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Brooklyn Democratic County Leader

COVID-19 Updates

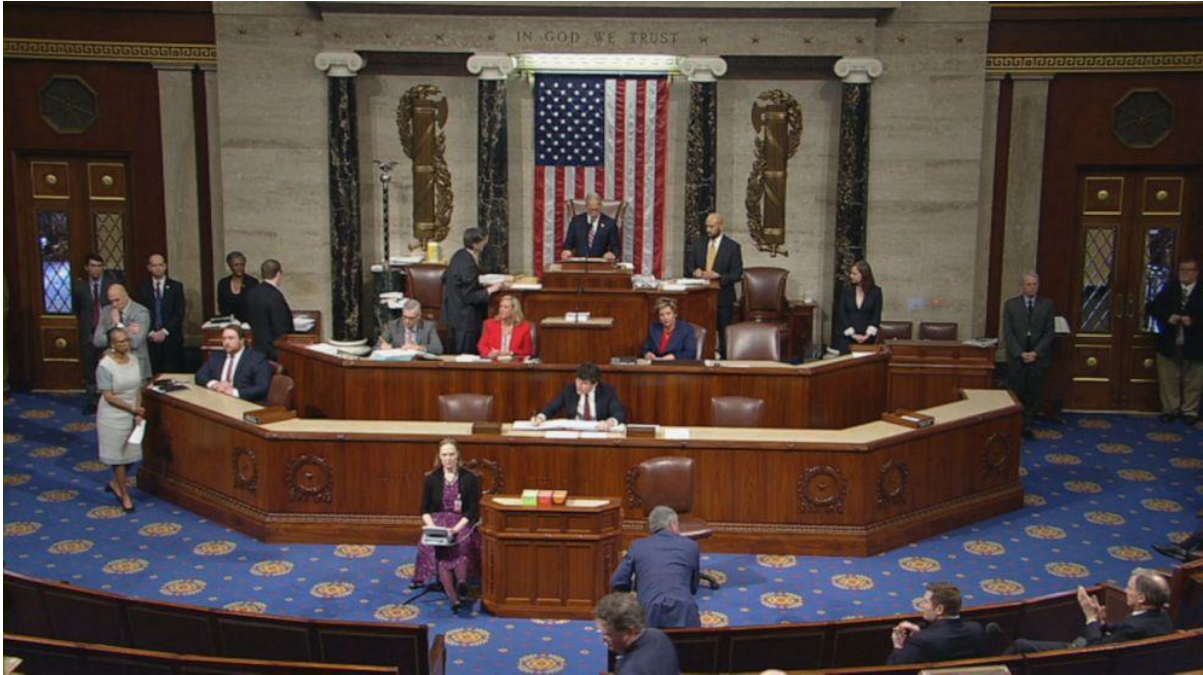


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House Democrats Propose \$3 Trillion Relief Package

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Antibody Test Results for Essential Workers; Additional Open Street Miles in NYC; Foodbank NYC Food Distribution; NYC Civic Impact Funding Application; And More!

NYS Confirmed: 340,661
NYS Deaths: 22,013
NYC Confirmed: 187,250
Brooklyn Confirmed: 50,667

