Assemblymember RODNEYSE BICHOTTE Brooklyn Democratic County Leader COVID-19 Updates

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Governor Signs Affordable Internet Bill

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Museum and Zoo Capacity Set to Increase; American Museum of Natural History Vaccine Site; Federal Government To Give PPP Loans To Companies in Bankruptcy; and More!

VACCINE PROGRESS

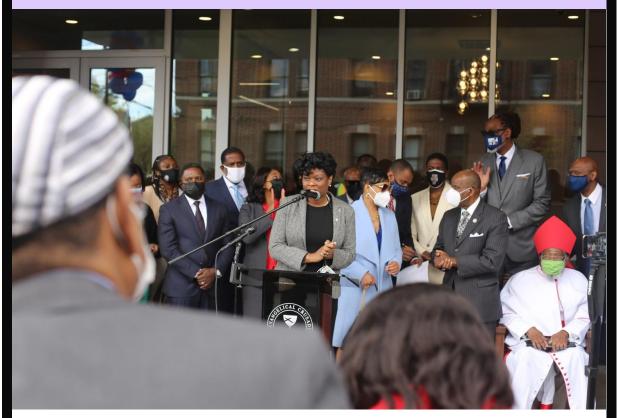
NYS First Doses: 8,326,432

NYS Completed Series: 5,659,417 Brooklyn First Does: 889,589 Brooklyn Completed Series: 547,215

COVID-19 CASES & FATALITIES

NYS Confirmed: 1,989,268 NYS Deaths: 41,530 NYC Confirmed: 894,379 Brooklyn Confirmed: 261599

RODNEYSE IN THE NEWS



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaks at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bishop Philius and Helene Nicolas Senior Residence. Photo Credit: Sam Bojarski.

Haitian Times: Ribbon-cutting signifies opening of East Flatbush senior residence. Read more <u>here</u>.

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Governor Andrew M. Cuomo provides a COVID-19 update and signs the Middle Class Property Tax and Rates Change Bill. Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo.

- Governor Cuomo announced that effective April 26, museum and zoo capacity will raise to 50%.
 - Movie theater capacity increases to 33% starting April 26.
 - Indoor large arenas increase capacity to 25% starting May 19. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The governor signed legislation establishing the **first-inthe-nation affordable internet** requirement for qualifying low-income families, as proposed in the 2021 State of the State.
 - This legislation **requires** providers operating in New York State to offer **\$15/month high-speed internet** to **low-income families** across the state. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The governor announced that some income tax rates are lowered; which will save **4.8 million** middle class New Yorkers over **\$2.2 billion** this year.
 - Taxpayers filing jointly in the tax bracket between \$21,400 \$80,650 decreased from 6.09% to 5.97%.
 - Taxpayers filing jointly in the tax bracket between \$43,000 \$161,550 decreased from 6.09% to 5.97%.
 - Taxpayers filing jointly in the tax bracket between \$161,550 \$323,200 decreased from 6.41% to 6.33%. Read more <u>here.</u>

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: American Museum of Natural History

- Mayor de Blasio announced the opening of the **American Museum of Natural History** vaccine site.
 - This site gives access to public housing residence, cultural workers and members of DC 37. Read more <u>here</u>
- The mayor announced a **\$600 million** annual investment in schools to reach **100%** of the **Fair Student Funding** starting in **September**.
 - This gives support to **multi-lingual and students with disabilities**. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The mayor announced that **5**,7**46**,**3**7**8** COVID-19 doses were given so far.
 - **106,527** vaccinations were given in a single day.
- The mayor announced that no appointments are necessary at city-run sites if you're over 50. Read more <u>here.</u>
 - Those under 50-years can make an appointment <u>here</u> or call **1-877-VAX-4NYC**
- The mayor appointed Ben Furnas as Director of the Mayor's Office of Climate and Sustainability. Read more <u>here.</u>

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



U.S. President Joe Biden holds a bi-partisan meeting on the American Jobs Plan at the White House in Washington, U.S., April 19, 2021. Photo Credit: Kevin Lemarque | Reuters

