



Assemblymember
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COVID-19 Updates



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**The United States Has Reached 6 Million Positive
Cases**

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

MTA Buses Resume Fare Collection Today; Governor Cuomo and Labor Leaders Request Aid From Congress; Mayor de Blasio Holds Off on City Employee Layoffs; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 434,756
NYS Deaths: 25,328
NYC Confirmed: 234,237
Brooklyn Confirmed: 64,998

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo expressed concerns over **K-12** schools reopening soon.
 - There has also been an increase of cases in colleges and universities nationwide, including an outbreak at SUNY Oneonta that caused the school to close for two weeks. To read more click [here](#).
- Lower-risk school sports are able to start on **September 21** statewide but teams won't be able to practice or play outside of their region until **October 19**.
- The governor reported that **100,022** people were tested for COVID-19 over the weekend.
 - This is the highest on record so far. The infection rate was **0.69 percent**, which was good news for the state.
 - The hospitalization rate was **429**, the lowest its been since March 16th of this year.
- Governor Cuomo and labor leaders joined forces to call on Congress to provide **\$59 billion** to New York in order to fight the major budget shortfalls due to the impact of COVID-19.
 - A letter was written to address the needs of the state and the thousands of workers who will be affected without the budget support.
 - The governor's request for funding would be allocated to the following:
 - New York State - **\$30 billion**;

- New York City - **\$9 billion**;
- Local governments outside of New York City - **\$4.5 billion**;
- MTA - **\$12 billion**;
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey - **\$3 billion**; and
- Additional support to other programs. To read the letter click [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

