



## Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

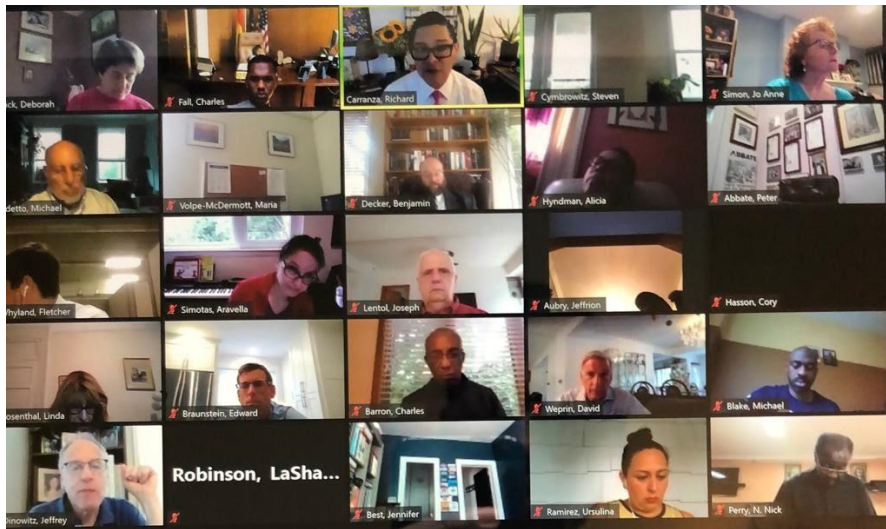
August 7, 2020

### District 61 News

Many across the district and borough have experienced the loss of power due to Hurricane Isaias. Please call 311 to report any fallen branches or trees. If you're experiencing any other difficulties reach out to my office for further assistance at **718-442-9942**.

### School Reopening

My colleagues and I virtually met with DOE Chancellor Carranza about protective and preventative measures that will be implemented in our schools this fall. As the infection rate continues to lower we must be proactive in our actions to keep our students, teachers, and families safe.



### Summer Mobile Office Hours

My team and I held additional mobile offices in West Brighton, Graniteville and Port Richmond. We connected with over 150 constituents and several businesses to distribute face masks, hand sanitizer and continue to improve our census numbers. Remember the census is important and we are behind, so encourage your neighbors to fill out the census. See the flyer below to find out which neighborhoods we will visit next week.

**West Brighton**



**Graniteville**



**Port Richmond**



## Upcoming Mobile office

**Assemblyman Charles D. Falis**

**SUMMER MOBILE OFFICE HOURS**

CONSTITUENT SERVICES COMING TO  
A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU

1:00PM - 4:00PM

**West Brighton**  
Wednesday, August 12th  
Broadway and Henderson Ave

**Grantville**  
Friday, August 14th  
2040 Forest Avenue

**Executive Cuts Barber Shop**  
Thursday, August 13th  
382 Bay Street

- Complete the 2020 Census
- Receive Covid-19 updates
- Unemployment Insurance support
- Free PPE and Hand sanitizers and more

For more information, please contact  
Falisch@nycassembly.gov or (718) 443-9932

## Positive Community Contribution

James Cox is a 23-year-old artist who is a resident of West Brighton. In April when the virus was at its height in New York City, James was inspired by the frontline and essential workers in his life to make a beautiful painting. In it he depicted the heroes of this pandemic, holding up the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge. His piece titled simply “Thank You”, is a reminder to us all about the sacrifices made during this time for the well-being of our state and our city. The Staten Island Not for Profit Association helped distribute prints that were made of his work in order to help raise money for PPE for organizations responding to the pandemic. Those prints have now raised \$20,000 to help support our frontline workers. James’ work is beautiful, unifying, and impactful and I along with the community thank him for it.



## Updates from Albany

This week Senator Parker and I introduced consumer protection legislation, specifically related to health clubs and gyms.

In our fight against this global pandemic, we have all experienced several guidelines laid upon us with stay-at-home orders. One being gyms and health clubs not being allowed to reopen. It should be improper to continuously charge for a service when the operation or use of such service has been rendered temporarily unlawful, particularly when most New Yorkers are facing financial hardship.

- The Bill; amends the general business law in relation to the suspension of a contract at health clubs.
- **Health club and gym members** would be provided the right to suspend their contract payments – at the option of the health club facility - or be able to use existent payments towards a credit to their account if for whatever reason the facility is unavailable for use.

I look forward to working with Senator Parker to pass this important consumer-friendly legislation.

### Oversight hearing on Covid-19 and Nursing Homes

I also participated in a joint Health, Aging, Governmental Operations, and Oversight Hearing on the impacts of nursing homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the discussion focused on:

- Department of Health Commissioner was questioned about the delay in action for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. He was also questioned as to why data collected is not being utilized or reported correctly.
- Several organizations like AARP, NAACP, Hispanic Federation and 1199 SEIU raised concerns as to why there has not been a task force implemented to address the problems faced by senior living facilities as far as staffing, PPE, and guidelines for safe visitation.
- The NYS Assembly and Senate has in fact introduced legislation, entitled the Reimagining Longer-Term Care task force. The legislation is still pending legislative action.
- Another topic of discussion was how to address visitation and communication between family members and their loved ones that reside in the facility. Additionally, the issue of how to address social isolation and depression among our most vulnerable.
- Lawmakers, senior advocates and concerned family members, concluded that the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program must be improved and enforced. The program is an effective advocate and resource program for older adults and people with disabilities who live in nursing homes, assisted living and other licensed adult care facilities.

