



Assemblymember
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Brooklyn Democratic County Leader

COVID-19 Updates



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The Mid-Hudson Valley is Cleared To Enter Phase Three

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Outdoor Dining and Playgrounds Open In NYC; President Trump Suspends
Issuance of Certain Temporary Worker's Visas; and more.

NYS Confirmed: 388,488

NYS Deaths: 24,739
NYC Confirmed: 212,741
Brooklyn Confirmed: 58,949

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- **Governor Cuomo** announced that Mid-Hudson Valley has been cleared to enter phase three tomorrow, **June 23**.
- **Long Island** is still on track to enter Phase Three of reopening **June 24**.
- Less than **1%** of people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday.
- The governor reported that New York State currently has the lowest COVID-19 related deaths since the pandemic began, at only **10** deaths.
- In addition, the governor announced that the COVID-19 hospitalization rate is just above **1,000**. He reaffirmed that the transmission rate is the lowest in the nation.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that **150,000 to 300,000** people returned to work today as NYC entered phase two of the reopening process. Some of the workers returning in this phase include:
 - Hair stylists
 - Car salespersons
 - Commercial building management employees and retail rental agents
- At least **2 million** face coverings were given to small businesses to ensure safety.
 - **2 million** more face coverings are being added to support small businesses.
- Businesses can find reopening sector guidelines provided by NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) [here](#) or by calling and talking to a person at **888-SBS-4NYC**.
- **Outdoor dining** is underway in the city today.
 - As part of **Mayor de Blasio's** effort to help restaurants, the Department of Transportation (DOT) and SBS received **3,192** applications for outdoor seating for customers. To date all have been instantly approved. To apply go [here](#).
- **Playgrounds** in the city also opened, but remain largely unmaintained. To file a maintenance complaint, visit the 311 online [here](#) or call **311**.
- The mayor stated these transportation ridership updates:
 - Subway ridership up by **29%** with a goal of **1 million** riders per day

- Bus ridership up by **22%**
- Staten Island Ferry ridership up by **31%**
- Traffic on the East River Bridge is up by **24%**
- Harlem River Bridge traffic is up by **10%**
- **Ted Long**, the Executive Director of **Test and Trace Corps**, provided the following updates:
 - **Contact tracers** have been able to reach **97%** of COVID-19 positive persons with phone numbers. This is nearly double the rate of success of tracing programs in some other states.
 - Out of all cases that went through an interview process, **74%** of them shared their contacts with tracers. That number is going up, and in the last week, **86%** of people who completed the interview process shared their contacts.
 - Through the interview process, **650 symptomatic and likely contagious people** were identified and provided with resources. This also potentially prevented **2,000** other coronavirus cases - or New Yorkers - from being infected in the first week.
- Additional information including jobs opportunities from Test and Trace Corps can be found [here](#).
- Shootings in NYC have continued to rise, though overall crime remains down **2.5%** for the year. Read more [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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- The percentage of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. amounts to **20%** of the total global cases. Read here for more [info](#).
- **President Trump** signed an executive order suspending issuance of certain **temporary worker's visas**. This order will remain in affect until the end of 2020.
 - Those affected by this executive orders includes H-1B, H-2B, H-4, L-1, and certain J-1 visas. More information can be found [here](#).
 - This worker visa ban with the inclusion of green card suspension could effect as many as **525,000** immigrants.
- The president also announced he is open to a second round of stimulus payments.
 - There is no indication of the amount yet, but the president said it will be generous.

**FLATBUSH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S
FREE HOUSING CLINIC**



READY TO RENT:

Apply for the NYC Housing Lottery

Are you searching for an affordable apartment through the NYC housing lottery?

Join us to learn how to get ready, prepare and submit a strong housing application! Live housing counselors and free financial counseling services.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH

6PM-8PM

LOCATION: FREE VIRTUAL CLINIC

RSVP USING THIS LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2YMCFMG](https://bit.ly/2ymcfmg)

This program is run by FDC with support from NYC DCA and HPD



- Join Flatbush Development Corporation at their free virtual clinic on applying for the NYC Housing Lottery. Click [here](#) for more info.

