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Data Shows That African Americans And Hispanics Are Disproportionately Impacted By COVID-19

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Additional \$600 in unemployment benefits; unemployment insurance extended; all New Yorkers eligible for absentee voting; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 149,316
NYS deaths: 6,268
NYC confirmed: 80,204
Brooklyn confirmed: 21,580

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- Data shows that **African Americans and Hispanics are affected disproportionately by COVID-19**. Governor plans to do more testing and research in marginalized communities. To view data, click [here](#).
- New York State will make additional **\$600 payments** to all who filed for **unemployment benefits** and will seek reimbursement from the federal government.
- Unemployment Insurance will be **extended to 39 weeks (additional 13 weeks)**.
- **All** New Yorkers can vote using an **absentee** ballot for **June 23rd primary**.
- Mercury Medical donated **2,400 BiPAP machines** to New York State.
- **Flags** on state government buildings will be **flown at half-staff in honor of those lost** due to COVID-19.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Business Insider

- **First Responder Recoveries:**
 - **276** members of the **NYPD** who tested positive for COVID-19 has returned to work.
 - **1,310 FDNY EMTs, paramedics & firefighters** who were exposed or tested positive, have returned to back to work.
- **Preliminary data on COVID-19 fatalities based on race and ethnicity:**
 - Hispanic: 34% (compared to 29% of overall population)
 - Black: 28% (compared to 22% of overall population)
 - White: 27% (compared to 32% of overall population)
 - Asian: 7% (compared to 14% of overall population)
- NYC is seeking additional **1,450 military** personnel to help hospitals and provide support to current healthcare

workers. Mayor said he will prioritize sending personnel to public hospitals to address disparity issue.

- **291 US Navy personnel** deployed to 11 hospitals.
- Items **delivered on April 7th:**
 - **3,056,000** surgical masks
 - **2,124,500** surgical gloves
 - **1,196,460** N95 masks
 - **107,732** pairs of eyewear
 - **61,074** surgical gowns

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: dogwatchwestmass.com

Democratic senators are trying to **push a proposal** for a **hazard pay increase for essential workers**. This proposal would provide a **\$25,000** pay increase and a "one-time **\$15,000** incentive to help recruit new health care

workers during the pandemic." For more information visit [here](#).

GRAB AND GO MEAL LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
42nd Assembly District

GRAB-and-Go Meals >>>

for all in and near the 42nd Assembly District

District 17 and District 22:

P.S. 399
Stanley Eugene Clark
2707 Albemarle Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Andries Hudde
2500 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11210

P.S. 139
Alexine A. Fenty
330 Rugby Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

P.S. 198 Brooklyn
4105 Farragut Road
Brooklyn, NY 11210

P.S. 217 Colonel
David Marcus School
1100 Newkirk Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230

P.S. 245
249 East 17th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11226

P.S. 361 East Flatbush
Early Childhood School
1957 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11210

P.S. 119 Amersfort
3829 Avenue K
Brooklyn, NY 11210

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

For more information about this or any community concern, contact Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte's Office at 718-940-0428 / bichotter@nyassembly.gov / www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

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CUNY EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND



Photo Credit: CUNY

Today, the **City University of New York** announced today the launch of the **Chancellor's Emergency Relief Fund**. **This fund will provide financial assistance** to students facing economic hardship due to COVID-19. The fund will distribute grants of **\$500 each** to students who are in need. For more information visit [here](#).

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Working hard
to provide the
medication
we need.

Thank you
pharmacy workers.

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During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. This week we thank our pharmacy workers for providing us with our medicine.

AVOID SCAMS

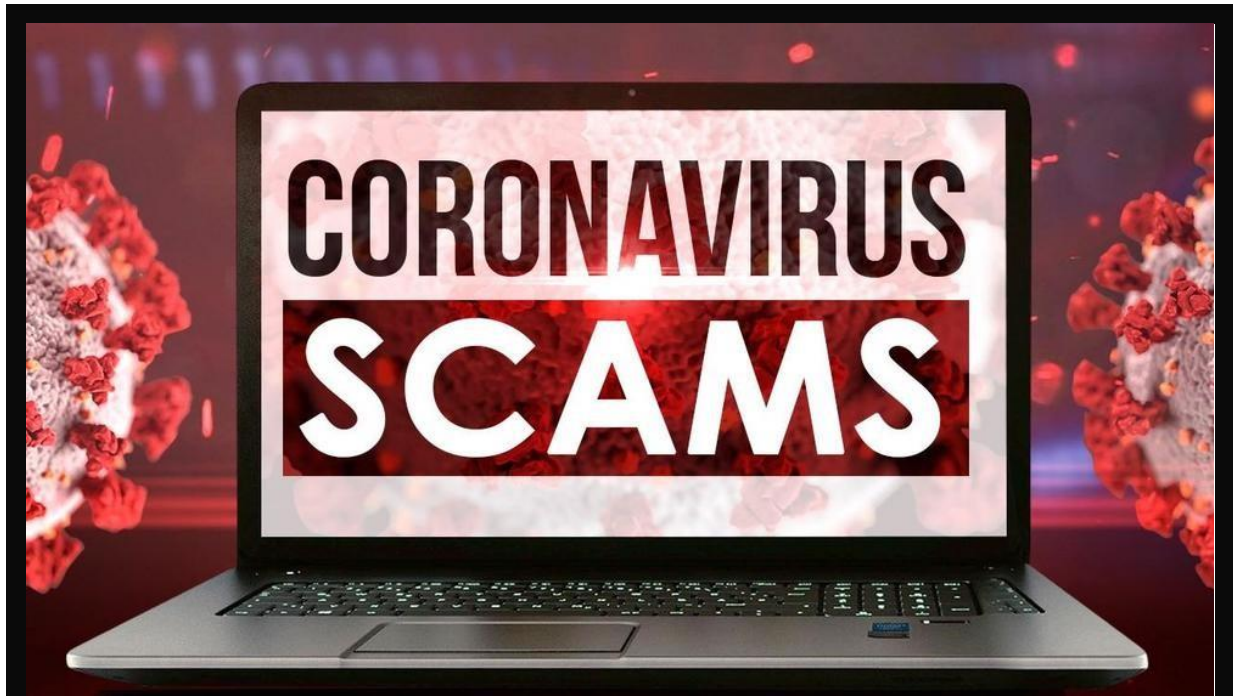


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID19 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, fill 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 specturm 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](#).

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: 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 (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
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her website:
<http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte>

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