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COVID-19 Updates



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NYC Curfew Extended To June 8

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

The President Encourages New Yorkers To Activate National Guard; NYC Mayor Rejects Armed Forces; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 373,040

NYS Deaths: 24,023

NYC Confirmed: 204,377

Brooklyn Confirmed: 56,242

CURFEW



Photo Credit: Demetrius Freeman for The New York Times. Police officers outside Macy's flagship store in Herald Square on Monday night after it had been ransacked by looters.

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that the **citywide curfew** will continue through **June 8th**.
 - The curfew was imposed to curb looting and violence, but last night looting continued well after the imposed curfew.
 - The extended curfew will start at **8 p.m.** each night and end at **5 a.m.** each morning.
 - Read the mayor's **Emergency Executive Order** [here](#).
- Nearly **2,000** people have been arrested over **5 days** of NYC protests so far.
 - Police locked up another **700** Monday night, the most arrests since the protests started and nearly doubling the total.

GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS



Photo Credit: AP via Daily Mail

- In NYC, **thousands** of peaceful protesters have gathered in Times Square and other locations around the city. Read about it [here](#).
- The **NYPD** announced all non-essential traffic will be banned across Manhattan south of **96th Street** starting at **8p.m.** tonight.
- Elsewhere in America:
 - In **Washington D.C.**, hundreds of people kneeled in front of the monument in silent protest.
 - In **St. Louis**, **4 police officers** were shot early in the day. All survived but are injured.
 - In **Los Angeles**, approximately **585 people** were arrested Monday.
- Around the world:
 - Some **20,000** people defied COVID-19 restrictions to join the protest in the french cities of **Paris** and **Lyon**.
 - Thousands of people marched against police brutality in **Amsterdam**.
 - Solidarity protests have also taken place in **London, Dublin, Berlin, Milan, Toronto, and Rio de Janeiro**, as well as **across New Zealand**.

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Darren McGee/Governor's Office

- **Governor Cuomo** criticized **Mayor de Blasio** and the **NYPD** for their response to looting in the city Monday night.
- The governor said that the **National Guard** will be on standby and will be deployed if needed.
- Reopening:
 - The governor said that the **Capital Region** is still on track to enter **Phase 2** of reopening **tomorrow**.
 - **NYC** is still on track to enter **Phase 1** of reopening on **June 8**.
 - The governor announced that **summer day camps** can reopen on **June 29th**.
- Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order to allow **outdoor, low-risk recreational activities** and businesses providing such activities.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Bloomberg

- Mayor de Blasio was in the **Bronx** today, inspecting damage from looting and violence.
 - Businesses were looted and fires were set last night near **Fordham Road**.
- The mayor said we do not need the **National Guard** to come into NYC.
 - Watch the mayor speak [here](#).
- The mayor also called on **MTA** to take concrete steps to keep New Yorkers safe on mass transit. The mayor has recommended a **7-point plan** of action to the governor and MTA Chairman:
 - **Increase Frequency of Service:** Increase frequency significantly during peak hours while limiting the increase in ridership to allow for maximum social distancing. Return to regular rush hour service for Phase 1. The MTA should prepare to accommodate at least another **100,000 – 200,000** more riders per day.
 - **Capacity Limits on Buses/Trains:** Limit capacity on buses and trains to allow for social distancing. Skip stops if over capacity.
 - **Limit Station/Train Overcrowding:** Monitor platform crowding and temporarily close stations when needed during peak hours.
 - **Social Distancing Signage/Markers:** Clearly mark six feet of distance on platforms, trains and buses. Demarcate specific seats on trains and buses for riders, block off every other seat to maintain social distance.

- **Hand Sanitizing Stations:** Install hand sanitizer in all stations and buses, including next to MetroCard vending machines and any other high-touch locations.
- **Face Coverings:** Require face coverings for all individuals using subways, buses and trains. Provide face coverings throughout the system to ensure that all riders have them. The city will initially provide one million FREE face coverings, and the MTA and State should match that commitment.
- **Personnel:** The city will work with MTA to identify personnel to help promote and enforce social distancing.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Ken Cedeno/Reuters

- **President Trump** encouraged **NYC** to call on the **National Guard** in a series of rambling tweets this afternoon.
 - **Mayor de Blasio** refuted the suggestions from a press briefing at City Hall.
 - Authority to call the National Guard lies with the governor. **Governor Cuomo** has said that he will not overrule the mayor, though he stated he theoretically could.
- Media reports that U.S. Attorney General **William P. Barr** was the official responsible for ordering federal law enforcement officers to clear peaceful protesters out of **Lafayette Park** yesterday. Read the story [here](#).
- **Speaker Nancy Pelosi** has asked the Congressional Black Caucus to lead the process of drafting a legislative response to the protests.

