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# New Order Will Require New Yorkers To Wear Mask Or Face Covering When Out In Public

# Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

NYC launches plan to feed New Yorkers; NYS Department of Health will begin antibody testing; Grab and Go list for all of Brooklyn; and more!

# NYS Confirmed: 213,779 NYS deaths: 11,586 NYC confirmed: 111,424 Brooklyn confirmed: 29,250

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO** 



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo / FLICKR

- Today, Governor announced an Executive Order that will mandate people to wear a nose and mouth covering in public, specifically in places where people are unable to maintain social distancing such as public transit and busy streets etc.
  - The Executive Order will go into effect on Friday, April 17th.
- New York State (NYS) has stabilized so we are sending 100 ventilators to Michigan and 50 to Maryland since they are in need.
- NYS will begin reporting all categories of fatalities due to new CDC guidelines.
- Governor announced that the best tool to reopen the economy is a large scale testing that will:

- Test people to identify those who are COVID-19 positive.
- Trace the people who come into contact with those who are COVID-19 positive and are exposed to the virus.
- **Isolate** people who test positive to COVID-19.
- NYS has conducted over **500,000** tests to date.
- NYS has 228 labs and is willing to coordinate statewide testing.
- NYS Department of Health (DOH) developed an antibody test last week and will begin testing via finger prick test. Starting this week they will administer 2,000 tests a day.
  - Priority will be given to healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers.
- NYS DOH asked the **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** to expedite the approval for a test that could test up to **100,000** people per day.

**NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO** 



Photo Credit: Forbes

# Feeding New York:

- Today, the Mayor announced a \$170
   Million initiative to feed New Yorkers.
- NYC will work with community-based organizations to ensure that New Yorkers have food.
- The **Campaign Against Hunger** organization is currently feeding **500** families per day.
- To access food services visit <u>here</u> or call 311.
- NYC Department of Education and <u>Department for the</u> <u>Aging</u> served 10 million meals so far in April.
- The city is **hiring** New Yorkers to deliver meals. So far the City has registered **11,000** drivers.

- The city is investing \$50 million in emergency reserve to purchase and store 18 million meals to be ready at all times.
- The City is supporting 800+ food pantries and soup kitchens.
- \$25 million has been secured in partnership with <u>New York City Council</u> to provide support to <u>emergency food providers</u>.
- NYC staff have been deployed to 14 pantries that are short on volunteers. To volunteer visit NYC Service.
- City will register seniors in buildings run by NYCHA, HPD and non profits for home delivery program.
- 90% of food deliveries are done by Trucks. City opened 2 new truck rest areas to provide truck drivers with the support they need.
- To view NYC's full plan to feed New Yorkers, visit here.

# Grocery Store Workers:

- Mayor thanked grocery and supermarket workers for their service.
- Working to get workers all of the personal protective equipment needed.
- Mayor announced new guidance for grocery stores to require customers to enter stores with face coverings. Non-compliant customers, should be asked to leave.
- NYC Department of Small Business Services will help businesses hire new workers and maintain staffing through virtual NYC Workforce1 Career Centers.

#### · SNAP:

 Additional funding has been added to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to provide recipients with the maximum SNAP benefit. To apply for SNAP, visit here.

## • Donations:

- Apple donated 100,000 N95 masks and 127,000 face shields.
- Former Mayor <u>Mike Bloomberg</u> donated \$6
   million to <u>World Central Kitchen</u> to **provide** meals to health care workers in NYC Health +
   Hospitals.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced that **10 major U.S. airlines** agreed to **accept grants** under the Federal **Stimulus Package** to help **cover employee payroll and benefits.** Participating airlines include:

- Alaska Airlines
- Allegiant Air
- American Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
- Frontier Airlines
- Hawaiian Airlines
- JetBlue Airways
- United Airlines
- SkyWest Airlines
- Southwest Airlines

For more information visit here.

FREE GRAB AND GO IN ALL OF BROOKLYN



# FREE Grab-and-Go

Provided by Mayor Bill de Blasio and NYC Department of Education MEALS FOR ALL in Brooklyn >>>

#### Brooklyn, 11201

Cobble Hill School of American Studies / 347 Baltic St.