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- Today, Governor Cuomo provided the **antibody test results for essential workers**. The essential workers tested below the general population.
 - Downstate transit workers: **14.2%**
 - Downstate healthcare workers: **12.2%**
 - NYPD: **10.5%**
 - New York City Fire Department/EMT: **17.1%**
 - New York State Police: 3.1% (2,750 tested)
 - NYSDOCCS: **7.5%** (over 3,000 tested)
- **12** Additional counties will be able to restart **elective surgeries**. These counties include Albany, Cayuga, Chemung, Columbia, Clinton, Cortland, Montgomery, Orange, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Warren Counties.
- **North Country** region has just met the criteria to reopen after the PAUSE order expires.
- The **New York State Department of Health** will host a **webinar** tomorrow about the **Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome** related to COVID-19. The webinar will be posted [here](#).
 - **New York Genome Center** and The Rockefeller **University** is conducting a sequencing study to better understand the genetic basis for the syndrome.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- Mayor de Blasio provided an update on what the next proposed **house federal stimulus bill** would provide:
 - **\$17 Billion** for NYC and **\$375 billion** total for counties and localities.
 - **\$34 Billion** for NYS and **\$500 billion** total for states.
 - Food assistance: **\$10 Billion** to support increase of SNAP.
 - Housing: **\$4 Billion** for new and renewed section 8 vouchers
 - Transit: **\$15.75 Billion** in grants to support transit service.
 - In the line of duty: Federal benefits for survivors of first responders who die in the line of duty related to COVID-19.
 - Heroes' Fund: **\$200 Billion** to establish hazard pay for essential workers, \$13 per hour premium on top of wages, up to **\$10,000 bonus**.
- Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome
 - There are now **82** cases of multi-system inflammatory syndrome detected in NYC.
 - **53** tested positive for COVID 19 or antibodies.
 - **1** fatality reported.
 - Mayor announced that NYC is launching a multilingual PSA campaign today targeted to parents.
- Mayor de Blasio announced that NYC is providing an additional **12 miles** of open streets and an additional **9** new miles of temporary protected bike lanes starting tomorrow, May 14th. To view full list of open streets, visit [here](#).

- Pre-k offers are out to **61,790** students
 - **77%** of families received top choice
 - **90%** of families received one of top three choices
 - Seats are still available. If you have a child born in 2016, visit [here](#) or call **(718) 935-2009** to apply.
- Gratitude:
 - Americares for donating **555,000** N95 masks, **13,150** surgical masks, **960** packages of disinfectant wipes.
 - China General Chamber Commerce for donating **100,000** surgical masks.
 - Ford and Troy Design Manufacturer for donating **30,000** non-surgical face shields, Century 21 Stores for over **20,000** square feet of warehouse space for PPE storage and delivery support.
 - Anheuser-Busch for **23,000** bottles of hand sanitizer.
 - The Urban Assembly Maker Academy for donating **24,000** non-surgical masks.
 - Tivuna for donating **14,000** coveralls.
 - American Chinese United Cares Alliance for donating **20,000** disposable masks, **3,000** gloves, **500** KN95 masks.
 - Public Health Solutions for donating **\$14,000** in PPE procurement support services.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: J. Scott Applewhite/AP Images; House of Representative's speaker Nancy Pelosi

- The Democrats in the House of Representatives proposed a second stimulus package worth **\$3 trillion**.
 - This package would provide a second waive of stimulus checks to Americans, this time families would receive an additional **\$1,200** each for up to **3 dependents** in addition to \$1,200 each per spouse. The first stimulus provided \$500 for dependents.
 - The package would also **extend** unemployment benefits until January and establish the **Heroes Act** for essential workers.
 - The package would provide **\$1 trillion** to state and local governments and **\$75 billion** for COVID-19 testing, among other things.
- Senate Republican leaders, however, stated that they will not push this bill because they do not believe additional funding is needed yet.
- Federal lawmakers will vote on this bill on **Friday**.
- For more information visit [here](#).

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Anyone in need may stop by to receive free meat and fresh produce items.

- ✓ Please bring your own cart and mask
- ✓ Be prepared to social distance with 6 ft standing room between participants
- ✓ No ID or proof of need required

MAY 15, 2020

Distribution starts at 12:00 PM and goes while supplies last

Barclays Center, Geico Atrium
at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic Avenue

Thank you to our generous hosts



Thank you to our partner:



www.foodbanknyc.org/covid-19

 FoodBankNYC   FoodBank4NYC

Food Bank of NYC will host a free food distribution **Friday, May 15th at 12 p.m.** The event will be hosted at the **Barclays Center**, located at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic Avenue, while supplies last.

NYC CIVIC IMPACT FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINE



Photo Credit: Food Tank

The deadline to apply for **NYC Civic Impact Funding** is **Thursday, May 14th at 3 p.m.** This provides a grant up to **\$10,000** for community-based organizations engaging volunteers in COVID-19 response. For more information or to apply, visit [here](#).

CUNY CITIZENSHIP NOW

IMMIGRATION NEWS

IN THE TIME OF
CORONAVIRUS



Join us

Wednesday, May 13th
3:00 - 3:30 pm

CUNY Citizenship
Now!