- The **Federal Government** will now give **PPP loans** to companies working their way out of **bankruptcy** after ProPublica reported that the Small Business Administration had been excluding them. Read more <u>here.</u>
- **President Biden** and **John Kerry** will host a **virtual summit** of **40 world leaders** to discuss the climate crisis and seek new commitments from the world's biggest carbon emitters to fulfil the <u>2015 Paris</u> <u>agreement</u>. Read more <u>here.</u>
- President Biden is trying to ensure that his tax increases only hit the well-to-do, promising he won't raise taxes on those earning less than \$400,000. Read more <u>here.</u>

FREE WEBINAR: HOW TO HIRE A CONTRACTOR



COVID-19 VACCINES at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Friday April 16th

- Monday April 19th
- Tuesday April 20th

7:30am - 5:00pm Please call 718-604-5300

from 9am - 5pm to schedule an appointment

585 Schenectady Avenue between Winthrop Street & Rutland Road Please use our Outpatient entry door

Everyone must provide at time of vaccination, NYS residency ID & documentation for whatever category you fall under. Check www.ny.gov for new eligibility requirements.



Kingsbrook Medical Center invites eligible community members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from **Friday**, **April 16th-20th.** To schedule an appointment, call 718-604-5300

TENANT PROTECTION WEBINAR



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Donate to support residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines following the recent eruptions of the La Soufriere volcano.

DROP OFF LOCATION: 1312 FLATBUSH AVENUE, BROOKLYN NY, 11210 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. *URGENT NEED*

PLEASE DONATE NOW THROUGH APRIL 16TH.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS THROUGH FRIDAY APRIL 30TH.

- Water
- Non-perishable canned goods
- Toilet paper
 - Soap
 - Wash Clothes/towels
- Deodorant

- Toothe paste/Toothe brush
- Feminine products
- Combs/hair brush
- Baby pampers/wipes
- Baby food
- Sanitary wipes

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 718-940-0428.

• Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn is hosting a Saint Vincent and The Grenadines Volcano Relief drive to support the residents impacted by the recent volcano eruptions.

 Donations can be dropped off at our district office located at 1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11210 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m though April 30^{th.}

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn attended the Evangelical Crusade Christian Church Senior Residence Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Sunday, April 18th.



NYC Small Business Commissioner Jonnel Dorris, First Lady Nicolas, Mayor Bill de Blasio, Reverend Samuel Nicolas, Council Member Farah N. Louis and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn.

ST. VINCENT VOLCANO RELIEF DRIVE

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn's St. Vincent and the Grenadines Volcano Relief Drive.





Constituent donating canned goods.

BROOKLYN COVID-19 TESTING SITES





MUTUAL AID NYC HOTLINE 5

Call the Mutual Aid NYC hotline during the times listed below for information about food resources, grocery delivery and other services in your neighborhood and beyond. The hotline is free, open to everyone and is available in 11 languages, including English. Monday - Thursday: 2 PM - 8 PM Friday: 2 PM - 5 PM

ESPAÑOL

Llame a la línea telefónica de Ayuda Mútua NYC en los horarios listados más abajo para información relacionada con comida, entrega de la compra a domicilio y otros servicios en su barrio y otros barrios. La línea telefónica es gratuita, abierta a todo el mundo, y disponible en 11 idiomas, incluyendo Inglés y Español.

Lunes-Jueves: 2PM - 8PM Viernes: 2PM - 5PM

晋通话

在下面列出的时间内,拨打纽约互助热线,以获取有关您附 近及其他地区的食物资源,杂货配送和其他服务的信息。该 热线是免费的,向所有人开放,并以11种语言提供,包括英 语和中文。

星期一 - 星期四: 2 PM - 8 PM 星期五: 2 PM - 5 PM

বাংলা

দয়া করে মিউচুয়াল এইড NYC হটলাইনে ফোন করুন নিম্নলিখিত নির্দিষ্ট সময়গুলোতে আরও জানতে খাদ্য সম্পদ, মুদি সরবরাহ (গ্রোসারি ডেলিভারি) এবং অন্যান্য সেবার বিষয় যেগুলো আপনার পাড়ায় উপলব্ধ ৷এই হটলাইনটি সকলের জন্যে এগারোটি ভাষায় বিনামূল্যে প্রস্তুত (ইংরেজি এবং বাংলায়)। সোম - বৃহস্পতিবার: ২ - ৮ p.m. শুক্রবার: ২ - ৫ p.m.