P.S. 307 Daniel Hale Williams / 209 York St. School for International Studies / 284 Baltic St.

#### Brooklyn, 11203

East Flatbush Community Research School / 905 Winthrop St.

H.S. for Public Service – Heroes of Tomorrow / 600 Kinaston Ave.

P.S. 91 The Albany Avenue School / 532 Albany Ave.

P.S. 135 Sheldon A. Brookner / 684 Linden Blvd.

P.S. 135 Sheldon A. Brookner / 5811 Ditmas Ave.

P.S. 208 Elsa Ebeling / 4801 Avenue D P.S. 244 Richard R. Green / 5404 Tilden Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11204

Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School / 5800 20 Ave.

J.H.S. 227 Edward B. Shallow / 6500 16 Ave. P.S. 48 Mapleton / 6015 18 Ave. P.S. 177 The Mariboro / 346 Avenue P

#### Brooklyn, 11205

M.S. 113 Ronald Edmonds Learning Center / 300 Adelphi St.

P.S. 67 Charles A. Dorsey / 51 St. Edwards St. P.S. 157 Benjamin Franklin / 850 Kent Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11206

Brighter Choice Community School / 280 Hart St.

I.S. 318 Eugenio Maria De Hostos / 101 Walton St.

P.S. 120 Carlos Tapia / 18 Beaver St.

P.S. 147 Isaac Remsen / 325 Bushwick Ave.

P.S. 196 Ten Eyck / 207 Bushwick Ave.

P.S. 250 George H. Lindsay / 108 Montrose Ave.

P.S. 297 Abraham Stockton / 700 Park Ave.

P.S. 380 John Wayne Elementary / 370 Marcy Ave.

Williamsburg H.S. for Art and Technology / 223 Graham Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11207

Evergreen M.S. for Urban Exploration / 125 Covert St.

J.H.S. 292 Margaret S. Douglas / 301 Vermont St.

P.S. /l.S. 384 Frances E. Carter / 242 Cooper St.

P.S. 13 Roberto Clemente / 557 Pennsylvania Ave.

P.S. 151 Lyndon B. Johnson / 763 Knickerbocker Ave.

P.S. 158 Warwick / 400 Ashford St.

P.S. 213 New Lots / 580 Hegeman Ave.

P.S. 290 Juan Morel Campos / 135 Schenck Ave.

P.S. 306 Ethan Allen / 970 Vermont St. P.S. 328 Phyllis Wheatley / 330 Alabama Ave. Performing Arts and Technology High / 400 Pennsylvania Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11208

I.S. 171 Abraham Lincoln /

528 Ridgewood Ave.

J.H.S. 218 James P. Sinnott / 370 Fountain Ave

P.S. 007 Abraham Lincoln /

858 Jamaica Ave.

P.S. 108 Sal Abbracciamento /

200 Linwood St.

P.S. 159 Isaac Pitkin / 2781 Pitkin Ave.

P.S. 202 Ernest S. Jenkyns /

982 Hegeman Ave.

Vista Academy / 350 Linwood St.

#### Brooklyn, 11209

P.S. 185 Walter Kassenbrock / 8601 Ridge Blvd.

P.S./I.S. 104 The Fort Hamilton School / 9115 5 Ave.

Ralph A. Fabrizio School / 619 72nd St.

#### Brooklyn, 11210

Andries Hudde / 2500 Nostrand Ave. P.S. 119 Amersfort / 3829 Avenue K P.S. 193 Gil Hodges / 2515 Avenue L P.S. 198 Brooklyn / 4105 Farragut Rd. P.S. 361 East Flatbush Early Childhood / 1957 Nostrand Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11211

Brooklyn Arbor Elementary School / 325 South 3 St.

J.H.S. 50 John D. Wells / 183 South 3 St. P.S. 17 Henry D. Woodworth / 208 North 5 St. P.S. 84 Jose De Diego / 250 Berry St.

#### Brooklyn, 11212

The Gregory Jocko Jackson School of Sports, Art, and Technology / 213 Osborn St.

