

# Rebecca Seawright



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*June is PRIDE month. I am a proud ally standing up for the rights and visibility of the LGBTQ+ community and fighting bigotry of any kind. This Pride month, we should reflect on the history of the movement that started with a single riot on [June 28, 1969](#), at Stonewall Inn. I am proud of the peaceful protest and demonstrations I have witnessed in our community on the Upper East Side. I walked side by side with neighbors and joined a vigil in Carl Schurz Park to show solidarity and support to those who have died as a result of police brutality and racism. We continued our work in Albany this week on what is being called the "Say Their Name" police reform package.*

*As we begin the Phase One reopening of New York City, our office gave testimony at the City Council Consumer Affairs hearing to fast track the identification and permit process of sidewalk cafes in New York City. This bill is critical to supporting the financial recovery of small businesses as they reopen, while also enabling them to adhere to social distancing.*

*If you are planning your reopening, consider the guidance put forth in the NY Forward*

reopening plan. Each business, including those designated essential under Empire State Development's Essential Business Guidance, must develop a written safety plan outlining COVID-19 spread prevention. This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval but must be retained on the premises of the business and be available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection. The City has also established a Small Business Services Restart Hotline 888-SBS-4NYC (888-727-4692).

There is a New York State Primary on **Tuesday, June 23**. I hope the information in this report proves to be helpful in voting this year by absentee ballot or in-person.

If you need 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,

**Rebecca**

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS**

**June 9 @ 7:00pm**

# HUMAN RIGHTS



**Daryl Cochran**

**Manhattan Community  
Service Center Director,  
The NYC Commission on  
Human Rights**



**Jessica Neuwirth**

**Distinguished Lecturer  
and Rita E. Hauser  
Director, Human Rights  
Program  
Roosevelt House Public  
Policy Institute at  
Hunter College**



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**Hunter College Chair of  
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Africana and Puerto  
Rican/Latino Studies**

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[www.facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/](http://www.facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/)**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL 212.288.4607  
EMAIL SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

**REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!**

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7PM  
ON 6/9**

**In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town  
Hall on Pet Care & Animal Welfare**



We held our June 2 Virtual Townhall Tuesday on Pet Care and Animal Welfare with animal activist and philanthropist Jean Shafiroff, Animal Medical Center CEO and President Kathryn Coyne, Wildlife Freedom Foundation Founder and President Rossana Ceruzzi, and CANA Foundation founder Manda Kalimian.

## JOINING IN PEACEFUL PROTEST



Marching up York Avenue.



Hundreds of our neighbors on the East Side joined the vigil in Carl Schurz Park to remember George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and too many others.

## SEAWRIGHT SUPPORTS POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LEGISLATION

New York State currently has the most restrictive law in the country regarding transparency for police misconduct, and police departments. § 50-a, which is still in effect, allows law enforcement officers to refuse disclosure of almost all performance and disciplinary records from any requests, including requests under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). The continued lack of transparency enables abusive officers to continue to act with impunity. Assembly Member Seawright is proud to co-sponsor the following bills in the Assembly:

Repealing 50-a (A2513/S3695) –NY Statute 50-a allows our state to censor information regarding police misconduct, and failure of disciplining offending officers. We need to end police secrecy and mobilize for transparency with adequate police reform.

Police Statistics & Transparency [STAT] Act (A05472/S1830) – Requiring police departments to records and report data on enforcement of low-level offenses and public reports of deaths while in police custody to ensure greater transparency in policing.

Special Prosecutor Legislation to codify Exec. Order 147 (A1060/S2574) – Authorization of the Attorney General's office to ensure fair and thorough investigations of police misconduct, and prosecuting when inexcusable tragedies occur, such as the use of excessive force by George Floyd's murderers.

Marijuana Taxation and Regulation Act (A1617/S1527) – Legalization of marijuana, and prevention of disproportionately criminalizing communities that have been unfairly affected by decades of the war on drugs movements.

Reducing Unnecessary Arrests for Non-Crimes (A4053/S2571) – Ending unnecessary arrests for minor, non-criminal violations as such offenses used to disproportionately target individuals of color, among other discriminated persons.

## SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES

### SEAWRIGHT ENDORSES CITY HALL EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR SIDEWALK CAFES

In a major milestone on the path to normalcy, restaurants will soon be back in service on the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island.

Starting as early as mid-June, COVID-19 shuttered New York City restaurants will be reopening with outdoor dining and table service in temporary seating on sidewalks and curbside along selected side streets.

*"Opening our sidewalks and streets to outdoor dining is a critical milestone in the ongoing war on COVID-19," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, who has been working closely with restaurants and small business owners on the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island to restore jobs and jumpstart economic activity.*

*"I'm thrilled that our restaurants and diners will be bringing staff back to work to begin the process of rebuilding businesses," Assembly Member Seawright said. "Most importantly, we can all celebrate -- safely-- these first steps toward normalcy and enjoy the glorious outdoors with a drink or meal," she said.*

Josephine Napolitano opened Arturo's Restaurant on York Avenue and 85th St with her husband Joseph in 1982. A few years later, they added the pizzeria across the street. They have borrowed against their house in Queens to pay the rent and keep the businesses afloat.

*Ms. Napolitano says outdoor dining will be a lifeline. "This is a chance to survive," she said. "The people in the neighborhood have been good to us. Now is not the time for us to run out."*

*"Storeowners like the Napolitano's are the heart and soul of our community," said Assemblymember Seawright. "We are going to do everything we can to see them through these tough times."*

Trade organizations have estimated that losses have exceeded \$5.5 billion statewide since mid-March.

The exact opening date hinges upon continued declines in the spread of the virus. In a sign of progress, public health officials recently approved requests to speed up restaurant openings to the second phase of the statewide start-up plan. Under the plan, the city

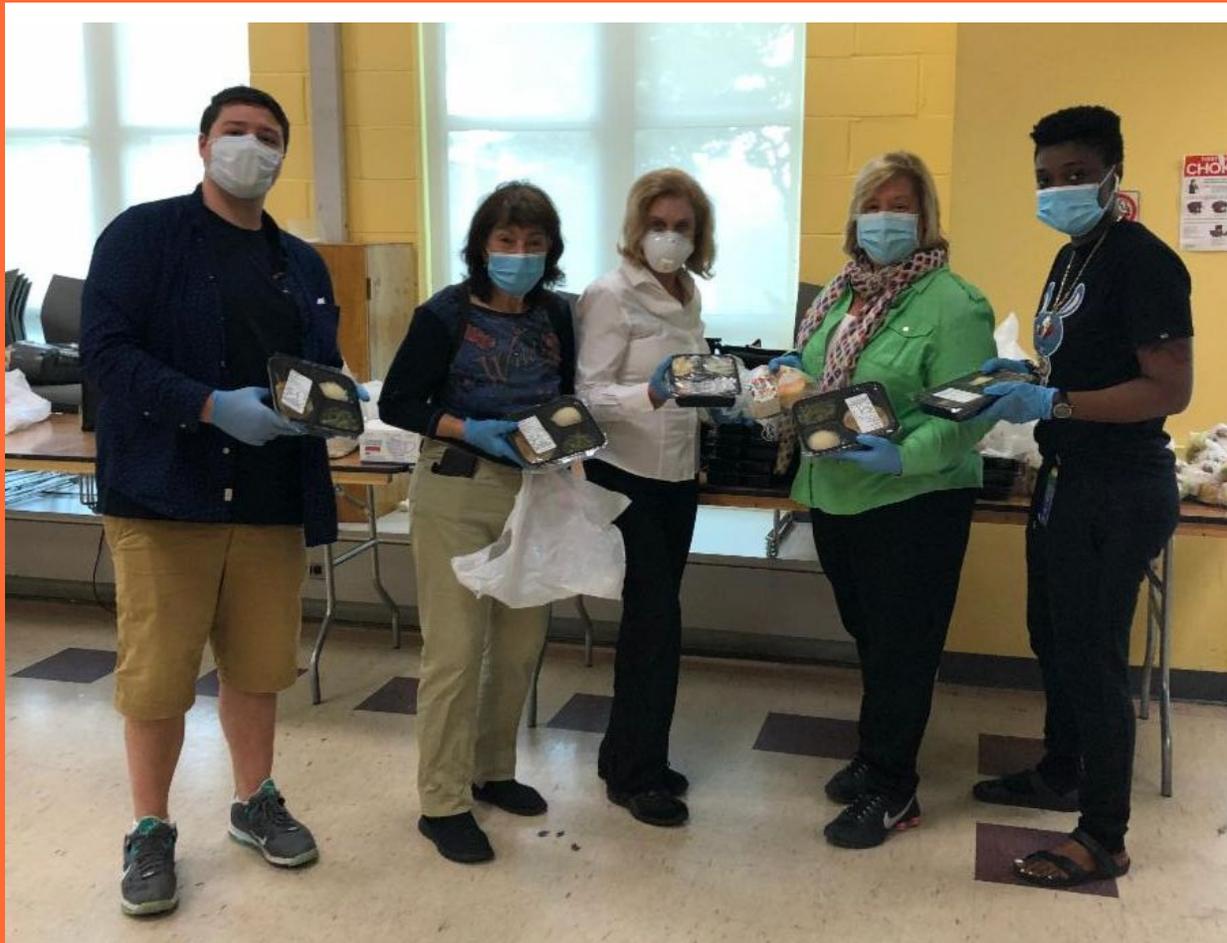
should, if on track, hit Phase 2 by June 22.