Liberty
Defense Project



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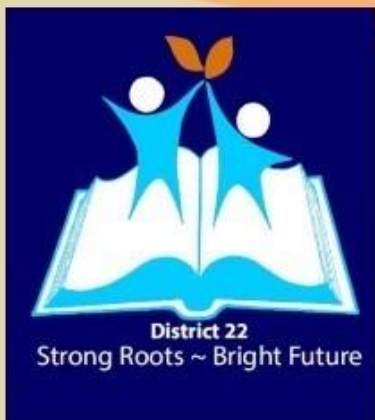
Today, **CUNY Citizenship Now** hosted a webinar to answer immigration related questions. **To watch the recording, visit [here](#)** . If you have immigration related questions, call [646-664-9400](tel:646-664-9400) and leave a message, or text [939-334-3784](tel:939-334-3784) .

SCHOOL DISTRICT 22 WEEKLY CHECK-IN

Do you have a question or concern?
We are always here to support our District 22 Families

**JOIN US EVERY
FRIDAY AT 4:00 PM
FOR OUR
DISTRICT 22 FAMILY
SUPPORT WEEKLY
CHECK-IN**

Hosted by Heather Fiorica - Family Leadership Coordinator
Linda Dalton - Family Support Coordinator



We Hope to See You There!

**This week's Guest Speaker:
Stephany Bannister
District 22 Supervisor
Office of Food & Nutrition
Services**

Photo Credit: School District 22

To listen to the **virtual weekly check-in**, visit [here](#) or call [929-299-4264](tel:929-299-4264) and enter the pin 254 452 124# every Friday at 4 p.m.

OPEN STREETS : VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers Needed

OPEN STREETS IN DITMAS PARK!

FDC and PAYS are delighted to sponsor the DOT's Open Streets starting **Thursday, May 14 from 2PM-7PM**

WHERE: Newkirk Avenue between Coney Island Ave & Argyle Rd.

WHY: We need open space to safely distance during COVID-19

WHO: We need YOU to make Open Streets safe and pleasant for all of our neighbors. We need volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly.

[READ MORE ABOUT OPEN STREETS ON
WWW.NYC.GOV/DOT](http://WWW.NYC.GOV/DOT)

**For more info and to signup as a volunteer contact:
Nina Leonard, FDC: nleonard@fdconline.org
Kashif Hussain, PAYS: payouthsociety@gmail.com**

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, contact **Flatbush Development Corporation** [here](#).

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*



For information on this, or any other matter, please call Assemblymember Bichotte's district office at
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THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS

*You keep our
shelves stocked and
families healthy.*

Thank you grocery store workers.



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Grocery store workers** for keeping our shelves stocked and families healthy.