- The **House Democrats** are considering bills including **racial profiling** and **excessive use of force**.

FACEBOOK



Photo Credit: Pete Marovich for The New York Times

- **Facebook** employees and users are upset with **Mark Zuckerberg** following his decision not to do anything about **President Trump's** false statements on social media.
- **Civil rights groups** say the president's posts have heightened **tensions over protests**.
 - The company hosted an internal question-and-answer session with employees over video chat software, which has reportedly led to fierce internal dissent.
 - Monday, employees staged a **virtual walkout**.
 - Read the story [here](#).

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER WEBINAR



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ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NY1

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** again through **Sunday, June 7th**.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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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

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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**.



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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MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)



Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- 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

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Thank You
Nursing Home
Attendants...

*... for assisting
our elders with care*

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **nursing home attendants** for helping to keep our communities connected.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the **2020 Census** . The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting [here](#) or by calling [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

AVOID SCAMS



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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 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 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](#).

FreshDirect meals:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

Don't Go Hungry!



Brooklyn Museum

Hello neighbors!

Help is on the way as the **Brooklyn Museum** launches a partnership with **The Campaign Against Hunger** to offer food distribution starting on **Monday, June 1, 3-5 pm**.

To ensure we have the right amount of food, **sign-up by emailing is required:** healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org

The Campaign Against Hunger (TCAH) is one of the most trusted nonprofits working to end hunger and build health in our local communities. As we witness the vastly disproportionate economic and social impacts of COVID-19 on already-struggling New Yorkers, we know many of our neighbors are in need of emergency food for their families. Learn more at <https://www.tcahnyc.org>.

 **Where**

Brooklyn Museum
Biergarten (in the parking lot behind the Museum)
200 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11238

 **When**

Weekly starting
Monday, June 1,
3-5 pm

Spread the word!

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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** provides 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 list 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>.

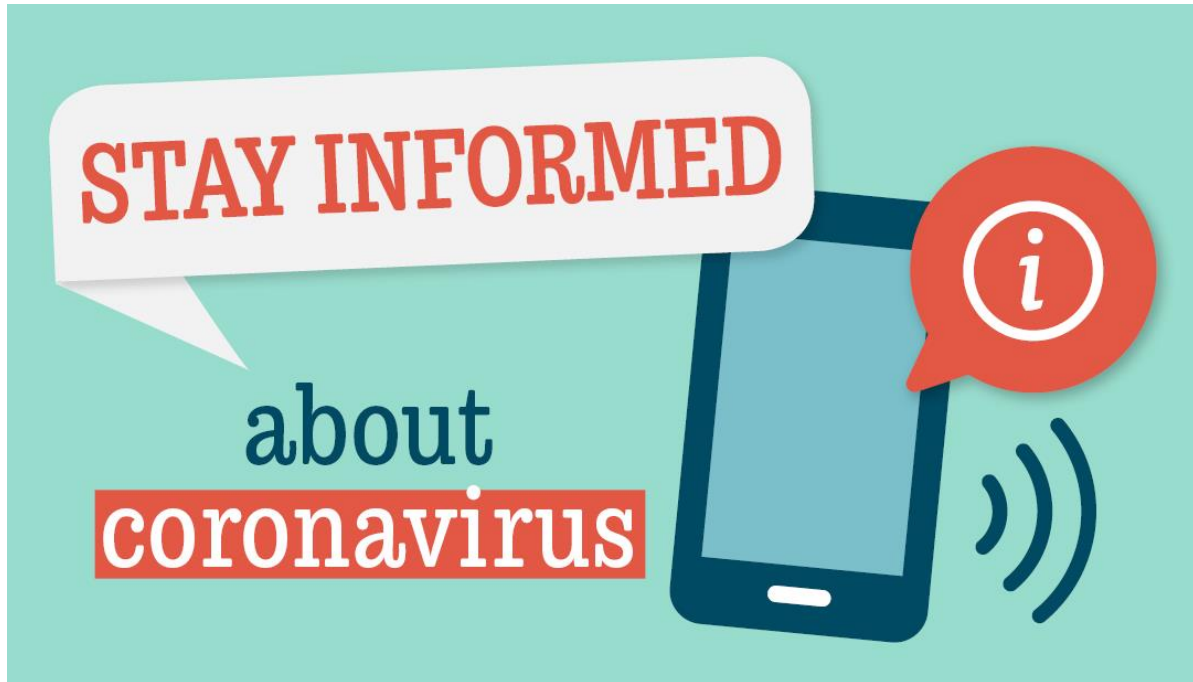
Discontinuing home isolation

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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