The reopening plan requires that outdoor tables must be 6 feet apart, staff must wear masks, and customers must wear masks until seated. The reopenings apply to outdoor dining only. Limited indoor dining remains prohibited until later in the start-up plan.

Assembly Member Seawright noted that the outdoor reopening plan requires seating away from intersections, bus stops, and fire hydrants. Eateries must provide their planters, tables, and chairs.

*"This lifeline will undoubtedly be a huge help," Melissa Fleischut, president and CEO of the New York State Restaurant Association. "Our members and all restaurants in the state will follow stringent sanitation practices and social distancing to make our patrons feel comfortable and keep our diners and employees safe."*

## ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT AND CONGRESSWOMAN CAROLYN MALONEY VOLUNTEER TO DELIVER MEALS TO HOMEBOUND ELDERLY





# VOTING GUIDE

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### ABSENTEE BALLOT TIPS

# YOU MUST SIGN THE BACK OF BALLOT ENVELOPE

**OFFICIAL BALLOT, ABSENTEE VOTER  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK  
STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER**

I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I will be unable to appear personally on the day of the election for which this ballot is voted at the polling place of the election district in which I am a qualified voter because of the reason given on my application heretofore submitted; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any impediment which denies me the right to vote.

**PAPELETA OFICIAL, VOTANTE AUSENTE  
CONDADO DE NUEVA YORK  
DECLARACION DE VOTANTE AUSENTE**

Yo declaro ser un ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, que estoy debidamente inscrito(a) en el distrito electoral estipulado en el lado inverso de este sobre y que estoy calificado(a) para votar en dicho distrito; que voy a ser incapaz de aparecer en persona en el día de la elección para la que se votó en esta papeleta, en el centro de votación del distrito electoral en el que soy un votante calificado, por la razón dada en mi solicitud aquí sometida; que no he calificado ni tengo intenciones de votar en otro sitio, que no he cometido ningún acto ni estoy bajo un impedimento que me niega el derecho de votar.

**官方選票, 缺席選票  
NEW YORK 郡  
缺席選票聲明書**

我鄭重聲明我是美國公民, 我是此信封背面所註明之選區之合格登記選民, 我具備在此選區投票的資格; 我無法在選舉日當天親自到投票處投票, 我符合之前所遞交選民登記表上所述在此選區投票的資格; 我未在其他地區具備或申請投票權, 我沒有任何犯罪行為或因重罪而被否決我投票的權利。

I solemnly swear that the foregoing is true statement to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material false statement in the foregoing statement of absentee voter, I shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Declaro por este medio, según mi conocimiento y creencia, que lo anterior es una declaración verdadera. Entiendo que si hago cualquier declaración falsa en la siguiente declaración de votante ausente, seré culpable por un delito menor.

