

"The COVID-19 pandemic has uprooted our daily lives. My staff and I are working remotely, but we are still here for you. If you need any assistance or information, contact us by phone or email. Please stay safe and healthy."

> - Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

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# **COVID-19 Information and Resources**

Stay informed and learn about resources available during the COVID-19 crisis:

New York State Department of Health:

888-364-3065 | www.ny.gov/coronavirus

Visit now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates to sign up for email updates from the state Department of Health

New York State Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-942-6906 | NYC: 1-800-621-HOPE

NYS COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline: For free and confidential emotional support, consultation, and referral to a local provider, call: 1-844-863-9314

**New York City Resources:** 

https://access.nyc.gov/ www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/index.page

COVID-19 Pet Hotline:

Call (877) 204-8821 if you are a NYC pet owner impacted by COVID-19 and need assistance

Child Care Resources for Parents and Providers: www.ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html

### **Local Resources**

**COVID-19 Test Site Finder:** Get updated information on coronavirus testing near you: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you

Hungry on Staten Island? Find a list of open grocery stores, delis, and pantries: http://www.hungryonstatenisland.com/index.htm

Staten Island Family Justice Center (FJC) supports survivors of domestic violence. Anyone needing FJC support can call (718) 697-4300 and leave a message

Staten Island Business Outreach Center is offering small businesses assistance to those in need. Small business owners can call (718) 816-4775 or email info@siboc.org to schedule a virtual one to one business meeting

# State and Federal COVID-19 Resources

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

If you've lost employment because of the COVID-19 crisis and need help paying your bills, call 1-888-209-8124 or visit **labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm**. The federal CARES Act provides enhanced UI benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers. Visit **labor.ny.gov/ui/cares-act.shtm** to learn more.

# Vital COVID-19 Updates

BE COUNTED.

## JULY

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

Tax Day

#### **Blood Donation**

The Red Cross is calling on eligible donors to do their part and help prevent blood shortages. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767

#### **Federal CARES Act**

- Authorizes recovery checks for U.S. taxpayers, which are being sent out now. If you have not received your check, visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impactpayments.
- New York small businesses are eligible for emergency loans to help retain employees. Go here for more info: www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-smallbusiness-guidance-loan-resources.
- All private insurance plans are required to cover COVID-19 treatments and vaccines and all coronavirus tests are free.
- Nonprofits may also be eligible for Federal Disaster Loans to secure funds to pay staff and cover operating costs. Visit https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/.

### Be Counted in the Census!

Staten Island needs a complete census count so we get our fair share of federal

funding for everything from hospitals to public schools. Respond by mail, by phone or online. Visit **my2020census.gov** to fill out the questionnaire online or learn more.

#### Home Energy Assistance Program

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) heating season has been extended, and the HEAP program is accepting applications until **June 30**. Applications can be mailed, they are not required to be submitted in person during this period. The HEAP cooling season is open and runs through **August 31**. If an individual with a documented medical condition has not received a cooling benefit in the past 5 years and does not have a working air conditioner newer than 5 years old, they may be eligible for an AC unit. Call **(212) 331-3126** to speak with a representative.

### NYC Department of Education Updates

To protect the health and safety of students and teachers, all June and August Regents exams are canceled. Graduation requirements have also been adjusted to ensure students aren't adversely impacted by this necessary change. Public schools will be conducting summer school through remote learning. Students in grades 3-8, will have instruction four days a week for six weeks. Grades 9-12. will have instruction five days a week for six weeks.

#### Sick and Paid Leave Benefits Are Available

New state law provides sick leave and benefits to isolated or quarantined workers. To learn how much you qualify for, visit paidfamilyleave. ny.gov/COVID19.

#### **SNAP Benefits**

To help New Yorkers provide for their families, the state made \$200 million in emergency funding available to expand SNAP benefits, enabling all eligible recipients to receive the maximum benefit amount in May. Visit otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19 for more information.



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.

Information accurate as of 5/19/20.