

# Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

*This week, we **delivered vital Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, gowns, and 3-D printed face shields from Cornell Tech students to Coler Hospital on Roosevelt Island to protect its workers and vulnerable patients. On the Upper East Side, we delivered meals to senior citizens through Isaacs Center.** With a shortage of volunteers, the center is seeking additional volunteers to support homebound seniors who would otherwise go without food and nutrition in a pandemic. **Sign-up with our office to volunteer!***

*We sent a letter with the Offices of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Senator Serrano to Dr. Katz, President of the Health and Hospitals Corporation to ask for information on the housing of COVID positive patients at the hospital and to request testing for long-term residents of Coler. Additionally, we requested the guidelines for contacting the loved ones of “persons of interest” who are isolated and when they are moved to ICU. We understand that this pandemic has thrown the entire system into a “war” footing, but we must be vigilant to protect the people who call Coler home.*

*The statewide total of confirmed COVID-19 cases is **222,284** across our state with 123,146 cases in New York City. **We are advised to continue to "PAUSE" for the health of ourselves and others until May 15.** Further, the Governor issued an Executive Order, effective 8pm this evening, requiring all people in New York to wear a mask or face covering when out in public, especially in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.*

*Looking ahead, the Governor outlined his blueprint to un-pause New York, to get people back to work and easing social isolation safely. He spoke about regional coordination with a multi-state council to make the transition possible. With a priority for frontline healthcare workers, first responder and other essential workers, antibody testing has begun. Using a finger-prick method, the State has a capacity to test up to 2,000 New Yorkers per day. New York is seeking expedited FDA approval for this method to test up to 100,000 people per day. This is a critical component to the harm-reduction transition to un-pause our state.*

*If you are in need of information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We regretfully have suspended in-person appointments and meetings, due to public health considerations. **We are eager to continue assisting constituents by telephone and email.** Please leave a message on our voicemail with your name, address and phone number and our staff will return your call:*

Phone: 212.288.4607

Email: [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)

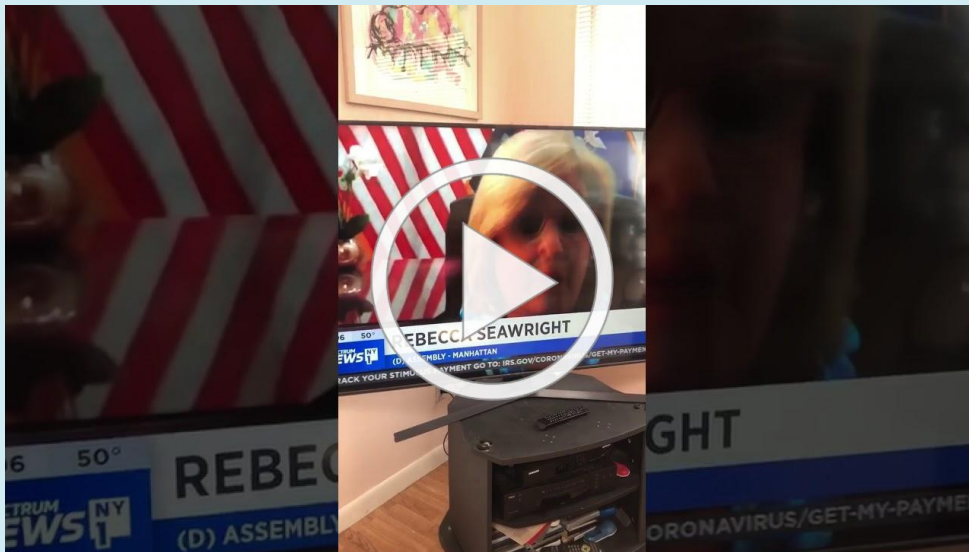
Sincerely,



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## Seawright Delivers Personal Protective Equipment PPE to Coler Hospital

As Featured In...



*“Roosevelt Island residents opened their hearts and responded with great generosity and without hesitation,” Seawright said.*

*Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright (D-76) and other residents personally delivered boxes of surgical masks, respirators and gloves on Thursday morning.*

The group received 600 surgical masks and donations to buy 325 N95 and KN95 respirators, 400 gloves and three K90 respirators. [Read more.](#)

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***“We are here today to deliver to Coler Hospital these urgently needed supplies and to thank our courageous frontline medical workers for their service,” Seawright said.***

*Coler Hospital is a long-term nursing and rehabilitation facility. Some of the space there was reformulated to treat coronavirus patients.*

*Local community leaders — including Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright — dropped off thousands of donated masks and shields, including some made by Cornell Tech University students. [Read more.](#)*



***“Last week, staffers at Coler Specialty Hospital put out an urgent video on YouTube complaining they were given cheap masks, not the more protective N95 masks”***

*Residents organized “Friends of Coler,” which quickly obtained 600 surgical masks, donations, and pledges for 325 N95 and KN95 respirators, 400 gloves, and three K90 respirators. They were joined in the effort by Jennilie Brewster and the staff of Open Doors NYC, an arts and justice initiative that works with long term patients at Coler.*

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## **Masks, Gloves, and Protective Equipment Delivered to Our Frontline Hospital Heroes**

*New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, joined by community leaders, delivered boxes of thousands of vital masks, gloves, and protective equipment to frontline hospital heroes battling COVID-19 at the NYC Health + Hospital/Coler, 900 Main Street. Officials and community members unloaded boxes to Coler Nursing Facility. Volunteers and residents donated and collected the supplies after reports surfaced last week that frontline workers fighting COVID-19 needed additional masks.*

***“Roosevelt Island residents opened their hearts and responded with great generosity and without hesitation,” said Assembly Member Seawright. “We are here today to deliver these urgently needed supplies and to thank our courageous frontline medical workers for their service.”***

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*MakerLAB led by Niti Parikh at Cornell Tech fabricated fifty 3-D printer visors with attached face shields and contributed them to the effort.*

*The hospital, which traditionally services patients in need of long-term care and rehabilitation, is now also taking acute care patients who have contracted the virus. New*

York City Health + Hospitals expanded capacity by a total of 350 beds on March 27 in response to the pandemic.

Patients were transferred from city hospitals, including Bellevue in Manhattan, Kings County in Brooklyn, Elmhurst in Queens, and Lincoln in the Bronx.

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS**

**CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19) UPDATES**

**ON CYBER SECURITY AND  
SCAM PREVENTION**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21  
7:00PM**

**Join on your computer using the URL:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/131837787>

**Join by phone:**

1. dial 646-558-8656
2. enter Meeting ID: 131 837 787 followed by #
3. press # to enter the call



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-A-SEAWRIGHT/](https://nyassembly.gov/mem/rebecca-a-seawright/)

**RSVP HERE!**

**Volunteers Needed**

**Consider Helping Isaac's Center To Deliver Meals to  
Homebound Seniors**





## ***Food Resources***

*New York City is taking steps to make sure every New Yorker has access to the food they need. For individuals who are in need of support with meals and food, here are some resources that we want to be sure you are aware of:*

- *Any New Yorker can receive three free meals a day at one of more than 400 **Meal Hubs** across the city. Find out more information [here](#).*
- *The City has created the **GetFoodNYC** food delivery program to provide food for coronavirus (COVID-19)-vulnerable and food-insecure New Yorkers not currently served through existing food delivery programs. Find out more information [here](#).*
- *If you are interested in the location a food pantry, please visit the **Food Help NYC pantry locator**. We recommend calling to ensure the particular location is open. We've provided all of our emergency food providers with information about grab and go meals and how to implement social distancing at food pantries.*

# In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town Hall on Crime and Public Safety



## Corey Fischer



*In Loving Memory*

*This week, during our Tuesday Town Hall, we paused for a moment of silence in response to the passing of beloved former PSD Chief and former NYPD Assistant Chief Jack McManus, heading the police department's Operations Division on 9/11. He passed on Monday due to 9/11 related cancer. We also paid tribute to another great loss for the Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department, Officer Corey Fischer, who passed from complications related to COVID-19. These two dedicated public servants made extraordinary contributions to their Roosevelt Island and New York City communities and will not soon be forgotten.*



# Jack McManus



*In Loving Memory*

## Financial Assistance

### Check IRS.gov on the Status of Your Stimulus Payment



#### Economic Impact Payments

The IRS is committed to helping you get your Economic Impact Payment as soon as possible. The payments, also referred to by some as stimulus payments, are automatic for most taxpayers. No further action is needed by taxpayers who filed tax...

[Read more  
www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

*The Social Security Administration announced today that Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients will receive automatic Economic Impact Payments directly from the Treasury Department. Treasury anticipates these automatic payments no later than early May.*

*SSI recipients with no qualifying children do not need to take any action in order to receive their \$1,200 economic impact payment. The payments will be automatic.*

*SSI recipients who have qualifying children under age 17, however, should not wait for their automatic \$1,200 individual payment. They should now go to the IRS's webpage at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here) and visit the Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info section to provide their information. By taking proactive steps to enter information on the IRS website about them and their qualifying children, they will also receive the \$500 per dependent child payment in addition to their \$1,200 individual*

payment. If SSI beneficiaries in this group do not provide their information to the IRS soon, they will have to wait until later to receive their \$500 per qualifying child.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY Speaker Carl E. Heastie



# GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Special edition with information on COVID-19

*The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has affected employees in every industry, leading to layoffs or extended time off as state officials enact measures to slow the spread. Quarantine and voluntary isolation are some of the most effective ways to help contain the virus. However, this means extended time off from work, as well as decreased revenue for many businesses. Look inside to find out how to apply for benefit programs available to New Yorkers and grant opportunities for businesses to help offset financial hardship.*

## Legal Services



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. APRIL 21**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL  
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST  
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE  
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A  
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE  
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**

**RSVP REQUIRED:**

**CALL: 212-288-4607**

**EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

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## Limited Scope Pro Bono Legal Advice for Paycheck Protection Program Loans

*NYS ESD's assistance for orgs and small businesses applying for SBA support, including pro bono legal advice.*

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**DO YOU NEED  
FREE LEGAL HELP?**

**Call Legal Services NYC: (917) 661-4500**

Monday–Friday, 10am–4pm. We speak all languages and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.

***Legal Services NYC is open for business! LSNYC is the nation's largest provider of free legal services that helps over 110,000 New Yorkers get the services they need each year to thrive. Their dedicated staff of nearly 600 advocates continue to fight for justice for low-income New Yorkers across the city on issues like housing, immigration, unemployment insurance, access to public benefits, and small business sustainability and so many more issues that people need legal help with during this global crisis. The Access Line is up and running and people can call 917-661-4500 for help!***

## Elections: NYS Primary Rescheduled to June 23

*Executive Order 202.15 allows voters who are affected by COVID-19 pandemic and wish to apply to vote by absentee ballot to utilize the [absentee ballot application \(484KB\)](#) and check the box for “Temporary illness or physical disability” with no requirement for in-person signature or appearance to be able to access an absentee ballot. The Order contains no change in the application deadlines. Applications for absentee ballots may be made by mail, email, fax or in person.*

*Delivery of absentee ballots to voters still remains the same – via mail or in person. There is no change in the return methods: mail or in person. Applications for elections conducted after June 23rd revert back to the original process, unless further modified by an executive order or by law.*

*The link for the Executive 202.15 is: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20215-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>*

## For Job Seekers

*By visiting the NYC Department of Small Business Services website, you can learn more about current employment and training opportunities. In order to access any of the services, you can begin the registration process online and apply for up to three (3) job opportunities without visiting a center.*

*NYC Business Recruitment Services: SBS service to match candidates to businesses with*

## Health and Mental Health

While we're staying home, all New Yorkers can access a range of free mental health services by phone or online, regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status.