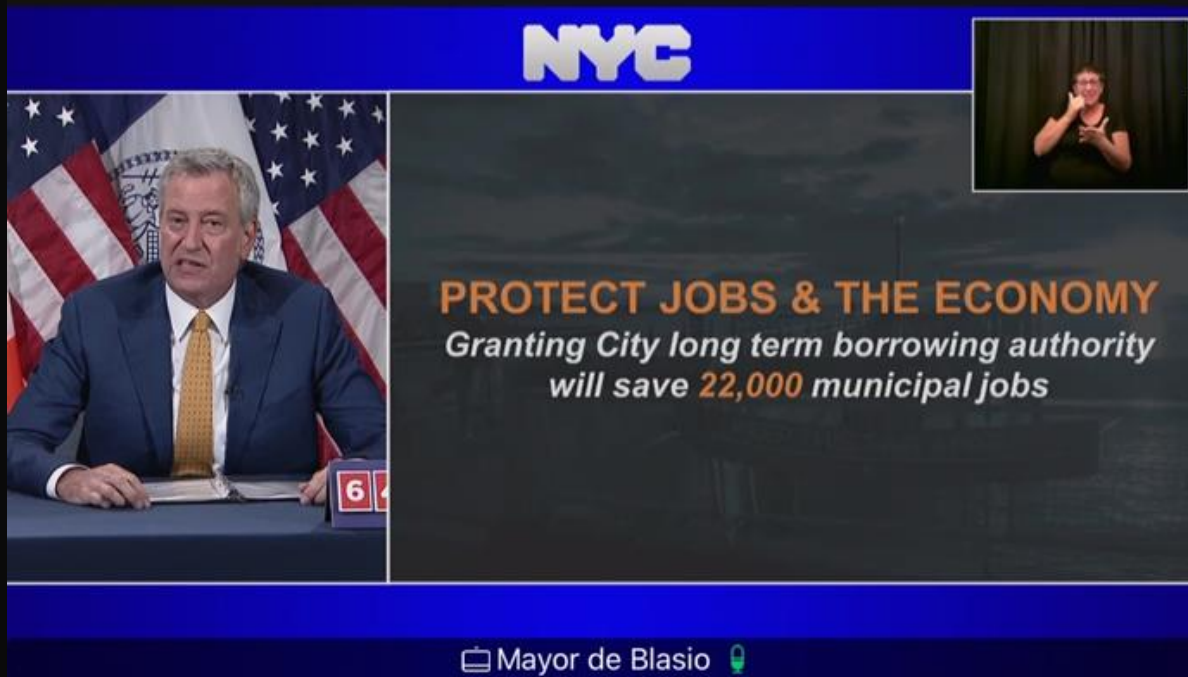


Photo Credit: NYC Mayor's Office

- Mayor de Blasio holds off from laying off **22,000** New York City employees after conversations with municipal unions.
 - Many unions are seeking state legislators to step in and help using long-term borrowing.
 - The city is seeking help to close the gap on **\$9 billion** of budget shortfall due to the pandemic. Read more [here](#).
- The mayor added **6** new locations to the "**Open Streets: Restaurant program**." This program provides more space for outdoor dining.
 - This addition brings the citywide total participation to **81**.

- The effort is to support small businesses during the pandemic which as a result helps New York City employees stay employed.
- The list of additional organizations are below:
 - Atlantic Avenue BID
 - Garment District Alliance
 - Flatiron 23rd Street Partnership
 - Scarpetta Restaurant
 - Frederick Douglass Boulevard Alliance
 - Nino's AQ Restaurant
- Details on program hours of operations and locations can be found [here](#).
- The mayor provided support to **Minority and Women-Owned Businesses** (MWBE) by appointing a Chief Diversity Officer, who will also serve as Chief MWBE Officer, at every City agency. These appointments will help the city utilize more MWBEs at a greater capacity than before. To read more click [here](#).
- Mayor de Blasio announced today that New York City will fulfill **The Obama Foundation pledge** that highlights and addresses the use of force in policing. This commitment will include:
 - reviewing police use of force policies;
 - engaging communities through a diverse range of input;
 - reporting the findings of the review; and
 - reforming police use of force policies.
 - More information can be found [here](#).
- NYC Parks have been given permission by Mayor de Blasio to allow outdoor youth sports activities.
 - This decision was an effort to support the physical and mental health of children throughout the city. You can read more [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Pete Kiehart / New York Times

- Latest data on the coronavirus pandemic shows that the U.S. has reached **6 million positive** cases and **180,000 plus** deaths. Read more [here](#).
- Governor John Bel Edwards of Louisiana expressed concerns over coronavirus testing interruptions across the state due to the impact of Hurricane Laura.
 - Governor Edwards indicated that it will take time to get the testing infrastructure back up again. Read more click [here](#).
- Children, once thought to be at lower risk of contracting the virus, may now be more susceptible to contracting it according to one study.
 - **American Academy of Pediatrics** data shows that deaths, hospitalizations, and cases have been increasing in children and teenagers at a faster rate. Read more [here](#).
- The state of New Jersey will allow for movie theaters and indoor dining to resume this Friday.
 - Restaurants with indoor dining will open at a **25%** capacity or with a limit of **150** people.
 - Movie theaters will open at **25%** capacity or **150** people depending on which of the two is less.
 - All occupants will be required to wear masks.

NYC PARKS

Show your park some love, New York. **Put trash in a bag or can— or take it with you.**



NYC Parks started an **anti-litter** and public education campaign in order to keep our parks clean from trash. To follow the campaign on NYC Park's twitter page click [here](#). To read the press release click [here](#).

MTA



- Starting **today**, the MTA will resume front door boarding and fare collection on NYC buses. Read more [here](#).
- The **MTA's Mobile Sales Vans** will begin to roll out tomorrow **September 1st** throughout the five boroughs and Westchester. Services to be provide are:
 - reduced-fare application assistance;
 - purchasing and refilling of metro cards (full fare and reduced-fare);
 - exchanging of damaged reduced-fare metro cards for a temporary replacement;
 - ability to report a lost/stolen reduced-fare metro card; and
 - access to MTA employees for any inquiry related to metro card issues.
 - For information on locations click [here](#).

FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION



Assemblymember
RODNEYSE BICHOTTE
42nd Assembly District



Distribution

Thursday, September 3, 2020
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

District Office
1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210

While supplies last

For more information on this free event or any other community concerns,
please contact the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at 718-940-0428.

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte invites you to a **face mask distribution** event on **September 3rd from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at her district office located at **1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11210.**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

**PAYO AND ICNA RELIEF'S BACK TO SCHOOL
SUPPLY GIVEAWAY**



Assemblymember Bichotte, Council Member Farah N. Louis, District Leader Josue Pierre, District Leader Edu Hermelyn, Waquil Ahmed the President of PAYO, and others at the back to school giveaway hosted by PAYO & ICNA Relief on August 30, 2020.



Assemblymember Bichotte and District Leader Edu Hermelyn giving bags away to children for their upcoming school year.

BROOKLYN CATHEDRAL OF PRAISE



Assemblymember Bichotte attends a member appreciation service led by Bishop Aubrey C.H. Brown Jr., on August 30, 2020.

HABNET



Assemblymember Bichotte sponsored a census rally led by HABNET and Kathleen Daniel to engage community leaders about the census on August 28, 2020.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- NYC Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is in effect from **Monday, August 17 - Saturday, September 5**.
- **Monday, September 7**: ASP is suspended for Labor Day.
- For more information visit [here](#).

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Always there when we need them.

Thank you
first responders!

During these unprecedented and difficult times, we thank our **essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **First Responders** for assisting us during emergencies and for saving lives.

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

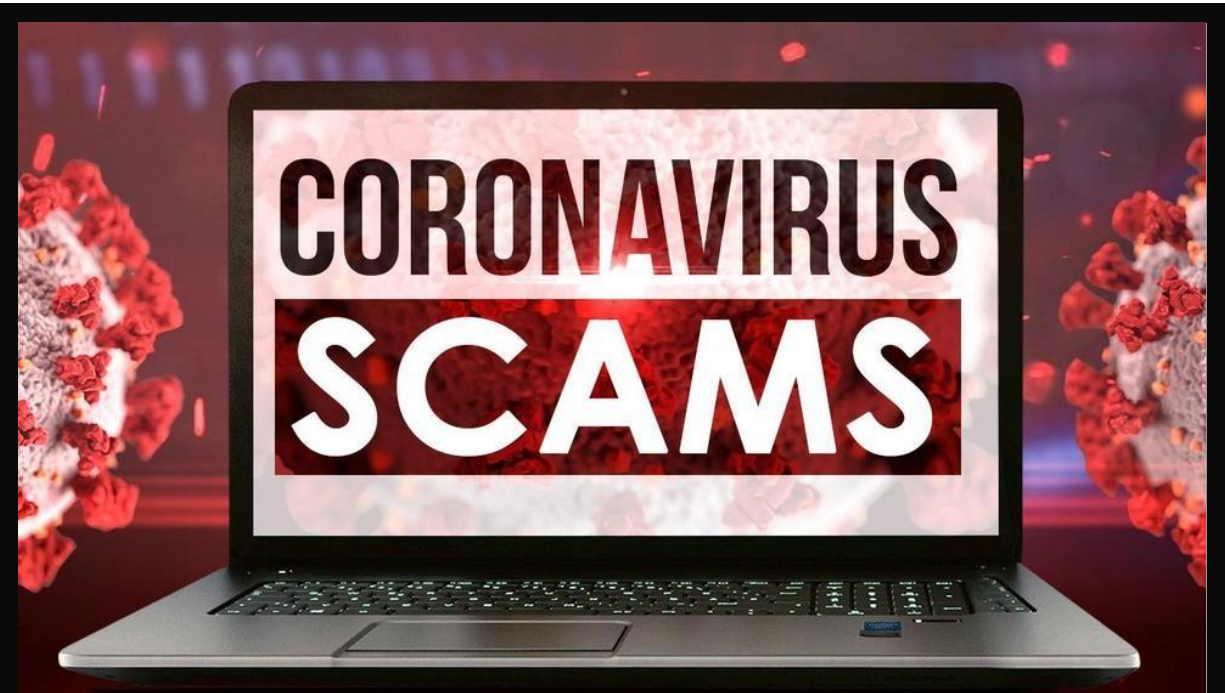


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: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

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.

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

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
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her websites:
<http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte>
and www.rodneysebichotte.net

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