NHS BROOKLYN HOMEOWNER TOWNHALL



HOMEOWNER TOWN HALL MORTGAGE MORATORIUM ONE-SHOT DEAL FOR HOMEOWNERS CARES ACT

- Lost income or have unexpected bills due to COVID-19?
- Not sure how you're going to pay your mortgage?
- Are you eligible for the "One-Shot Deal" for homeowners?
- Want to learn more about the CARES Act?

JOIN US for this free webinar with housing professionals

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 * 6:00-7:30pm
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yd2oowzf>



In collaboration with:

NYS Senators Kevin Parker
NYS Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte

NYC Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel
NYC Councilmember Farah Louis
NYC Councilmember Alan Maisel

- Register and be part of NHS Brooklyn's Homeowner Town Hall happening this Wednesday. Visit [here](#) for more info.

ADULT EDUCATION

FREE **Online Classes!**

MUST BE 21 OR OVER



Adult Education **JULY 6TH - AUGUST 14TH**

**High School Equivalency (HSE)
English as a Second Language (ESL)
Clases de Diploma Secundario**

● ● ***REGISTER NOW***

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917-612-7831



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- Access to free adult education programs are accessible starting July 6th. Register by calling 917-612-7831 or emailing [here](#).

U.S. SPORTS RETURN DATE



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Here are the return dates for U.S. sports leagues:

- Open will be held in Queens without fans from **August 31st to September 13th**. Read more [here](#).
- MLS to return on **July 8th**.
- NBA to return on **July 30th**.
- Ryder Cup to return from **September 25-27**.
- PGA Championship to return from **August 6-9**.
- Indy 500 to return on **August 23**.
- You can view the full calendar [here](#).

FIREWORKS



REWARD



Up to **\$1,000** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons possessing or distributing fireworks.

Fireworks
are
Illegal

**The New York City Police Department
urges you to celebrate safely on July 4th**

If you use fireworks, you or someone else can get seriously hurt.
If you have fireworks we can ARREST YOU, your car can be confiscated
or your business can be closed.

Concerned citizens can anonymously report the delivery, sale or storage of fireworks.

CALL: 911 for crimes in progress
311 to provide information

A Public Safety Message from The New York City Police Department, Community Affairs Bureau

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ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



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Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** through **Sunday, June 28th**. All other Parking rules are in effect throughout New York City. Parking meters are also not in effect on Sundays.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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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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MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)