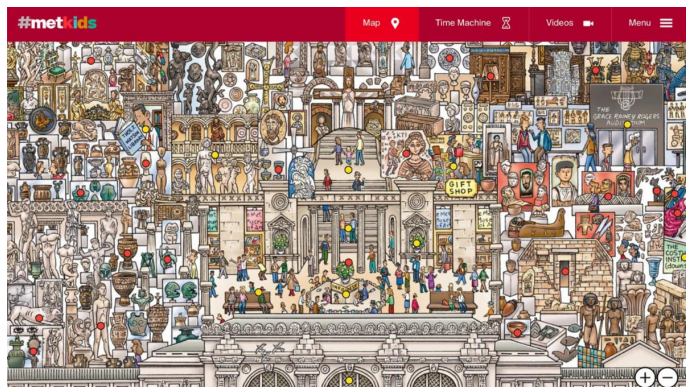


To help in this difficult time, [ThriveNYC's new guide to mental health services New Yorkers can access while staying home](#), by phone or online. The guide includes information on how City agencies are modifying mental health services during the COVID-19 crisis and identifies resources for all New Yorkers as well as services tailored to the needs of aging New Yorkers, veterans, students and young people, and people harmed by violence, crime or abuse. All services are free to New Yorkers, regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status. As always, NYC Well is available 24/7 to provide a range of mental health and substance misuse support and can be reached by calling 1-888-NYC-Well (692-9355), texting "Well" to 65173, or on the web at [nyc.gov/nycwell](http://nyc.gov/nycwell).

## Keeping Calm in Quarantine

Here are just a few of the new #MetAnywhere experiences: #MetKids is made for, with, and by kids. With fun facts and creative projects for families at home, #MetKids is a great addition to your home learning toolkit.

Take a virtual tour of The Met's art and architecture from the comfort of your own home with The Met 360° Project. These immersive, 360° videos will allow you to explore some of the Museum's iconic spaces as never before.



By pairing essays and works of art with detailed chronologies, the Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History tells the story of art and global culture through the Museum's collection. With hundreds of essays on a vast array of diverse topics, the Timeline has been a trusted resource for educators for twenty years.



All schools will remain closed until May 15. (<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20213-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>)

All New Yorkers are being offered three free Grab-and-Go meals Monday through Friday at 400 locations across the city. Meals are available for children and families from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and for adults from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No one will be turned away and registration or ID are not required. (<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/free-meals>)

To find a free meal pickup location closest to you, visit [opt-osfns.org/schoolfoodny/meals/default.aspx](https://www.osfns.org/schoolfoodny/meals/default.aspx) or text “NYCFOOD” or “COMIDA” to 877-877.

Approximately 100 regional enrichment centers have opened across all five boroughs for children in grades 3K-12 who need somewhere to be while their parents work. (<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/regional-enrichment-centers/rec-parent-overview>)

Elementary- and intermediate-level state assessments have been suspended for the remainder of this school year (<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/statement-board-regents-chancellor-betty-rosa-and-interim-state-education-commissioner-2>)

All June Regents Exams are canceled. More info here: <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/state-education-department-issues-guidance-graduation-and-course-requirement-changes-due>

All New York City playgrounds are closed until further notice. City parks remain open. (<https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/coronavirus>)

The New York Civil Liberties Union (ACLU of New York) is currently gathering information on how schools and districts across New York State are handling education and providing services during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. The results of this survey will be used to help the NYCLU advocate on behalf of students, teachers and families during this public health crisis. **English:** [https://www.papersurvey.io/s/n\\_y\\_c\\_l\\_u\\_education](https://www.papersurvey.io/s/n_y_c_l_u_education)  
**Spanish:** [https://www.papersurvey.io/s/nyclu\\_education\\_esp](https://www.papersurvey.io/s/nyclu_education_esp)

## Stay informed about the CORONAVIRUS



### Important Numbers and Links

- Price Gouging hotline: 800-697-1220
- 24-Hour Coronavirus hotline: 1-888-364-3065
- NYS DOH website regarding Coronavirus: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- NYS COVID-19 Email Alert Sign Up- <https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates>
- To file a complaint with the NYS Department of Human Rights- <https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint#file>
- NYS Mental Health Hotline: 1-844-863-9314 (to schedule a free appointment)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

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