AVOID SCAMS

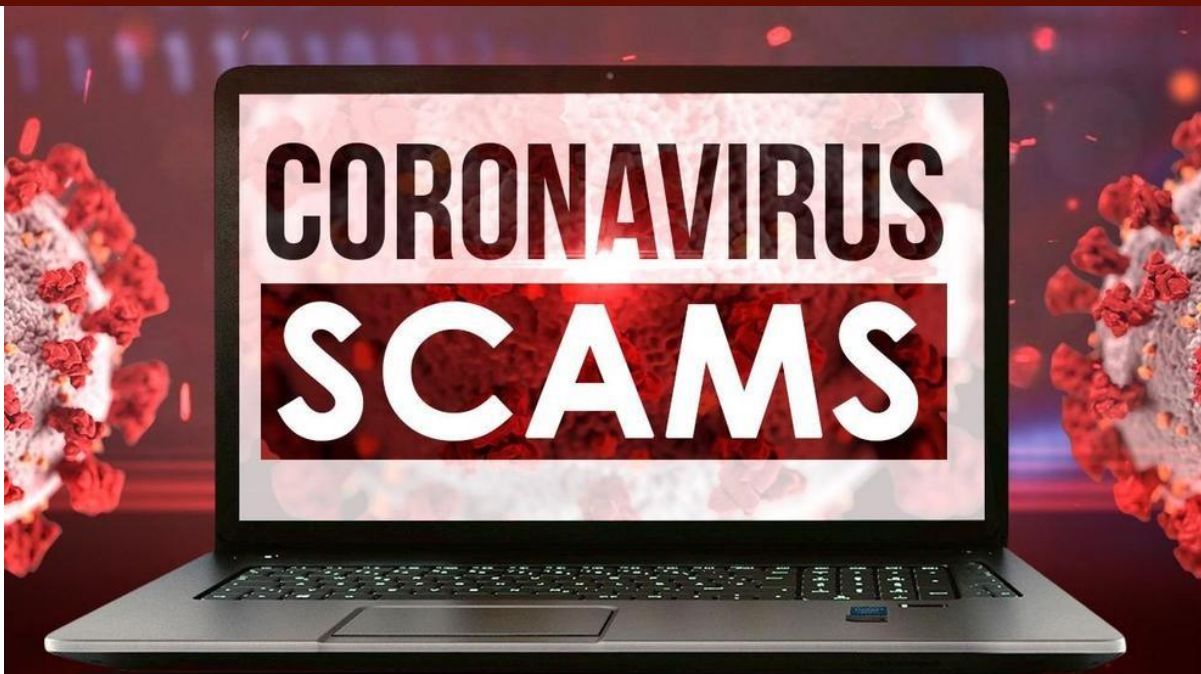


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 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>.

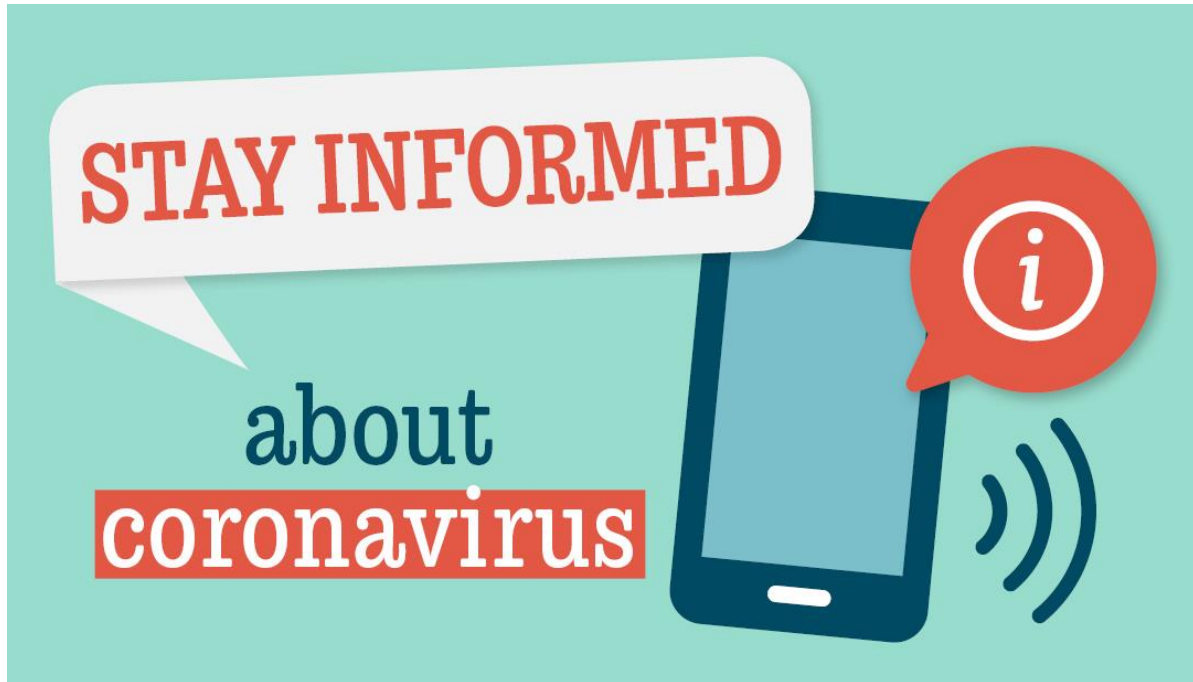
Discontinuing home isolation

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

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
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