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COVID-19 Updates



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Nursing Home Personnel Required To Be Tested For COVID-19

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Remdesivir treatment; American First Law; Social Distancing Ambassadors; Health insurance extension; And More!

NYS Confirmed: 335,395
NYS Deaths: 21,478
NYC Confirmed: 184,417
Brooklyn Confirmed: 49,817

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- Governor Cuomo issued an **Executive Order** to protect patients in **nursing homes**:
 - mandates that nursing homes and adult care facilities test all personnel **twice per week** for COVID-19. They are required to report any positive results to the Department of Health by the following day. Personnel failing to be tested will not be allowed to work in the facility until completed;

- hospitals are not allowed to discharge patients to a nursing home unless that patient tested negative for COVID-19;
- A plan **must** be submitted to the Department of Health by **Friday, May 15th** detailing how the testing will be accomplished along with a certificate of compliance;
- Nursing homes must notify the Department of Health for a transfer of patient if they are not fully capable of properly caring for that patient;
- Nursing homes or adult care facilities who violate the Executive Order may have its operating certificates **suspended** or **revoked** or subject to **penalty** of **\$2,000**/violation/day for non-compliance.
- The Department of Health and Human Services has distributed a supply of **Remdesivir**, a treatment that helps patients recover quicker from COVID-19. The supply will go to **15 hospitals**, enough to cover **2,900 patients**. An additional amount will be delivered in the next few weeks to cover 500 more patients.
- The Department of Health will alert all other states in the country about recent cases identified in **children**. To date, **85** cases have been reported, 3 children have died, and two additional deaths are under investigation.
- Governor Cuomo proposed an “**American First Law**” which prevents corporations from receiving (or return) government funding if employees are not rehired at the level pre-COVID-19.
- For more information, click [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- Mayor de Blasio announced the enhancement of the **Social Distancing Ambassador Program**. Starting next weekend (**May 16th**), civilian city workers will be deployed to various areas expected to attract larger crowds. Over the next few weeks, ambassadors will reach a total of **2,300 civilian workers**.
- Social Distancing Ambassador will conduct **outreach and education** on social distancing guidelines and will distribute face coverings to the public. Summons **will not** be issued by these civilians, but they will escalate for potential enforcement action if necessary.
- Agencies will include DEP, DDC, OATH, DCAS, DCP, DCO, DOE, ACS, DOT DSNY, FDNY, Parks, and NYPD.
- Social Distancing Ambassadors will be deployed during peak hours of public outdoor activities at locations such as parks, housing developments, and Safe Streets.
- **Health insurance coverage** is being extended for **45-days** for surviving family members of municipal employees.
- Protecting **homeless New Yorkers**. The outreach program during the subway cleaning hours is still making an impact. On Saturday, **384** people were engaged and **198** of them accepted services
 - **175** went to shelters
 - **23** were hospitalized

CENSUS 2020



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If you have not done so yet, this is a reminder to complete the **2020 Census**. Individuals may respond online, by phone or by mail. The deadline has been extended to **August 14th**.

The real-time status for completing the census questionnaire is available through the **Self-Response Rate Map** and may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

As of **May 9th** the completion rate is:

- United States: **58.5%**
- New York State: **52.9%**
- New York City: **47.4%**
- Brooklyn: **44.8%**

Please complete the 2020 Census **now** and remind others within your network to also complete the **2020 Census**.

[Census Questionnaire](#)

TELE-CONFERENCE CALL



**Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
& Senator James Sanders Jr.**



hosts an



**M/WBE
& Small Business
Informational Conference Call**

Monday, May 11, 2020 • 1 PM – 3 PM

Facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/

To RSVP Email: events.bichotte@gmail.com

Invited Guests



J. Phillip Thompson
Deputy Mayor
Strategic Policy Initiatives



Gregg Bishop
Commissioner
NYC Small Business Services



Jonnel Doris
Senior Director
Mayor's Office of M/WBEs



Brian Gurski
Vice President & Managing
Director, TruFund



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Chief Diversity Officer
MTA



Magalie D. Austin, Esq.
Chief Diversity &
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Join our call to hear state legislators and experts talk about the state of Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) and Small Businesses in order to provide resources at the federal, state, and city level on procurement practices, business inclusion, & recovery.

The recording of the call will be posted on the following website: www.nyassembly.gov/mem/rodneysse-bichotte.

For more business information from New York City Small Business Services go to <https://sbsconnect.nyc.gov/>, from Small Business Administration go to <https://www.sba.gov/category/business-groups/minority-owned>.

For any questions related to COVID-19, call the New York State Department of Health's Novel Coronavirus 24-hour hotline at 1-888-364-3065 or text COVID to 692-692 for New York City's daily updates. Call 311 for non-emergency assistance.

For more information about this or any state or local issue, contact Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte's office: 1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210 • 718-940-0428, Email: bichotter@nyassembly.gov, www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneysse-Bichotte

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and
Senator James Sanders Jr.
hosts an**

**MWBE & Small Business
Informational Conference Call**

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/

Presenters:

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Gregg Bishop, *SBS*
Jonnel Doris, *Office of the Mayor*
Brian Gurski, *TruFund*
R. Nadine Fontaine, *Office of Governor*
Randy Peers, *Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce*
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RSVP

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



Assemblymember
Rodneyse Bichotte
42nd Assembly District



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

718-940-0428 | bichotter@nyassembly.gov | www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

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**.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
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

Always there when we need them.

**Thank you
first responders!**

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **First Responders** for urgently answering when called on in an emergency.

AVOID SCAMS

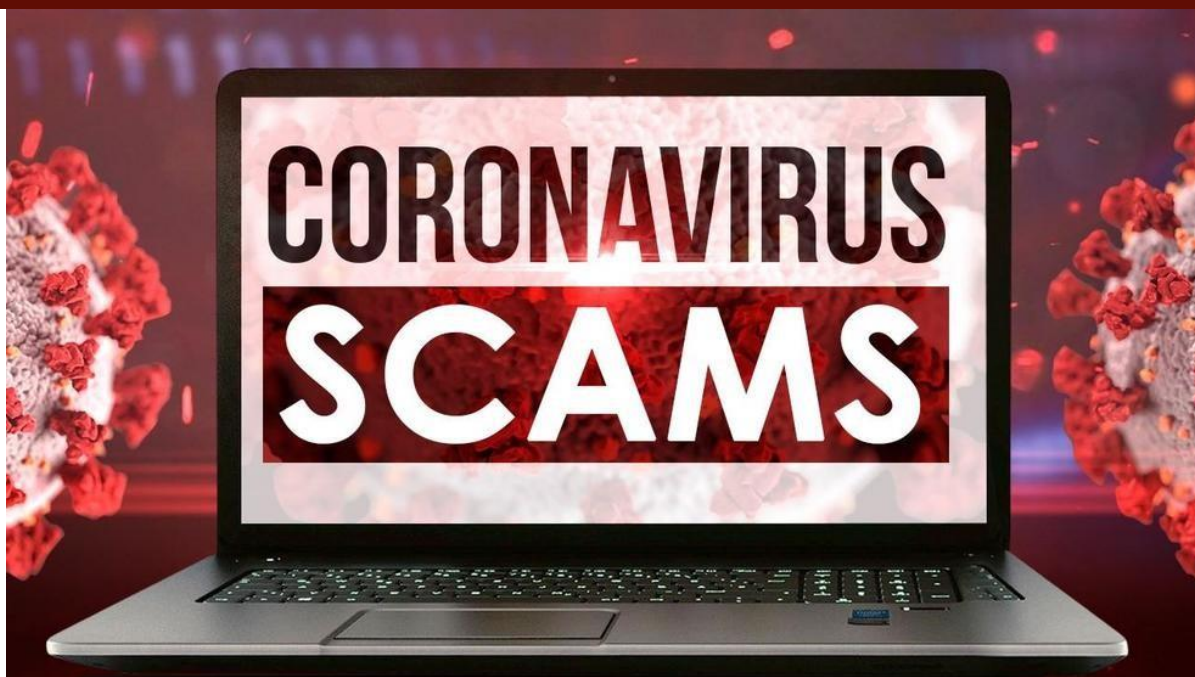


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 800-697-1220.
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



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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 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](tel: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. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- **Open Society Foundation** has established the **Immigrant Emergency Relief Program** which is a \$20 million fund that will provide 20,000 undocumented immigrants with a one-time monetary emergency relief.
 - \$400/individual
 - \$800/couple or single parent with children
 - \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children
 - for more information, click [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
 - **Paycheck Protection Program** a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
 - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [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>.

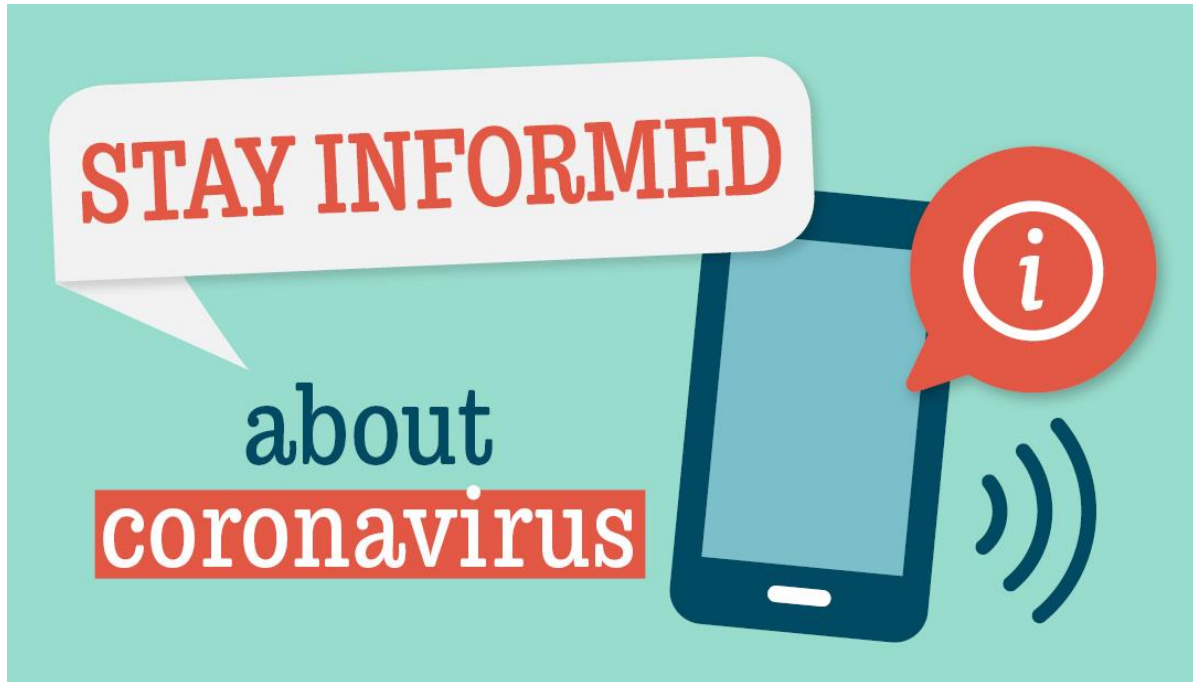
Discontinuing home isolation

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

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.

Learn more about
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her websites:
<http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte>
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