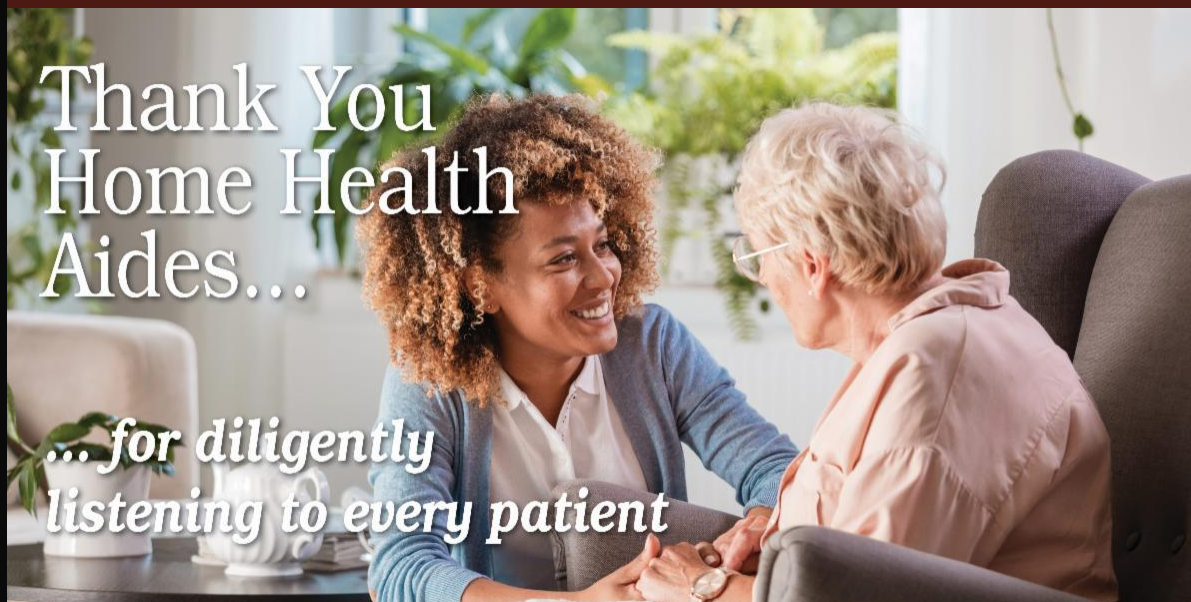


Photo Credit: Norton Children's

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



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **home health aides** for keeping our elderly and homebound patients safe.

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

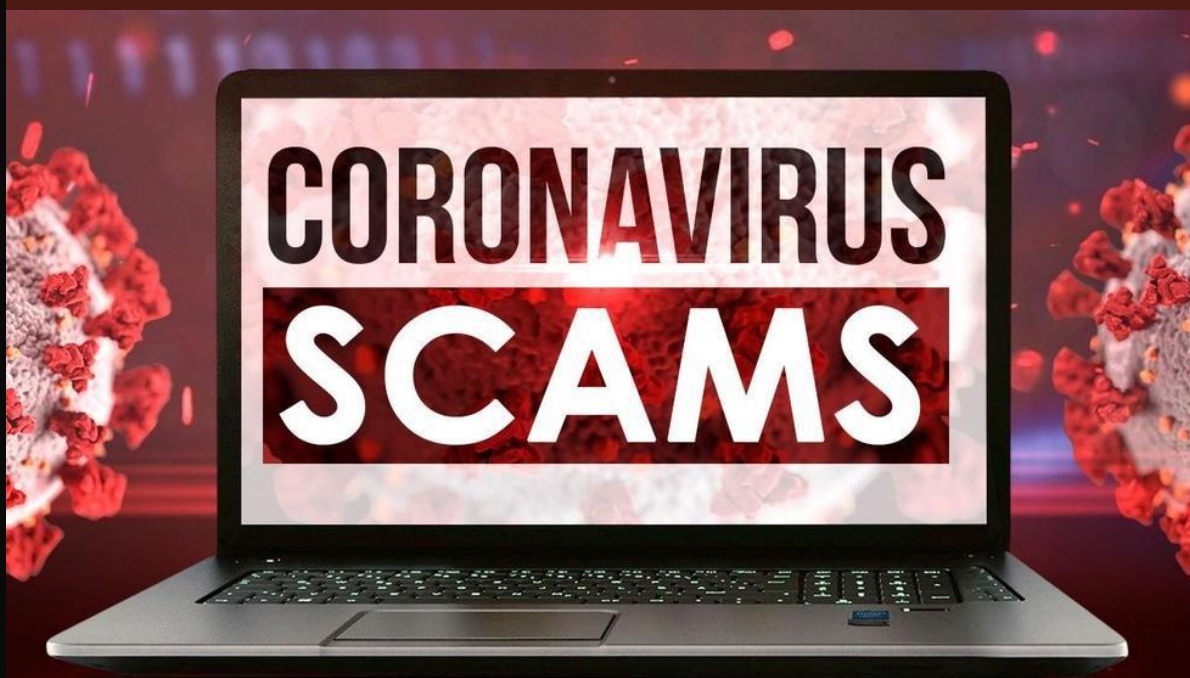


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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** . 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.

- \$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

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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 (MWBs)** , 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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