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COVID-19 Updates



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Outdoor Dining Starts Tomorrow, June 4th, For Eligible Regions

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

NYC Expands Coronavirus Testing Criteria For All New Yorkers; Tracers To Contact Positive Coronavirus Patients Immediately; "Let Us Breathe" Press Conference Tomorrow; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 374,085
NYS Deaths: 24,079
NYC Confirmed: 204,872
Brooklyn Confirmed: 56,405

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- Today marks day **95** of the Coronavirus pandemic in New York State.
 - **Governor Cuomo** reminded New Yorkers that the Coronavirus is still a threat and to take precautions.
 - On a bright note, New York reached its **lowest** number of coronavirus hospitalizations and deaths so far.
- The governor urged protesters to respect the curfew.
- The governor announced that **outdoor dining** at restaurants will be permitted in **phase two** of reopening.
 - The Capital Region, Central New York, the Finger Lakes, the Mohawk Valley, the North Country, the Southern Tier and Western New York can reopen for outdoor dining beginning tomorrow, **June 4th**.
 - Outdoor tables must be spaced **6 feet** apart, all staff and customers must wear face coverings.
- The governor also announced that Erie County is now eligible to resume **elective surgeries** and ambulatory care.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

COVID-19 TESTS ARE FREE!



There are over 100 sites across the city.

Visit nyc.gov/covidtest to find a location near you.

Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

- NYC has five days to get ready for **phase one** of reopening.
- In addition to the Safer MTA plan announcement yesterday, the Mayor indicated that buses and subway cars will have to add clear and abundant social distance markers in all stations.
- NYC has expanded coronavirus testing criteria to include all New Yorkers.
 - Tracing will be included with coronavirus testing.
 - By the end of this week, there will be **2,500** tracers.
 - There will be an additional **1,200** tracers added the following week. The goal is to have **5,000-10,000** tracers.
 - Individuals who test positive for coronavirus will receive a call from a tracer **24 - 36 hours** after being tested. The Mayor urges everyone to answer the call.
 - For more information on testing, [visit here](#).

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 39 (down)
ICU admissions: 355 (down)
COVID-19 positive tests: 4% (down)

The city's goal is to keep new hospitalizations below 200, ICU admissions under 375 and the percentage of positive tests below 15

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post

- **President Trump** is planning to meet with his senior advisers to discuss options for the next coronavirus relief package. Read more [here](#).
- Michigan **Governor Gretchen Whitmer** and Colorado **Governor Jared Polis** said they're facing challenges procuring tests and masks and said the federal government has not done enough to help.
- Research finds that **hydroxychloroquine**, a malaria drug, does not prevent coronavirus infections. President Trump promoted this drug and also took it himself. Read more [here](#).
- U.S. Defense Secretary **Mark T. Esper** is at odds with the President after stating that he does not support invoking the Insurrection Act. Read more [here](#).
 - The Insurrection Act allows the president to dispatch the military or National Guard in states experiencing violent uprisings.

GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS



Photo Credit: Alyssa Schukar for the New York Times

- Minnesota Attorney General, **Keith Ellison**, announced that all **4 officers** involved in George Floyd's murder have been charged.
 - Charges were upgraded to second-degree murder, for the officer who killed George Floyd by pressing his knee into his neck.
 - The other 3 officers were charged with aiding and abetting.
- Yesterday, the State of Minnesota filed a civil rights charge against the Minneapolis Police Department.
- For more information visit [here](#).

"LET US BREATHE" PRESS CONFERENCE

LET US BREATHE

PRESS CONFERENCES

IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 • 3:00 PM

BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 12: 4101 WHITE PLAINS RD.

BROOKLYN

THE ARCH: 20 GRAND ARMY PLAZA

BUFFALO

NIAGARA SQUARE: BUFFALO, NY 14202

LONG ISLAND

NASSAU SUPREME COURT: 100 SUPREME CT. DR.

MANHATTAN

STATE OFFICE BUILDING: 163 WEST 125TH ST.

QUEENS

BOROUGH HALL: 120-55 QUEENS BLVD

STATEN ISLAND

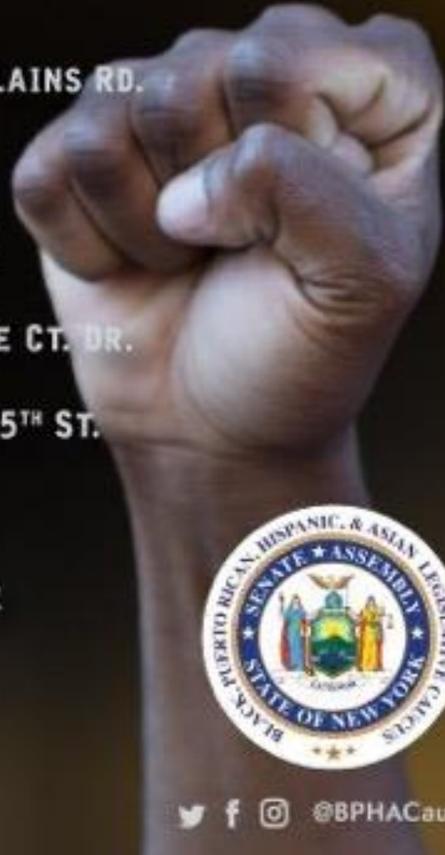
BOROUGH HALL: 10 RICHMOND TERRACE

SYRACUSE

FORMAN PARK: 717 EAST GENESEE ST.

ORGANIZED BY:

NEW YORK STATE BLACK, PUERTO RICAN,
HISPANIC, AND ASIAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS



The New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislative Caucus is hosting a citywide, " **Let Us Breathe** " press conference tomorrow at **3 p.m** . This press conference is in support of New York State Police Reform. For more information visit [here](#) .

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Photo Credit: Momtastic

- According to the Department of Education, students are expected to participate in remote learning on **Thursday, June 4th and Tuesday June 9th**.
 - Thursday, June 4 was originally scheduled as a non-attendance day for all students in observance of Brooklyn / Queens Day (also known as Anniversary Day).
 - Tuesday, June 9 was originally scheduled as a non-attendance day for students in schools serving grades K-8, as well as District 75 schools and programs.
- However, all students are expected to complete work independently on both days as staff engage in professional development. For more information, visit [here](#).

NYC WELL



Photo Credit: WTHR

This is a challenging time for all New Yorkers. If you need help coping, contact NYC Well. It is a 24/7 confidential helpline. For more information, visit [here](#).

CITYWIDE CURFEW



8PM CITYWIDE CURFEW

FROM TODAY TUES. (JUNE 2)
TO 5AM MON. (JUNE 8).

[EXCEPT ESSENTIAL WORKERS]

NYC

Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that the **citywide curfew** will continue through 5:00 a.m. **June 8th**.
 - The extended curfew will start at **8 p.m.** each night and end at **5 a.m.** each morning.
 - The curfew was imposed to curb looting and violence, but last night looting continued well after the imposed curfew.
 - Read the mayor's **Emergency Executive Order** [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NY1

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** again through **Sunday, June 7th**.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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42nd Assembly District



FLATBUSH AVENUE WALK-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITE

*This testing site is **by appointment only**.*

You **must** contact the
NYS Department of Health
at **1-888-364-3065** to
schedule an appointment.

