labor Issues

The COVID-19 pandemic has led not only to millions of people being sick and unfortunately, some passing away, but it has also led to millions of people being unemployed. The office of Assembly Member Barron has exerted every effort by assisting hundreds of constituents who have had issues communicating with the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor has provided us with a form that we fill out on behalf of constituents. To fill out the form properly, we will ask for personal information that will allow the Department of Labor to find your case and address your specific issue. If you are still having issues reaching the Department of Labor in regard to your claim, please email bravoj@nyassembly.gov.

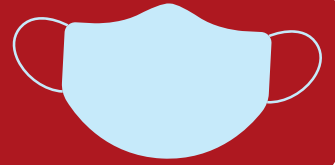


Education

Mayor de Blasio has stated that if New York City reaches a 3% positivity rate for COVID-19, he is prepared to shut down schools again and shift to remote learning only. As of Wednesday, November 18, 2020, the positivity rate has reached 3%, and officially on Thursday, November 19, 2020, Mayor de Blasio has decided to fully shut down in-person learning and shift to all remote learning. Assembly Member Barron's office will continue to advocate for all students in the community to receive the equipment that they need to continue remote learning. The Learning Bridges school program will remain open. Please visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/> for up-to-date information on schools.



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Eviction Moratorium and Rental Emergency Assistance

Under a state law called the Tenant Safe Harbor Act and a related executive order of the Governor, tenants who have experienced financial hardship anytime on or after March 7, 2020, including those who were facing eviction before March 7, 2020, cannot be evicted until January 1, 2021 for failing to pay rent. Unfortunately, New York State's COVID Rent Relief Program ended on Thursday, August 6, 2020, but New York City is still offering different types of assistance for tenants.

You can apply for emergency assistance grants, as well as ongoing Cash Assistance through ACCESS HRA. To apply for Cash Assistance, you do not need to apply for an emergency grant, but they will ask questions during the online application process in order to make sure that an emergency grant is not needed to ensure you financial security. Therefore, every ACCESS HRA Cash Assistance application starts with a series of emergency indicator questions.

To apply for Cash Assistance or a one-time emergency grant (one shot deal), clients will need to take the following steps:

1. Visit ACCESS HRA (<https://a069-access.nyc.gov/accesshra/>) and log in
2. Select the 'Benefits' link from the menu options on the homepage
3. Select 'Start a New Application'
4. Select the 'Cash Assistance' option in the 'Select Application' page
5. Identify any applicable emergency indicators and click 'Next'
6. Select the type of benefits you would like to apply for. The three options are: Cash Assistance, One Shot Deal, or Child Care without Cash Assistance (CILOCA)
7. Complete and submit the application
8. Follow instructions in the ACCESS HRA confirmation page and submit required documents using the ACCESS



HRA Mobile App (<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/accesshramobile.page>)

If you have an active Cash Assistance case, you can submit a special grant request for rent or utility arrears via ACCESS HRA. To submit a Cash Assistance Special Grant Request, you will need to:

1. Visit ACCESS HRA (<https://a069-access.nyc.gov/accesshra/>) and log in
2. Enter identifying information to 'Find My Case' and link to your HRA case
3. Select 'View Case' in the ACCESS HRA user home page
4. Select 'Request Special Grant,' located on the left-hand side
5. Identify the special grant you are requesting, complete the request, and submit
6. Follow instructions in confirmation and submit required documents using the ACCESS HRA Mobile App (<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/accesshramobile.page>)

Fair Fares for Access-A-Ride Users

Starting in July 2020, DSS/HRA made the Fair Fares discount available on Access-A-Ride para-transit trips with the cooperation of Metropolitan Transit Authority. This was made possible through an interim process of linking the Fair Fares account of Access-A-Ride clients with their Access-A-Ride account in order to access the benefit.

The interim process for applying for Access-A-Ride discounts has now been replaced with the ability to complete the linkage through ACCESS HRA by adding the Access-A-Ride ID to the profile section of an ACCESS HRA account, or by adding the Access-A-Ride ID during an applications or renewals. There is now a quick link on the ACCESS HRA website to direct FFNYC customers to the right place. The customer verification process with the MTA will be completed on a daily basis.



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Info for Seniors

The Snap Program has been extended through March 2021

- The Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) will be launching in 2021. This waiver has been created to provide a shorter and simpler application for clients who are senior citizens. We will provide additional details when they become available closer to the date of application release.

EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) Benefits has been extended through September 2021

- Note: They have simplified the elder application program launch

HEAP Benefits that opened on November 2nd will continue through May 2021. The nearest place to find applications is the Coney Island Job Center, located at 3050 W. 21st Street Brooklyn.

- In addition, HEAP has a program for heating equipment and repairs up to \$3,000 for repairs, and \$6,500 for replacements. For more information, call (212) 331-3126.