我在此聲明以上所述皆屬事實, 並瞭解如我做出不實的缺席選票聲明, 我將會被判以輕罪。

X  
Signature or Mark of Voter/ Firma o Marca Del Votante/  
選民的簽名或記號

X  
Signature and Address of Witness (Required only if voter does not sign his own name)  
Firma y dirección del testigo (es requerido si el votante no firma su propio nombre)  
見證人的簽名與住址 (如果選民沒有在聲明書上簽名, 見證人必須在此處簽名並填寫住址)

Date/ Fecha/ 日期

# DO NOT FILL IN THIS BOX

**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT**

June 23, 2020 Primary Election  
Assembly District 76 Election District 049

VOTER ID: [REDACTED]  
COUNTY: MANHATTAN

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

After marking ballot, fold and enclose it in this envelope, and seal it. Insert this envelope in the return envelope provided. The return envelope with ballot enclosed must reach the Board of Elections not later than 9 P.M. on Election Day, if delivered in person, OR be postmarked not later than the day before the election and received at the Board of Elections not later than seven days following the day of a primary, special or general election to be cast and counted. Do not enclose an application for an absentee ballot in this envelope. A ballot application, if any, should be enclosed in the return envelope together with this envelope containing the absentee ballot.

**INSTRUCCIONES PARA VOTANTE**

Después de marcar la papeleta; dóblela y póngala en el sobre y séllelo. Ponga este sobre, en el sobre de devolución que se le proporciona. El sobre de devolución con la papeleta dentro debe ser recibida por la Junta de Elecciones a más tardar las 9 P.M. en el día de la Elección, si es entregado en persona, O debe ser matasellado a más tardar el día antes de la elección y ser recibida por la Junta de Elecciones a más tardar siete días después de la elección primaria, especial o general para que su voto sea emitido y contado. No envíe una aplicación para una papeleta de voto ausente en este sobre. La aplicación para la papeleta de voto ausente, si hay alguna, debe mandarse en el sobre de regreso junto con este sobre el cual contiene la papeleta de voto ausente.

**投票說明**

標記選票後, 將選票折疊放入此缺席選票專用信封並將信封封好。將此裝有缺席選票的信封放入紐約市選舉委員會提供的回函信封裏。如果親自遞交裝有此缺席選票的回函信封必須於選舉日當天晚上 9 點送達選舉委員會, 或以郵寄方式寄回選舉委員會的回函信封上需蓋有不遲於選舉日前一天日期的郵戳, 並於初選, 補選或普選日後的七日內由選舉委員會收處, 俾使您的選票得以提出並予以計算在內。請不要將缺席選票申請表裝入此缺席選票專用的信封內。如需提交缺席選票申請表, 應該與缺席選票專用的信封分別放入回函信封內。

Votante debe firmar y fechar la declaración en el lado inverso del sobre.  
選民必需在此信封背面的聲明書上簽名並註明日期

**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR**

ELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

NAME OF VOTER \_\_\_\_\_

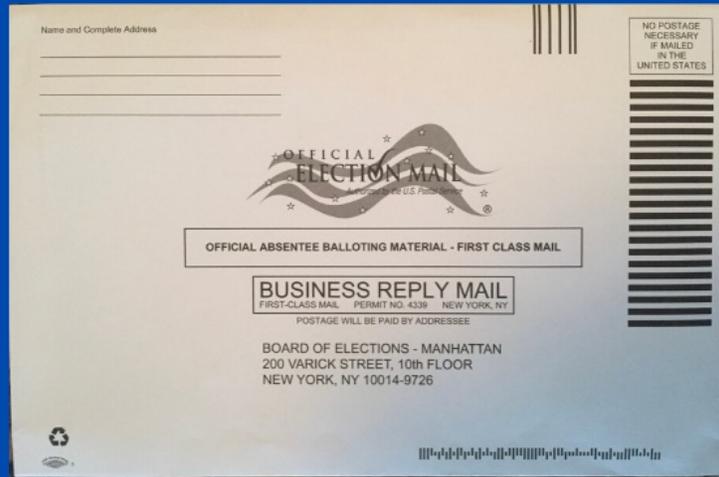
RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ ASSEMBLY DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY ENROLLMENT (IF PRIMARY) \_\_\_\_\_

# PLACE THE SIGNED BALLOT ENVELOPE INTO THE POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE, SEAL IT AND MAIL IT



## Here are the options for voting during the COVID19 pandemic:

- All New Yorkers have the option to vote by mail in the June 23, 2020 election, per an Executive Order from Governor Cuomo, by requesting an absentee ballot. The Board of Elections is in the process of mailing an absentee ballot application to every eligible voter, with return postage paid.
- After making your votes on the ballot, fold the ballot and put it in the small ballot envelope. *Sign and date the back of the envelope.* Seal the envelope and put it in the larger envelope that is postage paid and addressed to the Board of Elections. Mail or deliver your ballot to your borough Board of Elections office.
- An absentee ballot must be postmarked by the day before Election Day and must reach the Board of Elections no more than 7 days after the election to be counted.
  
- All registered voters can participate in early voting June 13 - 21. Benefits include shorter wait times and less crowding at the polls. Find your early voting location here:  
<https://nyc.pollsitemlocator.com/>
- Vote in-person on June 23- If you would like to vote in-person, you can find your poll site here:  
<https://nyc.pollsitemlocator.com/Search.aspx>

## Keep in mind the following dates and deadlines:

- June 13- Early voting begins
- June 16- Last date to postmark absentee ballot application
- June 21- Last day for early voting
- June 22- Last day to apply (in person) for an absentee ballot
- Last date to postmark absentee ballot (must be received by city BOE by June 30)
- June 23- Special Elections/Presidential Primary Day / Last day to deliver absentee ballot (in person) to the city BOE

### **EXPANDED TESTING CRITERIA**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the state is expanding COVID-19 testing criteria to include any individual who attended a protest across the state.

The Governor encouraged any individual involved in a protest to get a test. More information on where and how to get tested for COVID-19 is available at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov>.

### **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

Schools will be permitted to hold drive-in and drive-through graduation ceremonies this year. The State will reexamine socially-distanced outdoor commencements at a later time.

### **MEDICAL SCHOOLS**

The Governor also announced that medical schools statewide will be allowed to reopen on June 22nd, following appropriate precautions, in order to safely prepare for and welcome new cohorts of medical students this summer and fall.

### **DFS EMERGENCY REGULATION**

The State Department of Financial Services will issue an emergency regulation to help businesses and consumers who suffered damage from looting and vandalism by requiring New York State-regulated insurance companies to expedite the resolution and payment of related insurance claims based on similar emergency relief applied in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy.

o Additional relief provided by the emergency regulation will include allowing policyholders to make immediate repairs to damaged property if necessary to protect health or safety, and to submit claims with reasonable proof of loss, including photos, so businesses don't have to wait for police reports to file a claim.

o The emergency regulation will also offer small businesses and consumers the option to resolve disputes through an impartial mediation process paid for by the applicable insurer.

### **OUTDOOR DINING**

Governor Cuomo announced outdoor dining at restaurants will be permitted in phase two of reopening.

Outdoor tables must be spaced six feet apart, all staff must wear face coverings and customers must also wear face coverings when not seated.

### **SUMMER DAY CAMPS**

Summer day camps statewide can open on June 29th. The state will make a decision on sleep-away camps in the coming weeks.

### **LOW-RISK OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

There is an *Executive Order* allowing low-risk, outdoor recreational activities and businesses providing such activities to open in regions that have met the public health and safety metrics required for phase one.

### **DENTISTS CAN REOPEN**

New York dentists can reopen statewide. Dentists' offices will be subject to state guidance on best practices for safety and social distancing.

### **DEATH BENEFITS SIGNED INTO LAW**

Governor Cuomo signed into law a new measure providing death benefits to the families of frontline workers who lost their lives fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in New York. The bill, S.8427/A.10528, establishes a COVID-19 death benefit for the families of state and local government employees who have been on the front lines of response to this public health emergency.