FRANÇAIS

Appeler la Mutual Aid NYC directe ligne durant les temps listés en dessous pour les informations concernant les ressources alimentaires, pour la livraison de vos condiments et autres besoins dans votre quartier ou en dehors. La ligne directe est gratuite, ouverte à toute personne et disponible dans 11 différentes langues en plus du français. Lundi - Jeudi: 14h - 20h Vendredi: 14h - 17h

العربية

الحريية خلال الساعات المدرجة أدناه لتجد NYC اتّصل بخطّ ساخن ميوتشوال أيد المعلومات عن الموارد الغذائية وخدمات توصيل منتجات البقالة والخدمات الأخرى في حيّك والأحياء الأخرى. هذا الخط الساخن مجّاني ومفتوح للجميع ومتاح ب11 لغة ما في ذلك اللغة الإنجليزية و لغتك الإثنين حتى الخميس: 2م-8م الجمعة: 2م-5م

CREOLE

Rele Mutual Aid NYC liy dirèk pandan tan ki nan lis anba a pou enfòmasyon sou resous manje, livrezon makèt ak lòt sèvis nan katye ou ak apre. Liy dirèk la gratis, louvri pou tout moun epi li disponib nan onz lang, ki gen ladan angle ak kreyòl. Lendi jiska jedi: dezè nan apremidi jiska uitè di swa Vandredi: dezè nan apremidi jiska senkè di swa

हिन्दी

अपने इलाके में फ़ूड बैंक या राशन की डेलिवरी जैसी सेवाओं की जानकारी के लिए नीचे दिए गए समय पर म्यूच्यूअल एड NYC को फ़ोन करें। यह हॉटलाइन आपकी सेवा के लिए है और अंग्रेजी और हिंदी के अलावा, 11 और भाषाओं में मौजूद है। सोमवार - गुरूवार: 2 - 8 PM शुक्रवार: 2 - 5 PM

한국어

생필품 및 기타 서비스에 대한 정보를 원하시는 경우, 하단에 표기 된 시간에 맞추어 Mutual Aid NYC 핫라인에 연락하여 주시길 바랍 니다. 모든 서비스는 무료로 제공되며, 누구나 사용 가능합니다. 서 비스는 영어 및 한국어를 포함하여 11개국 언어로 제공됩니다. 월요일 - 목요일: 오후 2시 - 오후 8시 / 금요일: 오후 2시 - 오후 5시

РУССКИЙ

Позвоните по телефону горячей линии Mutual Aid NYC в указанное ниже время для получения информации о продовольственных ресурсах, доставке продуктов и других услугах в вашем районе и за его пределами. Горячая линия бесплатна, открыта для всех и доступна на 11 языках, включая английский и русский.

Понедельник - четверг: 14:00 - 20:00 Пятница: 14:00 - 17:00.

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For more information, languages & hours, visit

MUTUALAID.NYC/I-NEED-HELP

Mutual Aid NYC is providing food assistance, resources, and other services. To get more information call their hotline at which you can call at 646-437-8080.

NYC SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE NETWORK



by in-kind contributions from other partners, this collaboration, led by the **Partnership for New York City**, the **NYC Economic Development Corporation** and all five **Chambers of Commerce**, leverages the city's corporate, financial and professional services sectors, as well as universities, philanthropies and expert volunteers to help small business owners gain access to a range of programs and services.

