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COVID-19 Updates



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**NYS Governor Directs Hospitals To Prioritize
COVID-19 Testing For Children**

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

IRS Deadline for Stimulus Payment; Mayor Announces Additional Testing Sites; Test and Tracing Update; Governor Calls for Federal Assistance; Broadway Shows Canceled Through Summer; And More!

NYS Confirmed: 338,485
NYS Deaths: 21,845
NYC Confirmed: 186,123
Brooklyn Confirmed: 50,331

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO

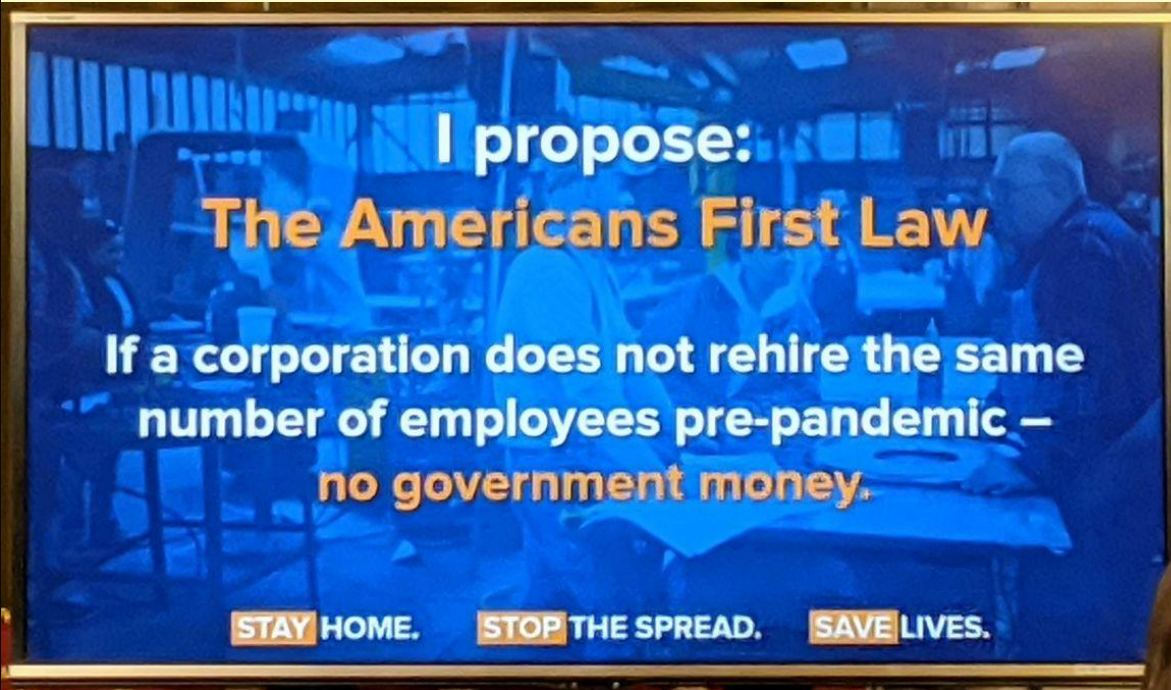


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- Today, Governor Cuomo announced that he is directing hospitals statewide to **prioritize COVID-19 testing for children** displaying COVID-19 symptoms similar to an

"atypical Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome."

- The NYS Department of Health is now investigating approximately **100** cases that are COVID-19 related in children. **57%** of emerging cases are of **children 5 to 14 years old.**
- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
 - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
 - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
 - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
 - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
 - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
 - Racing heart or chest pain
 - Decreased amount of frequency in urine
 - Lethargy, irritability or confusion
- Governor Cuomo and **Governor Hogan** of the National Governor's Association will both issue a **joint statement** today requesting that States receive **federal assistance** as they start the reopening process.
- Governor Cuomo announced that he spoke to the **New York Congressional Delegation** about working on a federal bill that helps working families, provides landlord and rental assistance, payroll protection, funeral costs and a repeal to SALT (State and Local Tax deduction).
- New York's Congressional Delegation will propose an "**Americans First Law**" to prevent corporations from receiving funding unless they "maintain the same number of employees as before the pandemic."
 - For more information, visit [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- Today Mayor de Blasio announced that NYC is expanding its testing capacity and is adding **12** new testing sites at NYC Health + Hospitals.
 - **2** testing sites will be added the week of **May 18th** in Midwood, Brooklyn and Washington Heights, Manhattan.
 - **10** testing sites will be added the week of **May 25th**.
- Test and Trace Corps Leadership
 - Mayor de Blasio announced that the test and trace effort will be led by **Dr. Neil Vora** who will be the Director of tracing and **Dr. Amanda Johnson**, the Director of Isolation.
 - Citywide tracing ramping up through the month of May.
 - **7,000** test and trace applications received. Job application is posted [here](#).
 - Goal is to have **2,500** tracers by June.

