



**Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall
January 6, 2022**

Upcoming Events

Join my office in partnership with Covid Care and the Office of Mayor Eric Adams for a Rapid Self-Test Kit giveaway and PCR Testing



Assemblyman Charles D. Fall
FREE COVID-19 TESTING



**First come, first served
While supplies last**

**January 6 3:00PM
Jersey Street & Crescent Avenue
Rapid Self-Test Kits**

**January 7 3:00PM
Park Hill Avenue & Palma Drive
Rapid Self-Test Kits**

**January 8th and 9th
10:00AM-4:00PM
853 Forest Avenue
PCR Tests**

**For more information, please contact
delvecr@nyassembly.gov or (718) 442-9932**

In partnership with:



**Mayor
Eric Adams**

District 61 News

Rapid Self Test Kits

I was thrilled that the city could provide my office Rapid Self Test Kits to give out to our community. In a matter of hours, my office handed out a total number of 1,000 self-tests. I understand the importance of testing regularly during these times and will continue to provide testing opportunities whenever possible.



Small Business Spotlight

Lo'Kel-Li By the Three Amigas Vendor Market

Lo'Kel-li opened up right before the holiday season in 2021 by three small businesswomen on a mission to get local small businesses recognized as a force to be reckoned with amongst big businesses. The three women plan events and offer the space that gives small businesses the exposure they need during the pandemic. They are located at the Empire Outlets, 55 Richmond Terrace Level 3. [Learn more about them here.](#)



Updates from Albany

This week the 2022 Legislative Session officially began when Governor Hochul delivered her first State of the State address after becoming New York's 57th Governor. Here are some of the highlights set for this year.

Gun Violence

Amid surging numbers of incidents involving gun violence in the state, the Governor announced a series of initiatives that will strengthen gun tracing efforts, support successful local law enforcement programs, and invest in law enforcement data analysis and intelligence networks.

Education

Hochul wants to make the State's tuition assistance program available to part-time students. She is also anticipating launching a new "Jails-to-Jobs" initiative to provide incarcerated people with the help and support they need to find employment after release and stay employed. Additionally, she noted a plan to add more mental health professionals in schools.

Infrastructure

The Governor sent a clear message that throughout the next year and years to come the construction trades and New York infrastructure will be a priority statewide, bringing jobs and much needed highway, local road, airport and rail upgrades.

Advancing Healthcare Workforce

Mentioned in the address, Governor Hochul wants to increase the healthcare workforce by 20 percent over the next five years, in part through a \$10 billion investment, including \$4 billion to support wages and bonuses for healthcare workers.

Additionally, Hochul is calling on the state to provide direct financial support for the education of healthcare professionals, if they work in New York State for a specified period after obtaining their credentials. This would include free tuition, covering instructional costs for high demand health occupations and provide stipends to make up for lost income while in school. Money would also be provided to students for wraparound services such as childcare or transportation support.

Tax Relief

Hochul announced several steps to try and reduce New York's highest in the nation total tax burden.

- These include accelerating \$1.2 Billion in middle-class tax cuts for six million New Yorkers.
- A middle-class tax cut, begun in 2018 and scheduled to stretch out through 2025, the new administration wants to start providing the full benefit of the tax cut two years earlier, fully phasing-in the 2018 middle-class tax cut beginning in the 2023 tax year.
- Property tax rebate for than 2 million New Yorkers, with low-income households and seniors receiving higher benefits. Eligible homeowners will receive their benefit in 2022, to the tune of \$1 billion.
- Seeks to provide \$100 million in tax relief for 195,000 small businesses, to help them keep their doors open.
 - According to the Governor, this relief will come from increasing a tax return adjustment (known as a “subtraction modification”) that reduces a small business’s gross taxable income, as well as from widening eligibility to more entities.

The Environment

It was shared in the Governor's speech that a proposition on increasing the Environmental Bond Act to \$4 billion will go on the ballot this Fall so that we have the resources needed to reach climate change goals.

- \$500 million investment in offshore wind energy that will create thousands of good-paying green jobs.

- In September, it was announced two clean energy mega-projects were set in place to put us on a path to achieve the ambitious goal of cutting 80% of New York City’s power plant emissions by 2030. New construction in the State will be zero-emission by 2027, and we will build climate-friendly, electric homes and promote electric cars, trucks, and buses.
- In addition to the goals previously outlined in the state's Climate Act, the Governor announced that she will propose legislation to require that, by 2027, all new school bus purchases will be zero-emissions, and by 2035, all school buses on the road will be zero-emissions. Additionally, the legislation would enable school districts to contract for buses for longer than the current five-year limitation, expanding their ability to meet this goal.

Assistance to Veterans

The new administration is proposing to extend and enhance tax credits for hiring veterans, expand programs to help veterans navigate from military to civilian life, and to increase the minimum annual state funding for county and city veterans service agencies by 150%

Term Limits for Statewide Elected Officials

Announced prior to the State of the State Address, Governor Hochul is proposing a Constitutional amendment to limit all four statewide elected officials (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller) to two consecutive four-year terms in office. Hochul also proposes that all statewide public officers be prohibited from seeking any work to supplement their income upon being elected (except academic positions approved by the ethics board).



“I am encouraged with the Governor’s message this week. I can assure you that I will remain committed with working with the Governor, Speaker Heastie and my colleagues to assure that the above-mentioned initiatives have a positive impact for the residents of the North Shore of Staten Island.”



Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community

1. **Eligible individuals can schedule vaccine appointments by contacting:**
 - **The NYC Vaccine hotline at 877-829-4692 or clicking here**
 - **The NYS hotline at 888-364-3065 or clicking here**
 - **SOMOS, a community health provider at 833-766-6769**
 - **Eligible individuals will have to fill out a screening form and attest to being in an eligible category.** Anyone who is NOT eligible for vaccination, should not sign up for an appointment. **Click here to find updated vaccine eligibility lists, vaccine locations near you, and schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.**
 - **Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.**

 2. **Review the State guidelines for travelers arriving in New York State.**
 - View the Test-and-Trace Corps **COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard** for estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.
 - **Use the DOH map to find all State-run testing sites.**
 - **Click here for a full list of NYC Health + Hospitals walk-in testing sites available at no cost to you on the North Shore.**
 - Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC. Call to connect with a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 AM - 9 PM.
 - Individuals that are unable to safely isolate themselves at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. **Click here to learn more** or call (844) 692-4692. **Please click here if you have any further questions.**
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Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. **Our children have faced many challenges throughout the pandemic. Now they're back at school and being asked to return to normalcy, but this school year is anything but normal. That's why the UFT's Positive Learning Collaborative (PLC) is offering free, confidential mental health sessions to students and to parents calling on their children's behalf. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 12 P.M. Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Call 212-709-3222 or Text "PLC" to 43961**
2. **The New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund (NYS HAF) is a federally funded program dedicated to assisting homeowners who are at risk of default, foreclosure or displacement as result of a financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will begin accepting applications January 3, 2022.**

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the **Application Guide** which includes a **list of documents** you may need when you are ready to submit your application.

Administered by the New York State government's affordable housing agency, NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR), in partnership with a non-profit, Sustainable Neighborhoods, an organization dedicated to foreclosure prevention and homeownership preservation.

3. **[The 2021-2022 Regular HEAP Benefit opened October 1, 2021](#)**
What is HEAP? The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. **How does it work?** If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per season and could also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if you are in impending danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. **Are HEAP benefits available year-round?** No, the application period normally begins in early to mid-November and continues into the winter, until funding for the program runs out.

4. Free SNAP Assistance - See the flyer below



Free SNAP (Food Stamps) Assistance

ASISTENCIA GRATUITA DE SNAP (Cupones de alimentos)

**MetroPlus Health
Staten Island Community Office**
238A Port Richmond Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10302

SNAP enroller is on site **2 DAYS a week**.
Check below for our hours!

*Los especialistas de SNAP estan disponible los
2 días a la semana. ¡Revisa a continuación
nuestros horarios y ubicaciones!*

Day & Time <i>Día y Hora</i>	Location <i>Ubicacion</i>	SNAP Enroller <i>Especialista de SNAP</i>	How to Schedule <i>Como Programar</i>
Tues, Wed <i>Martes, Miercoles</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	In Office <i>En la Oficina</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Walk-in or call <i>Orden de llegada o</i> Llamar al 929-270-2181
Mon, Thurs, Fri <i>Lunes, Jueves, Viernes</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	Virtual Services (Remote) <i>Servicios Virtuales (Remoto)</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Call <i>Llamar al</i> 929-270-2181

Sponsored by New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.
SNAP... *Putting Healthy Food Within Reach*. Visit www.mybenefits.ny.gov to check your eligibility. This material was funded by
USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



You can also scan to contact us from our website.

5. It's important to submit an SBA Loan Application - After you apply for disaster assistance from FEMA, you may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration. If you are referred to SBA, you should complete and submit the application. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept the SBA disaster loan but failure to submit the application may disqualify you from other possible FEMA assistance, such as disaster-related car repairs, essential household items and other expenses. SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. In planning your recovery, give yourself the widest possible set of options. Submitting the application makes it possible for homeowners and renters to be considered for additional FEMA grants. Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov or they may email DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov for more information on SBA's disaster assistance program. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.
6. **If you're a renter having trouble paying your rent, utilities, or other housing costs – or if you're a landlord trying to stay afloat with tenants in this situation – help may be available. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance to help renters stay housed during the pandemic. [Visit the CFPB's Rental Assistance Finder](#) to find out what this means for you and what you can do. The CFPB's site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.**

7. **Staten Island Legal Services wants to help you.** If you need **free legal help** during the COVID-19 crisis, for matters of immigration, foreclosure, small business advice, and more, **call them at 718-233-6480.**



**DO YOU NEED
FREE LEGAL HELP
DURING THE
COVID-19 CRISIS?**

Staten Island Legal Services is here to help you and your family get through this together.

- Unemployment Benefits & Employment Issues
- Food Stamps (SNAP), Public Assistance, Medicaid
- Eviction/Illegal Lockouts
- Mortgage Relief & Foreclosure Prevention
- Small Business Advice
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy and Consumer Help
- Student Loan and Debt Collection
- Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, & Child Support
- Education
- LGBTQ/HIV+

CALL STATEN ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
We speak your language and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.

718-233-6480

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FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK



Legal Services NYC
DEMAND JUSTICE

Since 2007, Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network has assisted nearly 17,000 New York City homeowners facing foreclosure. With community-based foreclosure prevention projects in our Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island offices, our dedicated team of nearly 40 attorneys and advocates provide critical legal services to homeowners navigating the judicial foreclosure process and fight to help them save their homes. LSNYC Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing counselors, social service agencies and local government. Our advocates conduct trainings, outreach and education activities in conjunction with community and government partners.

WHAT WE DO

Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network attorneys represent homeowners in foreclosure as well as in state and federal court litigation challenging predatory lending, abusive mortgage servicing, scams targeting vulnerable homeowners, and fair housing and lending violations. We are the largest group of free civil legal services attorneys that help NYC homeowners by:

- Representing homeowners in court-mandated settlement conferences
- Providing legal advice and pro se assistance to homeowners through court-based clinics
- Helping clients negotiate home-saving solutions
- Advocating for fairer lending rules, and for better enforcement of laws protecting consumers from predatory practices

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Ms. M, a 48-year-old Black homeowner, fell one month behind on her mortgage when she had to pay for her sister's funeral expenses. For one year, her mortgage company continued to accept her payments, but then her servicing was transferred to a new company. The new mortgage company refused to accept Ms. M's payments unless she could catch up on the one missed payment. For three years, Ms. M tried to negotiate with her lender, but it refused to work with her even though she had sufficient income and was caring for her husband, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. After being sued in foreclosure, Ms. M was able to connect with Brooklyn Legal Services, who helped her negotiate a modification with a lower interest rate and more affordable monthly payment, saving her \$300 per month on her housing expenses and allowing her family to remain in their home.

CONTACT US

Homeowners can talk to an LSNYC foreclosure advocate by contacting our citywide access line at 917-661-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below.

Citywide: Jacob Inwald
Citywide Director of Foreclosure Prevention
jinwald@lsnyc.org

Bronx: Alexis Lorenzo
Director, Bronx Foreclosure Prevention/Community Economic Development Unit
alorenzo@lsnyc.org

Brooklyn: Shahnam Faruki
Interim Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project
shfaruki@lsnyc.org

Queens: Christopher Newton
Acting Director, Queens Homeowner and Consumer Rights Project
cnewton@lsnyc.org

Staten Island: Sara Manogah
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project
smanogah@lsnyc.org

CONTACT US FOR FREE LEGAL HELP AT 917-661-4500

8. Project Hospitality provides a wide range of services to our communities. From vaccinations to mental health guidance to help applying for rental assistance. See flyers below for more information.

Need to talk?



NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID?

Here to talk | Here to listen | Here to support

We provide . . .

- Information
- Education
- Emotional support
- Links to resources

We can provide virtual presentations on:

- Recognizing common reactions to COVID
- Building coping skills for the recovery process
- Managing COVID-related stress
- Identifying and meeting children's needs

Contact Us!
(718)608-7900
HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

We are here for YOU.

Free, anonymous & confidential

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA



Necesitas hablar?



NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

Te sientes incierto, agobiado, ansioso durante COVID?

Aquí para hablar | Aquí para escuchar | Aquí para apoyar

Nosotros Proporcionamos...

- Información
- Educación
- Apoyo emocional
- Enlaces a recursos

Proporcionamos presentaciones virtuales sobre:

- Reconociendo las reacciones comunes de COVID
- Desarrollando habilidades de afrontamiento para el proceso de recuperación
- Manejando estrés relacionada con COVID
- Identificando y satisfaciendo las necesidades de los niños

¡Contáctanos Hoy!
718-608-7900
HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

Estamos aquí para USTED.

Gratis, anónimo y confidencial

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA

New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

DO I QUALIFY?
Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

- Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income, which varies by county and household size.
- A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
This assistance can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and for some households, pay up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Please note, payments will always be issued directly to the landlord or utility provider.

HOW CAN I APPLY?
Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)


 Call 929-724-5360 or email erap@projecthospitality.org for assistance submitting your application from one of Project Hospitality's ERAP enrollers.

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New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

El Programa de Asistencia para Alquileres de Emergencia ayuda a las familias atrasadas en el pago del alquiler que han sufrido dificultades financieras debido a la COVID-19 y están en riesgo de quedarse en la calle o de padecer inestabilidad por la falta de vivienda. Además, el programa puede proporcionar asistencia de alquiler temporal y asistencia para el pago de facturas de servicios públicos vencidas.

¿CALIFICO?
Los residentes aptos para solicitar la asistencia deben cumplir con los siguientes criterios:

- Los ingresos brutos de la familia son iguales o inferiores al 80% del ingreso promedio del área, que varía según el tamaño del condado y de la familia.
- Un miembro de la familia recibió subsidios de desempleo o experimentó una reducción en los ingresos, incurrió en costos significativos o sufrió dificultades financieras, directa o indirectamente, debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.
- El solicitante adeuda alquileres en su residencia actual.

¿CÓMO FUNCIONA?
Esta asistencia puede pagar hasta 12 meses de renta vencida y, para algunas familias, pagar hasta 3 meses de alquileres futuros. El programa también puede pagar hasta 12 meses de facturas de electricidad o gas vencidas. Tenga en cuenta que los pagos siempre se emitirán directamente al propietario o al proveedor de servicios públicos.

¿CÓMO PUEDO SOLICITARLA?
Las solicitudes se pueden enviar en línea a partir del 1 de junio.

Para más información, visite otda.ny.gov/ERAP o llame al 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)


 Llame al 929-724-5360 o envíe un correo electrónico a erap@projecthospitality.org para recibir asistencia con la solicitud de un Enrolador de Project Hospitality.

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 Project Hospitality
Project Hospitality Help Center Services Are All Available By Phone!

CALL NOW AND LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL.
REACH US AT **718-420-6466** OR **718-448-3470**
FOR HELP WITH SNAP, CALL **347-410-3657**

 Apply for SNAP	 Apply for WIC and Cash Assistance	 Apply for Health Insurance or NYC Care
 Legal Services	 Domestic Violence Services	 Mental Health Services
 Apply for Unemployment	 Food Pantry	 Immigration Help

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10302
514 BAY ST. STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

 Project Hospitality
Los servicios del Centro de Ayuda están disponibles por vía Telefónica!

LLAME AHORA Y DEJE UN MENSAJE CON SU NOMBRE Y NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO Y LE DEVOLVEREMOS (A LLAMADA). COMUNIQUESE CON NOSOTROS A LOS NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO **718-420-6466** O AL **718-448-3470**. PARA OBTENER AYUDA CON SNAP (PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA NUTRICIONAL) LLAME AL **347-410-3657**

 Solicitar para SNAP (programa de asistencia nutricional)	 Solicitar WIC y Asistencia en efectivo	 Solicitar un Seguro Medico o NYC Care
 Servicios Legales	 Servicios de Violencia Domestica	 Servicios de Salud Mental
 Solicitud de desempleo	 Dispensa de alimentos	 Ayuda en casos de Inmigracion

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND NY 10302
514 BAY STREET STATEN ISLAND NY 10304

9. The Central Family Life Center is now accepting applications for their free Career Training Programs. Call (718) 273-8414 ext.8 and see the flyer below for more information.



THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER
YOUTHBUILD

IMPACT

Now Accepting Applications for our **FREE** Career Training Programs
 Please Call (718) 273-8414 ext. 8

QUALIFICATIONS:

17-24 years old, No HS diploma, Out of School, Not Working During the Day,
 and Live on Staten Island

Let's Get It!!

Get Paid, Get your High School Equivalency Diploma, Get Certified and Get a Job!

For more info visit us at www.centralfamilylifecenter.org/youthbuild-impact

117 WRIGHT STREET, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

The Central Family Life Center is an equal opportunity employer and YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary job and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. YouthBuild IMPACT recovery funding support from the U.S. Dept of Labor and the NYC Dept. of Youth & Community Development.

10. Want to learn construction? For more information log into one of YouthBuild's info sessions Thursday January 6, 13, 20, 27 at 2:00 PM.

WANT TO LEARN

CONSTRUCTION?





FOR MORE INFORMATION
 LOG INTO ONE OF THE INFO SESSIONS
THURSDAY
JANUARY 6, 13, 20, 27@ 2PM
MEETING ID: 775 6054 3293
PASSCODE: IMPACT

REQUIREMENTS:
 Ages 17-24, Out of School, Out of Work
 and in need of a HSE Diploma

www.centralfamilylifecenter.org/youthbuildimpact






CONTACT US  718-273-8414 EXT. 255

THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND YOUTHBUILD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. AUXILIARY JOBS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. THE TOTAL COST OF THE YOUTHBUILD IMPACT PROGRAM IS \$3,327,481. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDS \$1,264,027 OF THIS AND THE OTHER \$1,063,454 IS FUNDED THROUGH FEDERAL RESOURCES.

11. St. Ann's Creative Learning Center has open enrollment right now. Call 718-273-5371 for more information.

ST. ANN'S
CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER
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OPEN ENROLLMENT
FREE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
Must be 3 or 4 by December 31st

SAME DAY REGISTRATION
Program Sponsored By NYC Department of Education

St. Ann's Creative Learning Center
1141 Castleton Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10310

Monday - Friday
8AM - 2:45PM

Documents needed:
Child's Birth Certificate
Parent's State ID
2 Proofs of Address
Child's Medical

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12. Small Business Resources:

- [For counseling and help services through SBS click here.](#)
 - [Procurement Center Representatives \(PCRs\)](#) help small businesses win federal contracts. PCRs view many federal acquisition and procurement strategies before they're announced. This enables them to influence opportunities that should be set aside for small businesses. PCRs also conduct market research, assist small businesses with payment issues, provide counseling on the contracting process, and more.
 - [Subcontracting Program Assistance \(SPA\)](#) can help you with subcontracting questions after a contract is awarded. SPA can help you with tools to match prime contractors and subcontractors, help small businesses market their services to prime contractors, and more.
 - **SBA Learning Center.** The SBA offers free online courses to help small businesses understand government contracting. You can find these video classes in the [SBA Learning Center](#).
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Useful Events and Opportunities

1. Staten Island Testing Site 1/03/2022 - 1/09/2022



Week of 1/03/2022 - 1/09/2022

- NO-COST PCR & RAPID tests
- ID/Insurance are not required
- Vaccines available at some sites

Site info subject to change, please check here for updates: bit.ly/HH_testsites

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS TESTING SITES (ONGOING) Age 2 & older

Gotham Health, Vanderbilt 165 Vanderbilt Avenue Staten Island, NY 10304 844-NYC-4NYC Antibody Tests Mon-Sun: 7a-7p	Staten Island Ferry Terminal 1 Bay St, Retail Space 103 <i>(Level 1 of Ferry Terminal, next to North Shore Esplanade exit)</i> Staten Island, NY 10301 Also offers Rapid Testing Mon - Sun, 9am - 7pm	Former St John Villa HS 57 Cleveland Place Staten Island, NY 10305 Mon - Sun, 9am - 7pm
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ADDITIONAL TEST AND TRACE FIXED SITES Age 4 & older

ELM PARK Port Richmond High School 85 St. Joseph's Ave. Staten Island, NY 10302 Mon-Sun: 7:30a - 7p PCR TESTS	MANOR HEIGHTS NYC Health + Hospitals / Sea View 460 Bnelle Avenue (side entrance) Staten Island, NY 10314 Mon-Fri: 8:30a - 4:30p RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS	NEW BRIGHTON Cassidy-Lafayette Senior Center 125 Cassidy Pl Staten Island 10301 Mon-Fri: 8a - 4p PCR
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PARTNER MOBILE TESTING VANS
Days/times vary; check each site for ages served. Rapid Antigen OR PCR tests are available. Due to parking issues, vans may be within 1-2 blocks away. Some sites offer testing & vaccines.

STAPLETON Mon-Tue Jan 3-4: 8a-6p NYCHA Stapleton 214 Broad St Staten Island 10304 PCR+Rapid Antigen; Age 4+	PRINCE'S BAY Mon-Sun, Jan 3-9: 8a-7p Wolfe's Pond Park (Parking Lot) Wolfe's Pond Park Chester St Staten Island 10312 PCR+Rapid Antigen; Age 4+	NEW SPRINGVILLE Thu, Jan 6: 9a-6p Aur Torah Sephardic Minyan and Jewish Council of Staten Island 1180 Rockland Ave Staten Island 10314 Rapid Antigen; Age 2+
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STAPLETON HEIGHTS Mon-Sun, