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COVID-19 Updates



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**Results From Antibody Survey Are In:
12.3% of 15,000 Tested Have COVID-19 Antibodies**

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

7 Million masks distributed; Additional funding for FoodBank; Assistance for the Homeless; Remote Learning Technical Support; And More!

NYS Confirmed: 312,977
NYS Deaths: 18,909
NYC Confirmed: 172,354
Brooklyn Confirmed: 46,275

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- NYS has conducted the **largest Antibody Survey** with more than **15,000** individuals tested randomly at grocery stores and community centers over the course of 2 weeks.
 - On April 22nd antibodies were shown in 13.9% of people tested
 - On April 27th antibodies were shown in 14.9% of people tested

- On **May 1st** antibodies were shown in **12.3%** of people tested
- Of those tested: **11.5%** were women and **13.1%** men
- **New York City** made up **19.9%**
- Hospitals are being asked to obtain and report additional information on new infection cases to identify how the virus is traveling. There are approximately 900 new infections per day.
- The Governor announced that NYS will continue to protect the most vulnerable. Today, **7 million** more **cloth masks** will be distributed throughout the state (approximately 78% to NYC). Masks will be distributed as follows:
 - 500,000 for **NYCHA residents**
 - 500,000 for **farm workers**
 - 1 million for **vulnerable populations**, including the **mental health** and **developmental disabled communities**
 - 500,000 for **homeless shelters**
 - 2 million for **elderly** New Yorkers and **nursing homes**
 - 1 million for **faith-based organizations** and **food banks**
 - 2 million for **grocery stores, supermarkets** and **food delivery workers**
- There will be a **full survey** of antibody testing of **Transit Workers**, the frontline workers.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: John Minchillo/AP

- Mayor de Blasio reported that every student who has requested an iPad has received one, over a 1/4 million. Mayor de Blasio also indicated that the devices may be retained by students until the crisis is over.
- Daily sanitizing of the MTA subway stations and subway cars will **drive the homeless to surface**, where they will be met by **Outreach Workers** that will help in providing support.
- **Project Cupid** will begin effective **May 7th**. The new system will allow couples to schedule appointments with the [City Clerk online](#).
 - required documents may be securely uploaded
 - signed marriage license may be uploaded following ceremony