- First **535** Contact tracers are undergoing training.
 - NYC is using the 5 hour contact tracing training from John Hopkins University.
- Racial Inclusion and Equity Leadership
 - Mayor de Blasio announced that **Grace Bonilla** is the new Executive Director of the Equity and Racial Inclusion Taskforce.
- Pediatric Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome
 - There has been **52** cases detected in NYC and there are **10** cases pending.
 - **25** tested positive for COVID-19
 - **22** others had antibodies
 - **1** fatality
 - Contact your doctor **immediately** if your child has a constant fever, rash, vomiting and abdominal pain. If you need a doctor, call 311.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: WPVI Philadelphia

- Today, **Dr. Anthony Fauci**, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, testified before the **Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee**.
 - Dr. Fauci warned the committee against reopening the States prematurely.
 - According to Dr. Fauci, opening prematurely can potentially lead to a second Coronavirus outbreak.
 - To view video, [visit here](#).

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES



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According to the IRS, individuals who have not yet received a direct deposit of their Economic Relief Payment should visit the [Get My Payment](#) page on the IRS website **by noon on Wednesday, May 13** to quickly receive their payment. If you

have questions, please visit the IRS' Frequently Asked Questions page [here](#).

BROADWAY SHOWS CANCELED



Photocredit: Joan Marcus, The Lion King

Broadway theaters are offering **refunds and exchanges** for all canceled shows through **Labor Day**. According to the Broadway League, they are working with the "theatrical unions, government officials, and health experts to determine the safest ways to restart our industry."

WORK OUT AT HOME



Video Credit: Umaxercise

The gyms may be closed, but you can still stay healthy! Exercise from the comfort of your home while you're home with the assistance of **UMAX**, a transformation Specialist. The above video shows a **10 minute Interval Boot-camp workout**. For more information about UMAX, [visit here](#).

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

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**.



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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

They are on the front lines protecting our health.

Thank you
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workers!



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Health care workers** for protecting our health.

AVOID SCAMS

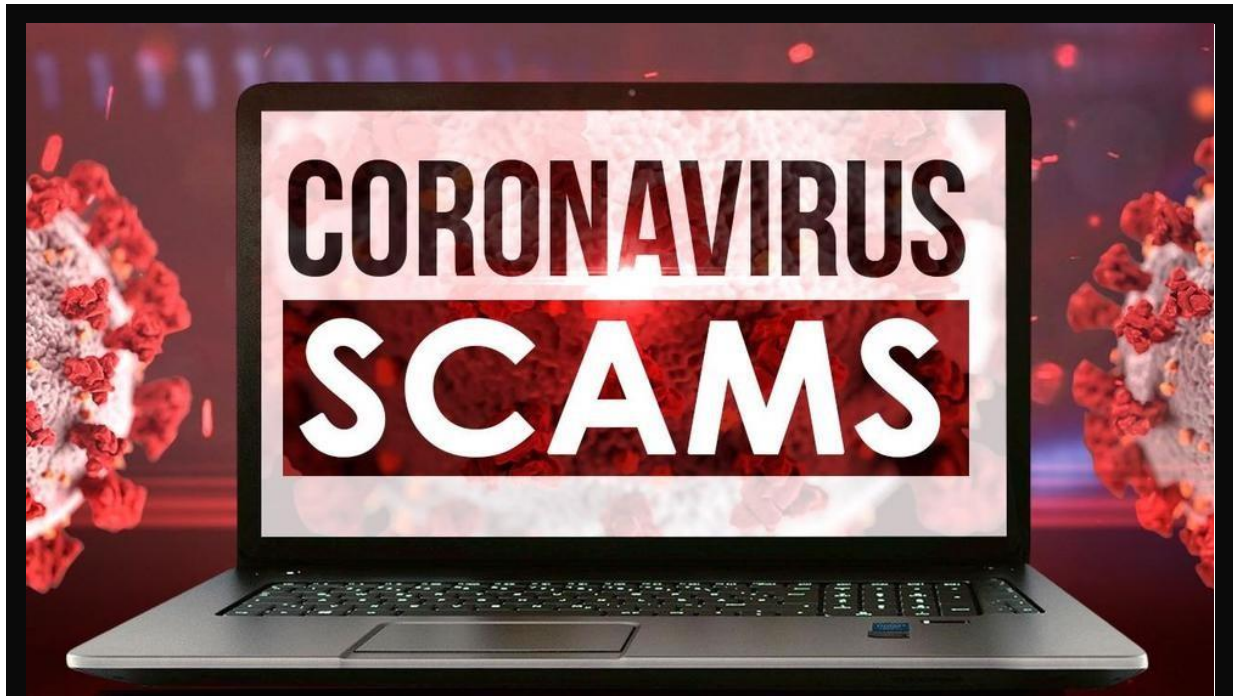


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: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

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



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 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

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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.

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