Middle School for Art and Philosophy / 1084 Lenox Rd.

P.S. 189 Lincoln Terrace / 1100 E. New York Ave. P.S. 296 Dr. Betty Shabazz / 85 Watkins St. P.S. 327 Dr. Rose B. English / 111 Bristol St. P.S. 398 Walter Weaver / 60 East 94 St.

#### Brooklyn, 11213

P.S. 335 Granville T. Woods / 130 Rochester Ave. I.S. 281 Joseph B Cavallaro / 8787 24 Ave. International H.S. at Lafayette / 2630 Benson Ave.

P.S. 128 Bensonhurst / 2075 84 St.

P.S. 186 Dr. Irving A Gladstone / 7601 19 Ave.

P.S. 200 Benson School / 1940 Benson Ave. Magnet School of Math Science and

Design Technology /

511 7 Ave.

P.S. 124 Silas B. Dutcher / 515 4 Ave. P.S. 295 / 330 18 St.

#### Brooklyn, 11216

P.S. 138 Brooklyn / 760 Prospect Pl.

See back for more school listings >>>

P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker / 114 Kosciuszko St.

#### Brooklyn, 11217

P.S. 38 The Pacific / 450 Pacific St.

#### Brooklyn, 11218

Brooklyn College Academy – Bridge to Brooklyn / 50 Coney Island Ave. J.H.S. 62 Ditmas / 700 Cortelyou Rd. P.S. 179 Kensington / 202 Avenue C

P.S. 230 Doris L. Cohen / 1 Albemarle Rd.

#### Brooklyn, 11219

P.S. 131 Brooklyn / 4305 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. P.S. 160 / 1057 52nd St. P.S. 164 Caesar Rodney / 4211 14 Ave. Christa McAuliffe School/I.S. 187 / 1171 65 St.

#### Brooklyn, 11220

P.S. 001 The Bergen / 309 47 St. P.S. 94 The Henry Longfellow / 5010 6 Ave. P.S. 971 / 6214 4th Ave. The School of Creativity and Innovation / 736 48th St.

#### Brooklyn, 11221

I.S. 347 School of Humanities / 35 Starr St.
J.H.S. 57 Whitelaw Reid / 125 Stuyvesant Ave.
J.H.S. 291 Roland Hayes / 231 Palmetto St.
P.S. 44 Marcus Garvey / 432 Monroe St.
P.S. 75 Mayda Cortiella / 95 Grove St.
P.S. 81 Thaddeus Stevens / 990 Dekalb Ave.
P.S. 106 Edward Everett Hale / 1328 Putnam Ave.
P.S. 309 The George E. Wibecan Prep. Academy / 794 Monroe St.

#### P.S. 377 Alejandrina B. De Gautier / 200 Woodbine St.

Automotive High School / 50 Bedford Ave. P.S. 31 Samuel F. Dupont / 75 Meserole Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11223

Brooklyn, 11222

I.S. 228 David A. Boody / 228 Avenue S John Dewey High School / 50 Avenue X P.S. 95 The Gravesend / 345 Van Sicklen St. P.S. 215 Morris H. Weiss / 415 Avenue S P.S. 216 Arturo Toscanini / 350 Avenue X P.S. 238 Anne Sullivan / 1633 East 8 St.

#### Brooklyn, 11224

I.S. 303 Herbert S. Eisenberg / 501 West Ave. P.S. 100 The Coney Island School / 2951 West 3 St.

P.S. 288 The Shirley Tanyhill / 2950 West 25 St. P.S. 90 Edna Cohen School / 2840 West 12 St.

#### Brooklyn, 11225

402 Eastern Pkwy.

M.S. 61 Dr. Gladstone H. Atwell /
400 Empire Blvd.

Middle College High School / 1186 Carroll St.
PS. 161 The Crown / 330 Crown St.
PS. 375 Jackle Robinson School /
45 MrKopwer Pl.