COVID-19 RAPID TESTING BROOKLYN LOCATIONS

ACPNY HOT SPOT RAPID TESTING: BROOKLYN APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

Location	Hours
Kings Highway	Monday-Friday
3245 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229	9am - 4pm
Bay Ridge	Wednesday/Friday
740 64th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220	9am - 4pm
Flatbush	Monday-Friday
1000 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11218	9am - 4pm

Schedule Virtual Visit Screenings in Two Ways:

Option 1 (Existing and All New Patients): Patient calls dedicated COVID-19 screening and testing hotline (866) 749-2660 Option 2 (Existing patients only): Patient schedules COVID-19 virtual visit screening on myACPNY patient portal.

After a virtual screening, patient is scheduled for a testing appointment at their convenience at testing location.

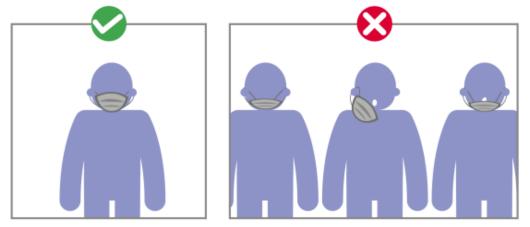
Results are communicated back to patient by ACPNY provider.

STOP THE SPREAD

Protect your community from COVID-19 Everyone must do their part. · Stay home if you do not feel well. Participate in temperature checks and symptom screenings when entering public spaces. • Wear face coverings when not at home. · When with people who do not live in your household, keep 6 feet between you and others. Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds each time. If you or a loved one have been near someone who Symptoms may appear 2-14 days has COVID-19, here's what to do: after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: Do not leave your home, except to get medical Fever or chills care. Avoid taking buses, subways, and taxis. Cough Separate from other people in your home as · Shortness of breath or much as possible. You should stay in a specific difficulty breathing "sick room" if possible. Fatigue · Do not share household items. Muscle or body aches • Use a separate bathroom, if possible. Headache If you share a bathroom, clean and disinfect New loss of taste or smell after using it. Sore throat · Don't touch pets. Congestion or runny nose Don't cook food and serve it to others. Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Avoid caring for children and older adults, if possible. *This list is not all inclusive Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning. Stay up to date www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus NEW YORK STATE Of Health

WEARING FACE COVERINGS

Face Masks and Coverings for COVID-19



- You must wear a face mask or face covering in public when social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) is not possible, unless a face covering is not medically tolerated. This includes on public transport, in stores and on crowded sidewalks.
- Children over 2 years of age should wear a face mask in public, too. Children under 2 years of age should NOT wear face coverings for safety reasons.
- Cloth face coverings should be made from fabric you can't see through when held up to the light. They must be cleaned before reusing.
- Disposable paper face masks should be used for one outing outside the home. They cannot be properly cleaned.
- The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to continue social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from others), even when
 wearing a face covering.

Putting On Face Covering

- DO clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before putting on your face covering.
- Make sure the face covering covers both your nose and mouth.
- DON'T wear your mask hanging under your nose or mouth or around your neck. You won't get the protection you need.
- DON'T wear the face covering on top of your head, or take it off and on repeatedly. Once it is in place, leave the covering in place until you are no longer in public.

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Taking Off Face Covering

- DO clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before taking off your face covering.
- Remove your mask only touching the straps.
- Discard the face covering if it is disposable. If you are reusing (cloth), place it in a paper bag or plastic bag for later.

• Wash your hands again.

- When cleaning a cloth face covering, DO put in the washer (preferably on the hot water setting).
- Dry in dryer at high heat. When it is clean and dry, place in a clean paper or plastic bag for later use. If you live in a household with many people, you might want to label the bags with names so the face coverings are not mixed up.



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AVOID SCAMS



Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or <u>NYC.gov/dcwp</u>. You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a <u>complaint form</u>.
- 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 <u>website</u> for resources.

NYS Department of Health Hotline for people who want to be assessed and get appointment for test (888-364-3065). NYC residents should call (844-692-4692).

Volunteer to Support Others:

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

<u>Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi</u> <u>access</u> for **60 days to household with K-12 and/or college students** who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call** <u>844-488-8395</u>. Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit <u>here.</u>

The **Hebrew Educational Societ**y in partnership with MET Council has a food pantry that is open to all. To reserve a spot, visit <u>here.</u>

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**.