I along with my colleagues came to the consensus that we need to take a more independent, in-depth look at how the state handled the senior living issue during the height of this pandemic. We need clear and concise information from the state, and we need an independent body, free from bureaucracy and politics to report to the legislature so that we can advance

recommendations or legislation to help us move forward on this important topic involving our seniors.

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## **Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community**

### **1. Mayor de Blasio announces Covid-19 checkpoints to enforce New York State quarantine orders**

- Mayor de Blasio announced COVID-19 traveler registration checkpoints at key entry points into New York City to ensure compliance with New York State quarantine requirements and further the containment of COVID-19.
- Travelers who have visited 35 designated states or territories with high COVID-19 transmission rates are required to complete the New York State Department of Health [traveler form](#) and quarantine for a period of 14 days upon entering New York City.
- Failure to quarantine is a violation of State law, and individuals who fail to quarantine are subject to a \$10,000 fine. Individuals who refuse to fill out the New York State Department of Health [travel form](#) are subject to a \$2,000 fine.

### **2. This week DOE Chancellor Carranza sent out a letter to families detailing the criteria and protocols for schools reopening this fall. Below are the most important details included in the letter.**

#### **Protocols to keep school communities healthy include:**

- **Prevention:** Starting with the first day of the 2020-21 school year, if a student or staff member is feeling sick, they are required to stay home. Additionally, if their symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, they will be asked to get tested.
- **Feeling Sick in School:** If a student begins experiencing symptoms in school, they will be isolated and monitored by a school staff member until they are picked up by their parent or guardian. Staff members who become symptomatic at school must notify administration and immediately leave the building.
- **Testing:** All school staff members are asked to get tested for COVID-19 in the days leading up to the beginning of school, and will be prioritized for expedited results at the 34 City-run testing sites. All school staff are also asked to get tested monthly during the school year. This free testing is also available for families citywide.
- **Tracing:** In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case in a school, NYC Test + Trace and NYC Health will investigate to determine close contacts within the school. All students and teachers in the classroom with the confirmed case are assumed close contacts and will be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days since their last exposure to that case. In older grades where students may travel between classes, this applies to all classes that the confirmed case was in.

- Communication: Whether symptoms begin at home or in school, there will be a clear flow of information to facilitate fast action and prevent spread. If a COVID-19 case is confirmed, schools will communicate to all families and students at school.

For more details on these and other policies, please visit [schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020](https://schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020) and click “Health and Safety” for additional information and all the latest updates.

### 3. Ballots and Burgers this Saturday, August 8/8

- Enjoy food, entertainment, and free haircuts for kids 5-12 years old.
- Located between 225-185 Middle Park in Park Hill.



4. **Street Clean for Therapy** on the corner of Richmond Terrace and Elm Street will be happening this Sunday 8/9. **For more information contact [projectivitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:projectivitygroup@gmail.com)**



5. **Students Health and Safety for the Upcoming school:** Concerned about the upcoming school year and how to protect your children. I totally understand. All parents are invited to this upcoming virtual event. Please register to pick up a special packed PPE package equipment for your little ones' needs as well as some school supplies. Pick up will be the Tuesday following event to all of those that register. [You must register here to receive your package.](#)



6. **The Seamen's Society Safe Passage Academy is hosting their Money Talks: Teens Edition.** This course is a financial workshop tailored to teens who are interested in learning about basic banking, credit, saving, and financial skills. The four workshops will be hosted on August 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st at 1 pm. **For more information please contact Michelle Arias, 917-383-1003 or [Marrias@seamenssociety.org](mailto:Marrias@seamenssociety.org).**
7. **The Friends of Tompkinsville Park** are seeking an artist to create and spearhead a **Participatory Art project in Tompkinsville Park themed around Peace, Justice, and Healing.** They are seeking an artist that would engage the community in the creation of an art installation in the park (for display up to 1 year). The budget for the project is \$5,000. **The deadline to submit a project proposal is Friday, August 21.** [Click here for additional details](#) or email [TompkinsvilleParkFriends@gmail.com](mailto:TompkinsvilleParkFriends@gmail.com).
8. **Snug Harbor** is offering part-time and full-time employment at their historic 83-acre campus. [Apply here.](#)



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## How To Help

**Fill out your US Census today, it is quick and easy and will determine how more than \$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities. Go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), call (844) 330-2020, or respond using the paper form sent to your home.**



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#CensusCompletedChallenge

Three Methods to Respond:

- **Online:** <https://my2020census.gov/>
- **Mail:** Mail back the paper questionnaire sent to your home.
- **Call:** 844-330-2020 to complete via phone.

Challenge 5 family members and friends!

Everyone counts, infants, the elderly and everyone in-between.



Wishing you all health and safety,

Charles D. Fall  
Member of Assembly

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