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

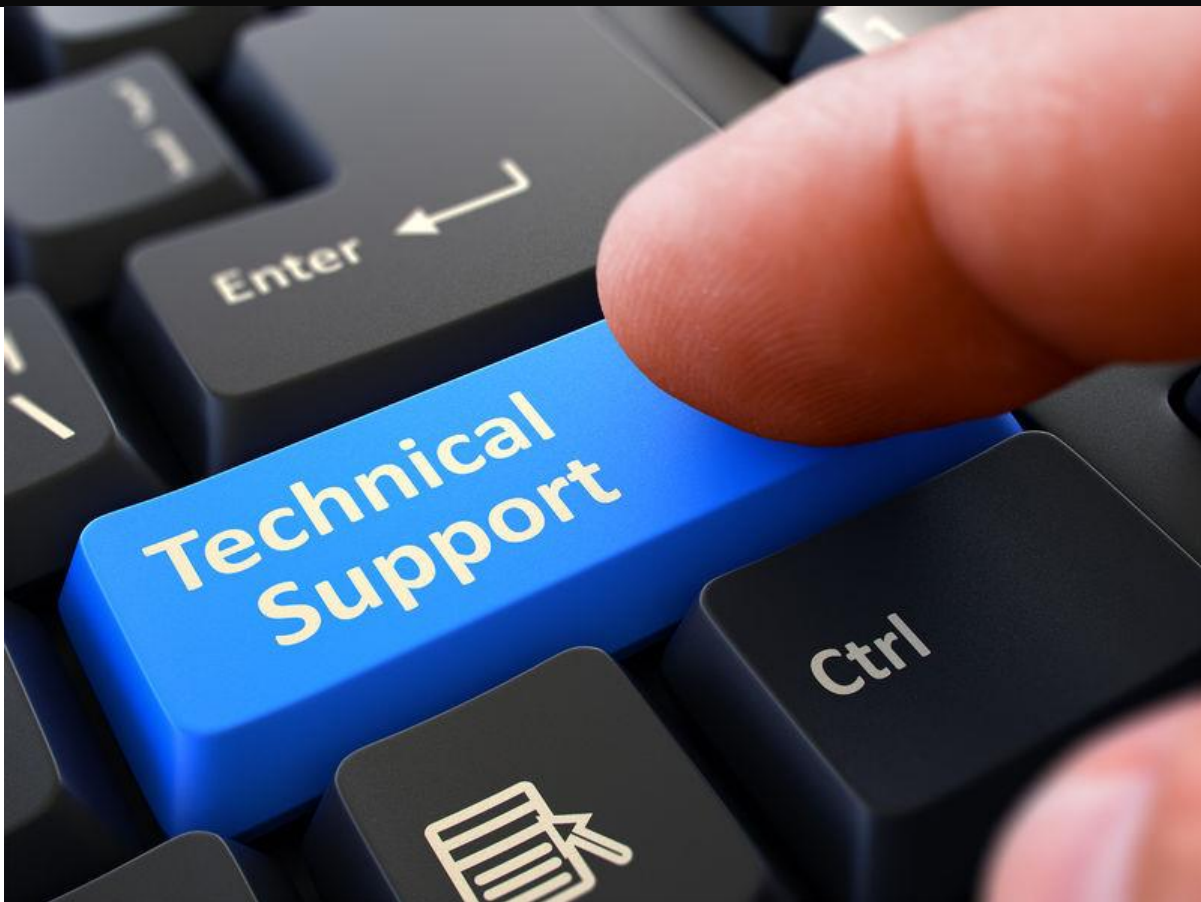


Photo Credit: Secure Online Reputation

Technical Support

- The DOE is launching a Remote Learning Technical Support ticket system for families coverage a broad range of issues:
 - application support
 - lost or stolen devices
 - broken devices
 - delivery status
- Issues that are not addressed by following the list of common resolutions may be further addressed by completing a form provided. For more information click [here](#).
- Apple Education Learning Series is offering training to help use Apple products and their built-in features to enable remote learning for all students. Individuals can participate in

virtual conferences led by Apple Professional Learning Specialists. For a schedule of virtual conferences click [here](#).

#MultilingualMondays

- The Division of Multilingual Learners' Postsecondary Readiness Team will be hosting Multilingual Mondays on **May 4th at 2:00pm**. The session will focus on the **College Search process**.
 - access online: meet.google.com/kzf-uoyj-vya
 - access by phone: 470-310-0673, pin: 646415859#

Tablet Distribution

- A total of **267,000+** tablets have been distributed to families who requested by the April 23rd. Tablets will continue to be distributed until the maximum of 300,000 have been reached.
- Remote Learning Device Request Form may be completed to request a tablet. To request, click [here](#).

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



TEACHING
IS A WORK OF HEART

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Photo Credit: WOAI

The week of **May 4th - 8th** is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Teachers have been able to adapt and continue the most critical role of educating our children of the future. This is a great time to **show gratitude** for their effort. The DOE has suggested a few ways to do this:

- **Use and share the “[Thank You Tool](#)”** to send a customized appreciation email to any DOE teacher. There is no limit to how many teachers you can thank using the tool, and it is open to anyone. Please encourage students, school staff, parents, families, and other community members to use the tool.
- **Share your message on social media.** Join the celebration online! Use the hashtag [#ThankATeacherNYC](#) or [#DOEConnected](#) to share your appreciation for teachers across the DOE.
- **Send a direct email** to teachers that have added meaning to your life. This message may thank teachers for their hard work, or simply for being someone to lean on.

NYC Health + Hospitals



Photo Credit: Coney Island Hospital. Workers at Coney Island Hospital celebrated Stuart Rosenhaus' release from the hospital, marking the hospital's 500th COVID-19 discharge

NYC Health + Hospitals has reached a milestone yesterday according to **President and CEO Mitchel Katz, MD**. The largest municipal health care system in the nation has **discharged more than 5,000 patient** who tested positive for COVID-19. This is an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of healthcare workers. For full statement click [here](#).