## Upcoming Events

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**

**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. JUNE 9**

**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.*

**SIGN UP FOR THE LEGAL CLINIC HERE**

## Stay informed about the CORONAVIRUS



DOHMH FAQ: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Face Covering Distribution: [Face Coverings Face Coverings](#)

Face Covering Tips: [helpful videos](#)

DACA Renewal Assistance: Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365

Ferry Schedules: [Staten Island Ferry / NYC Ferry](#)

H+H Visitor Policy: [Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus](#)

Mental Health Hotline: 1-888-NYC-WELL or text "WELL" to 65173. [NYC Well](#)

Mental Health Online: [Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home](#)

OATH: [Hearing Online](#)

Online English Classes: [We Speak NYC, Register Here](#) or for information: [click here](#)

Online Marriage Licenses: [nyc.gov/Cupid](#) or [cityclerk.nyc.gov](#)

Animal Welfare FAQ: [COVID-19 and Animals FAQ](#)

COVID-19 Pet Owner Hotline: 1-877-204-8821

Pet Planning: [Get Prepared - Pets & Service Animals](#)

Map of Essential Construction: [Essential Active Construction Sites Map / FAQ](#)

Report Price Gouging: [DCA - COVID-19 Complaint](#)

Resource Guide for Immigrants: [Resources for Immigrant Communities](#)

Virtual Friendly Visiting Program for Seniors: Call 212-AGING-NYC

### For Families

Activity Book for Kids: [Animals of NYC - Physical Distancing Activity Book](#)

Remote Learning: [NYC DOE Info Hub](#)

Fun at Home for Kids: [nyc.gov/funathome](#) or text "Fun" to 97743

School and Childcare for Essential Workers: [Regional Enrichment Centers](#)

### How to Help:

How to Help: [Help Now NYC](#)

Companies with Supplies on Hand to Donate or Sell: [NYC Suppliers Page](#)

Companies Ready to Begin Producing Supplies: [COVID-19 Emergency Supply Sourcing & Manufacturing](#).

Donate PPE: [NYC Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donation Portal](#)

Donate Plasma: [New York Blood Center](#)

Food and Non-medical Donations: [DonateNYC](#), or call 833-NYC-0040

### For Constituents in Need:

Benefits Available for New Yorkers: [AccessNYC](#)

Services for Folks in Need: [Assistance for Individuals](#)

Domestic Violence: [NYCHope](#)

Family Justice Centers: [Family Justice Centers](#), 24-hour DV Hotline: 1-800-621-4673

Financial Empowerment Guidance: [DCA - Free Financial Counseling](#)

Food Finder: [Food Bank NYC](#)

Grab & Go Meals for All: Location: [Free Meal Sites](#), or text "NYCFOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877-877

Hotel Isolation Referral Program: [nyc.gov/covid19hotel](#)

Peer-Peer Wellness Check for Veterans: [Mission: VetCheck](#).

People with Disabilities: @NYCDisabilities, 311 or visit <http://nyc.gov/disability> or via video phone: 646-396-5830

SNAP: [SNAP Benefits](#)

Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19: [NYC Consumer Affairs](#)

Unemployment Benefits: [NYS Department of Labor + NYC FAQ](#)

### Businesses & Nonprofits:

Stop the Spread: [Stop the Spread of Coronavirus Flyer](#)

Facebook Grants for Small Businesses: [facebook.com/grantsforbusiness](#)

Guidance for Employers & Employees: [Update about Workplace Laws](#)

Non-Profit Providers: [FAQ for Nonprofit Businesses](#)

SBS Webinars for Small Businesses: [Register here](#)

Small Businesses: [Assistance & Guidance for Businesses](#)

### Workers:

Citibike Free Year Membership for First Responders: [Critical Workforce Membership](#)

Freelancers in NYC: [File Workplace Complaint](#)

Hotels for Healthcare Workers: [NYC & Company](#)

Labor Issues: Call 311, or AG's office: (212) 416-8700 or [Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov)

Paid Sick Leave: DOHMH [Frequently Asked Questions](#) / or call: 855-491-2667 or 311  
State List of Essential Business/Services: [Governor Cuomo Guidance Under 'New York State on PAUSE'](#)

SBS: [Virtual Workforce One Center](#) or call 718-960-2458

TLC Driver Jobs: [NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal](#)

TLC [Driver Resource Center](#): legal services, financial counseling, and other referrals

**Buildings & Residents:**

NYCHA Residents: [NYCHA's journal](#) + [Hardship Rent Reductions](#) + [NYCHA COVID-19 FAQ](#) + [City Harvest Mobile Markets](#) + [Mayor de Blasio Announces New Plan to Combat COVID-19 at NYCHA](#)

Property Tax issues: [Department of Finance Benefits](#)

Tenants/Landlords: [COVID-19: FAQ for Residential and Commercial Buildings](#)

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