Aspirations Diploma Plus High School /

#### Brooklyn, 11226

P.S. 92 Adrian Hegeman / 601 Parkside Ave. P.S. 139 Alexine A. Fenty / 330 Rugby Rd. P.S. 245 / 249 East 17th St. P.S. 399 Stanley Eugene Clark / 2707 Albemarle Rd.

#### Brooklyn, 11228

J.H.S. 259 William McKinley / 7305 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. P.S. 127 McKinley Park / 7805 7 Ave. P.S. 112 Lefferts Park Annex / 7301 15th Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11229

J.H.S. 234 Arthur W. Cunningham / 1875 E 17th St. J.H.S. 278 Marine Park / 1925 Stuart St. James Madison High School / 3787 Bedford Ave. P.S. 194 Raoul Wallenberg / 3117 Avenue W P.S. 206 Joseph F Lamb / 2200 Gravesend Neck Rd.

#### Brooklyn, 11230

P.S. 99 Isaac Asimov / 1120 East 10 St. P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School / 1100 Newkirk Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11231

P.S. 15 Patrick F. Daly / 71 Sullivan St. Red Hook Neighborhood School / 27 Huntington St.

#### Brooklyn, 11232

I.S. 136 Charles O. Dewey / 4004 4 Ave. P.S. 169 Sunset Park / 4305 7 Ave. P.S. 172 Beacon School of Excellence / 825 4 Ave. Brooklyn Landmark Elementary School / 251 MacDougal St.

#### Brooklyn, 11233

PS. 005 Dr. Ronald McNair / 820 Hancock St. PS. 21 Crispus Attucks / 180 Chauncey St. PS. 178 St. Clair McKelway / 2163 Dean St. PS. 191 Paul Robeson / 1600 Park Pl.

#### Brooklyn, 11234

J.H.S. 78 Roy H. Mann / 1420 East 68 St. P.S. 203 The School for Future Leaders / 5101 Avenue M

P.S. 207 Elizabeth G. Leary / 3874 Flatlands Ave. P.S. 207 Elizabeth G. Leary / 4011 Fillmore Ave. P.S. 236 Mill Basin / 6302 Avenue U P.S. 326 / 1800 Utica Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11235

I.S. 98 Bay Academy / 1401 Emmons Ave.
Origins High School / 3000 Avenue X
P.S. 52 Sheepshead Bay / 2675 East 29 St.
P.S. 253 / 601 Oceanview Ave.
P.S. K225 – The Eileen E. Zaglin /
1075 Ocean View Ave.
William E. Grady Career and Technical /
25 Brighton Road, 4th Rd.

#### Brooklyn, 11236

P.S. 115 Daniel Mucatel School / 1500 East 92 St. P.S. 272 Curtis Estabrook / 101-24 Seaview Ave. PS 235 Janice Marie Knight School / 10001 Flatlands Ave.

#### Brooklyn, 11237

P.S. 86 The Irvington / 220 Irving Ave. P.S. 376 / 194 Harman St.

#### Brooklyn, 11238

ACORN Community High School / 561 Grand Ave. I.S. 340 / 227 Sterling Pl.

#### Brooklyn, 11239

P.S. 346 Abe Stark / 1400 Pennsylvania Ave.

**Distribution hours:** Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

(7:30 am to 11:30 am for children and families, and 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for adults)

No registration, ID, or documentation is required for meals. All three meals a day may be picked up at the same time.

For more information visit: www.schools.nyc.gov/freemeals

Please see the above list of **Free Grab and Go** sites in all of **Brooklyn.** Meals are distributed Monday to Friday. The distribution hours are:

- 7:30 AM 11:30 AM for kids
- 11:30 AM 1:30 PM for adults

No one will be turned away from receiving food. For more information visit here.

# **BREAK A SWEAT DURING COVID-19**

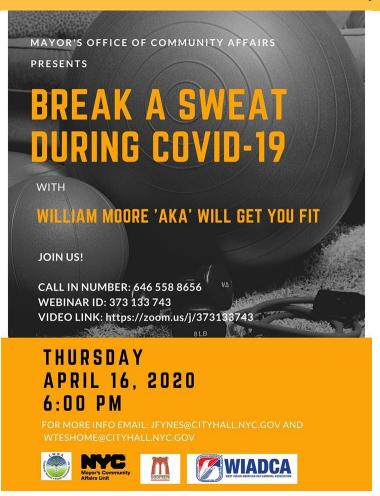


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Tomorrow, the **Mayor's Office of Community Affairs** is hosting a **"Break A Sweat During COVID-19"** session on zoom at **6 p.m!** To join the workout session you can call (646) 558-8656 or join through <u>here.</u>

### **SMALL BUSINESS**



Photo Credit: Getty Images

There has been a **rise in commercial burglaries**. Therefore, business owners should provide their contact number to their local police precinct just in case the business is burglarized. To find your **local police precinct**, <u>visit here</u>.

For resources on business grants and loans, visit here.

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



# Thank you health care workers!



Photo Credit: ministryofsport.com

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Health care workers** for protecting our health.

# **AVOID SCAMS**



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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or <u>NYC.gov/dcwp</u>. You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office, fill 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 website 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:** <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c</a> <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c">ovid-19-relief.page#healthcare</a> workers.

### **Free Internet Services:**

<u>Charter is offering free specturm broadband and WiFiaccess</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>

In-District Businesses open/closed: Provided by Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID: Visit Flatbush Avenue Business Directory <a href="here">here</a> and Church Avenue Business directory <a href="here">here</a>. Businesses open/closed: Provided by Flatbush Development Corporation: Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory <a href="here">here</a>. Includes businesses located in:

- Cortelyou Road (Coney Island Ave Ocean Ave)
- Coney Island Avenue (Cortelyou Road Foster Ave)
- Newkirk Plaza
- Newkirk Avenue (Coney Island Ave Ocean Ave)
- Foster Avenue (Coney Island Ave Ocean Ave)
- Ditmas Park

## **Small Businesses:**

For resources on **business** grants and loans, <u>visit here.</u>

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19



# What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

#### Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

#### Separate yourself from other people in your home

As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

#### Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

#### Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

#### Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, immediately clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

# ( CDC

#### Clean your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

#### Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water.

#### Monitor your symptoms

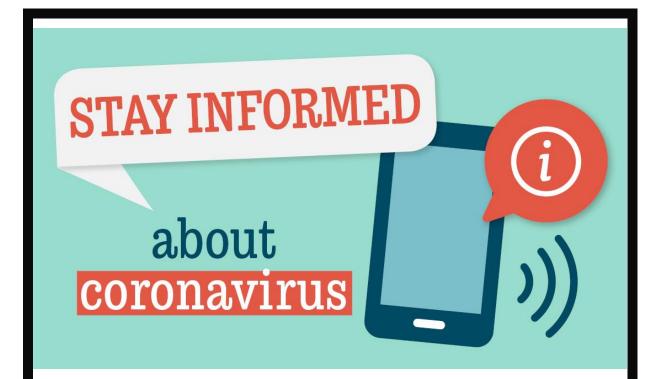
Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html.

#### Discontinuing home isolation

Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Current information on COVID-19 is limited; home precautions are conservative and based on general recommendations for other diseases, like Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



Health officials are working tirelessly to protect public health and contain this virus. And, as your representative in Albany, I am working to ensure that our state is putting the health and safety of our families first.

Remember COVID-19 can affect any community and we must stand by one another during this time, not alienate, threaten or discriminate against others.

For questions you can also reach out to the New York State's novel coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065**. For continuous updates, you can visit the following websites:

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

The CDC also now has the option for you to sign up for weekly updates on COVID-19.

New Yorkers Can Sign Up for Email Updates <u>Here</u> and Ask Questions About COVID-19 <u>Here</u>

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law <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.** 

As a current Assemblymember, District Leader, and Chair of Brooklyn Democratic Party, Rodneyse Bichotte has been an outspoken advocate on issues concerning **immigration**, **education**, **economic development**, **unemployment**, **education reform**, **health care access**, **senior citizen centers**, **affordable housing**, **school safety**, **women's and LGBTQ rights**, as well as other issues affecting the quality of life in the community.

Learn more about
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