Brookdale Family Care Center

1095 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

For more information about this or any community concern,
contact Assemblymember Bichotte's district office

718-940-0428 | bichotter@nyassembly.gov | www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District**. **You must make an appointment before visiting the center or you will be turned away.** To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
42nd Assembly District



Sears Parking Lot

2307 Beverley Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Testing site is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

For appointment call 888-364-3065

*If you experience symptoms or have been exposed
to someone with the virus, call your doctor*



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MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)



Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
 - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
 - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
 - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
 - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
 - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
 - Racing heart or chest pain
 - Decreased amount of frequency in urine
 - Lethargy, irritability or confusion

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **EMT** workers for being there when they are needed the most.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the **2020 Census** . The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting [here](#) or by calling [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

AVOID SCAMS

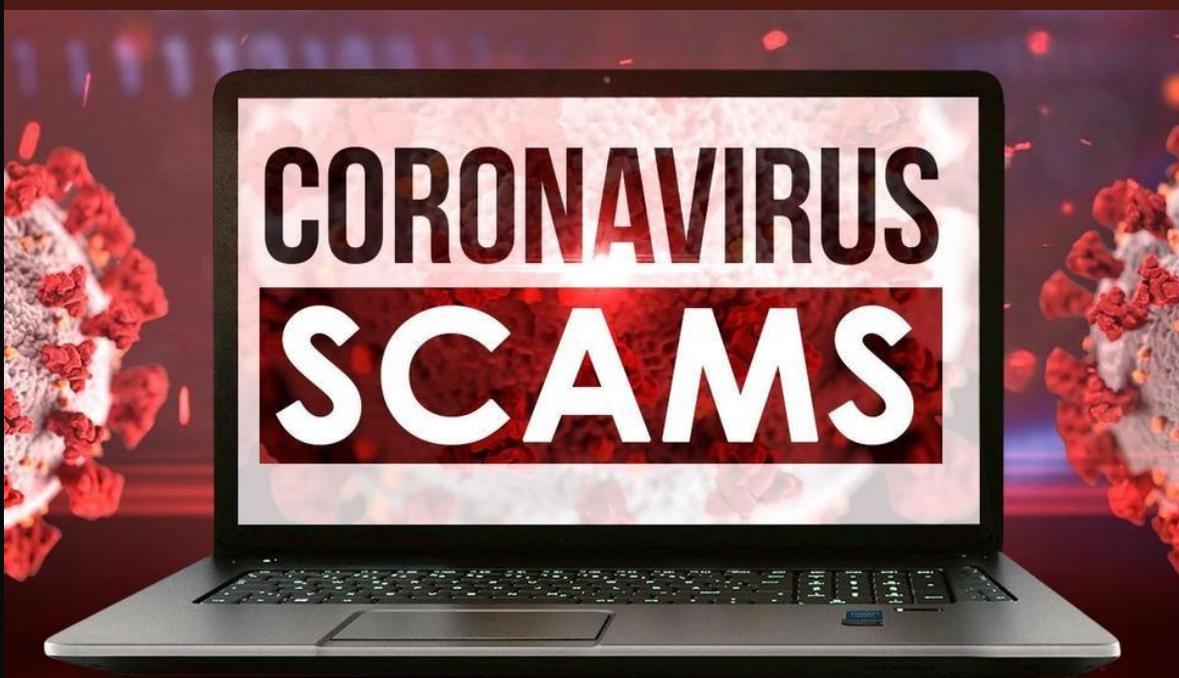


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **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](tel:888-364-3065)). NYC residents should call ([844-692-4692](tel:844-692-4692)).

Volunteer to Support

Others: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days to household with K-12 and/or

college students who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call 844-488-8395** . Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit [here](#).

FreshDirect meals:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

- \$800/couple or single parent with children
- \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children
- for more information, click [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
 - **Paycheck Protection Program** provides a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
 - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).

In-District Businesses open/closed provided by **Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID**: Visit Flatbush Avenue Business Directory [here](#) and Church Avenue Business directory [here](#). Businesses open/closed list provided by **Flatbush Development Corporation**: Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory [here](#) . 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

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.

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

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about
coronavirus



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 [Here](#) and Ask Questions About COVID-19 [Here](#)

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [Here](#)

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 (MWBs)** , 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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