EAST FLATBUSH COMMUNITY AID



Photo Credit: East Flatbush Community Partnership

The **East Flatbush Community Partnership** is launching the East Flatbush Community Aid initiative. This initiative offers cash assistance which will be in the form of gift cards. A family can receive up to **two gift cards, worth \$75 each**. Gift cards can **only** be used to pay for **utility bills**.

- To access a Request Form click [here](#)
- Completed forms must be emailed to reidc@jccany.org
- Forms must be accompanied by the utility bill(s) to be paid

BUSINESS



Photo Credit: SchoolBook. Midwood High School

The Department of Education is looking to procure services for existing Community Schools with contracts set to expire in June 2021. They will release a **Request for Proposal (RFP)** this **Spring**

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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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

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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**.



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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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THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Working hard
to provide the
medication
we need.

Thank you
pharmacy workers.

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Pharmacy Workers** for their diligence in providing the right prescription and care to customers.

AVOID SCAMS



Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dewp](https://www.nyc.gov/dewp). 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). NYC residents should call (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.

Immigration:

If you or a loved one is in need of free Immigration assistance, please call **CUNY Citizenship Now** at 646-664-9400 or text at 929-334-3784, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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

Small Businesses:

For resources on **business** grants and loans, [visit here.](#)

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>.

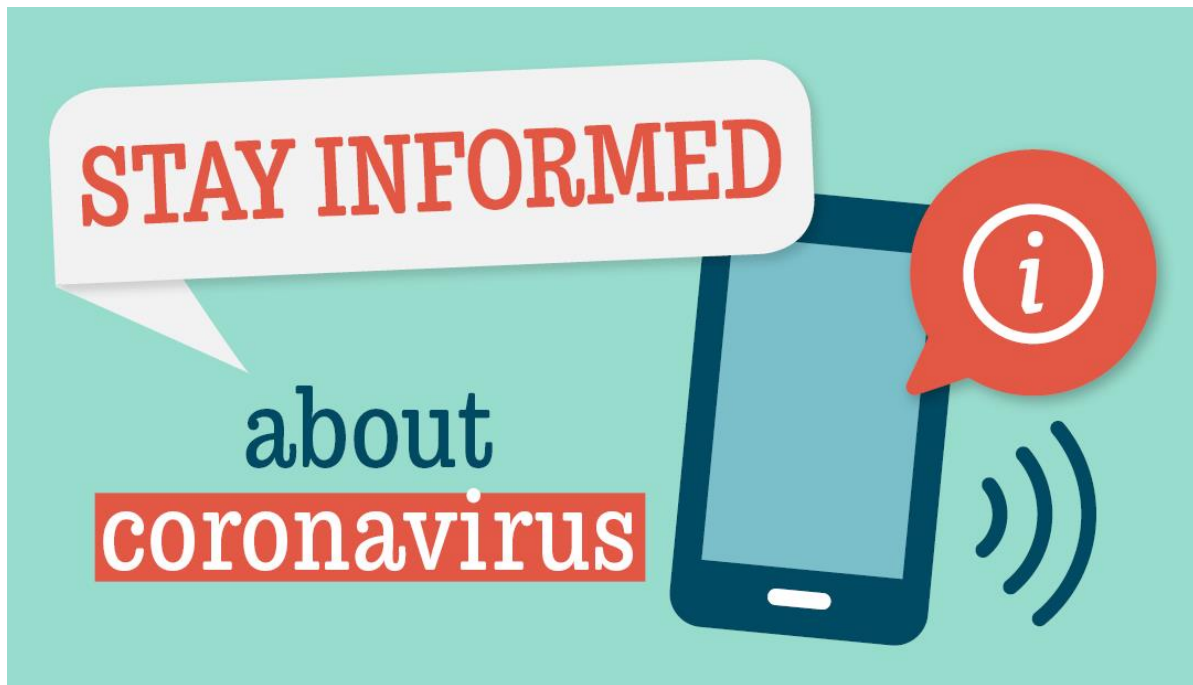
Discontinuing home isolation

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

STAY INFORMED



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.

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