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Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



## COVID-19 Updates

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## **Global COVID-19 Death Toll Exceeds 500,000**

*Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

NYC Beaches to Open for Swimming; SCOTUS Issues Ruling in Abortion  
Clinic Case; and more.

**NYS Confirmed: 392,930**  
**NYS Deaths: 24,842**  
**NYC Confirmed: 214,939**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 59,576**

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- **Governor Cuomo** called on President Trump to issue a national Executive Order requiring people to **wear masks** in public places.
- The state will decide Wednesday whether to allow **indoor dining**, or slow reopening in light of increased cases in other parts of the nation. Read more [here](#).
- **Western New York** has been cleared to enter **Phase IV** reopening tomorrow, **June 30**.
- The governor said that **large malls** will be required to adopt air conditioning filters capable of filtering COVID-19.
- The **2020 MTV Video Music Awards** will be held in the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Sunday, **August 30**, with limited to no audience.
- The governor said today that **24-hour subway service** will resume in the future. He left the prospective timeline for this open-ended.
- The governor launched the **State Police Fireworks Enforcement Detail** to crack down on **illegal fireworks** in New York City.
  - The task force will work with the NYPD and local agencies to prevent fireworks from coming into the city from nearby states. Read more [here](#).

**NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO**

# New York City beaches are

OPEN FOR SWIMMING!



Social distancing and face mask guidelines remain in effect.

Photo Credit: NYS Assembly

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that city beaches will open for swimming **July 1**.
  - Beachgoers must maintain social distance of **6-foot** and wear a mask when that is not possible.
- The mayor and **Board of Correction** Chair Jennifer Jones Austin announced plans to end **punitive segregation** with the goal of creating jails that are smaller, safer and fairer.
  - Measures to be implemented include excluding individuals with **medical conditions** from being placed into any form of restrictive housing while in custody. You can view the list of medical conditions included in the exemption [here](#)
- A **\$1 billion** budget cut is on the horizon for the **NYPD**. The mayor has submitted a proposal of the cuts to City Council members.
  - **\$500 million** in funding could be shifted to youth recreational centers and NYCHA to address disparities under the plan.
  - Under the plan, school safety officers may be moved out of NYPD oversight.
- The **United States Department of Agriculture** approved the **NYC Department of Social Service's** request for a **six-month** extension of the re-certification period for clients whose **SNAP** benefits will expire on **July 31**.

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**



Photo Credit: Susan Walsh/AP

- **Alex Azar, the Health and Human Services Secretary** warned Sunday that the "**window is closing**" for the United States to get the coronavirus pandemic under control.
- Confirmed cases are surging in a majority of the country and some states are dealing with record numbers of hospitalizations.
  - Health officials estimate **the true number of cases is likely to be 10 times higher** than the confirmed total. The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has said that up to **20 million** Americans may have been infected.
  - The surge in cases is being driven by young people between the ages of **18 and 24**.
  - The virus has not surged in cities with big protests. Read the story [here](#).
  - An estimated **43%** of COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. are linked to nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Read more [here](#).
  - According to a study in the **New England Journal of Medicine**, over half of U.S. states are seeing cases of virus-related syndrome in children. There is some concern that **churches** that opened too early are contributing to the spread. Read the story [here](#).
- Democratic House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi**, who was speaking at a joint news conference with Texas **Governor Greg Abbott** on Sunday, said that a

nationwide mandate to wear face coverings was "definitely long overdue". Read the story [here](#).

## GLOBAL CASES

By The New York Times Updated June 28, 2020, 8:00 P.M. E.T.

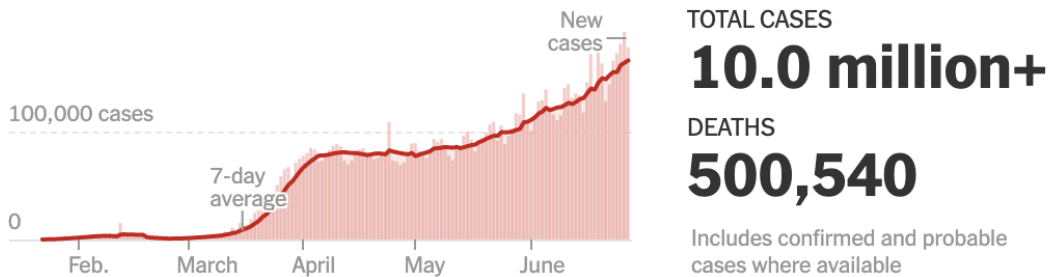


Photo Credit: The New York Times

- According to a **The New York Times** [database](#), the world's case total of COVID-19 has reached **10 million** and fatalities have topped **500,000**.
- More than a quarter of all known deaths have been in the **United States**.
- Public health officials at the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** have indicated that infection rates in many regions are probably **10 times** as high as reported.
- Read the story [here](#).

## THE U.S. SUPREME COURT



Photo Credit: Patrick Semansky/AP

- Earlier today, in a **5-4** decision, the **U.S. Supreme Court** struck down a **Louisiana law** that could have left women in the state without access to **abortion providers**.
- The Louisiana law required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals; meaning a hospital has granted the doctor the privilege to admit a patient for a stay.
  - Most doctors cannot acquire these privileges, and in Louisiana, only two of the five doctors who provide abortions have obtained these privileges. After one of them testified he could not handle the work alone, a trial court ruled that if this law were to take effect, it would leave only **one provider** at one clinic to provide abortions to all of Louisiana.
- Today, the court ruled that this unduly burdens women's access to abortions.

## HAITIAN ROUNDTABLE EVENT



# IN CONVERSATION

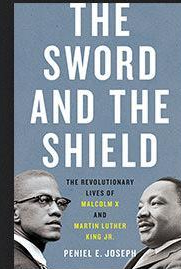
June 30, 2020 5:00–6:00pm



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**TENANT TUESDAY HOTLINE**



# TENANT TUESDAY HOTLINE 2-6 PM



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**Please Call: 914-602-0299**
- **For** Repairs, Harassment, Rent Arrears and not in court, Food Resources, SNAP benefits, Voucher Rights.  
**Please Call: 914-602-0298**
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**Please Call: 718-859-0035**
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**Please Call: 718-635-2623**



**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**





ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM



BROOKDALE



The Greater NY Chapter of The Links, Inc. and the Food Bank of New York City  
In Partnership with  
One Brooklyn Health System at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center

# Free Food Distribution



**Tuesday, June 30, 2020**  
**Distribution starts at 11AM**



**The Sonja and Dr. Alvin Khan Auditorium**  
**555 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY**

**East Brooklyn**  
**GET COUNTED!**  
**CENSUS 2020**

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS!**  
We all have a say in the outcome of the 2020 Census and it can help the citizens of East Brooklyn secure their fair share of funding and maintain fair representation in local, state and federal government.

**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING**



Center of Excellence for  
Faith Based Partnerships  
To End Youth Violence

# NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING BEST PRACTICES FOR FAITH LEADERS



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020 / 1PM -3PM EST**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Please visit [67clergycouncil.org](http://67clergycouncil.org) or call **t(646) 779-6767** to **RSVP**

For more info contact: [godsquad@67clergycouncil.org](mailto:godsquad@67clergycouncil.org)  
@ f t @67thclergycouncil

Registration is required. To RSVP, visit [here](#) or call (646) 779-6767.

**FIREWORKS**



# REWARD



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

**F**ireworks  
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**



Streets that have multiple Alternate Side Parking days will now be cleaned on the later day of the week, meaning residents only have to move their cars once a week.

Parking meters remain in effect.

Photo Credit: queenoftheclick

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **back in effect** today , **June 29th**. Streets that have multiple Alternate Side Parking days will now be cleaned on the **later day of the week**, meaning residents will only have to move their cars once a week. Parking meters remain in effect.

**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](mailto:bichotter@nyassembly.gov) | [www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte](http://www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte)

We have a 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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**MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN  
CHILDREN (MIS-C)**

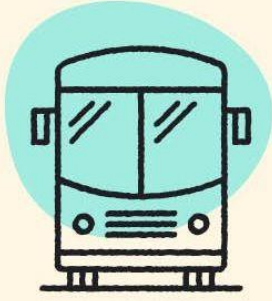


Photo Credit: Norton Children's

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

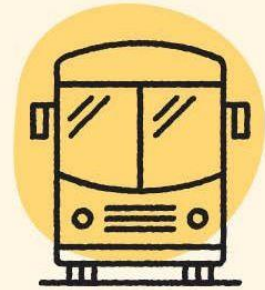
**THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS**



*You help us travel  
safely and efficiently  
during this crisis.*



**THANK YOU PUBLIC  
TRANSIT DRIVERS.**



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **public transit drivers** for getting us where we need to go during this crisis.

### **COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS**



**Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte**

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

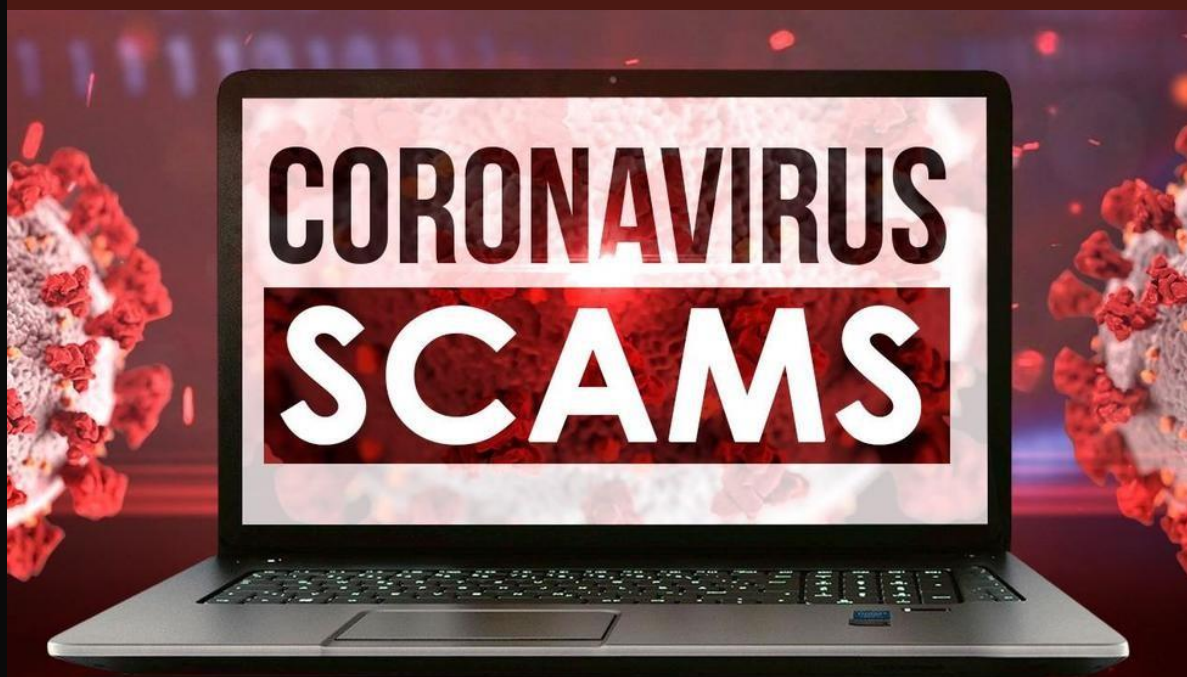


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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



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](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



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](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

**STAY INFORMED**

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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](#)

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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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and [www.rodneysebichotte.net](http://www.rodneysebichotte.net)

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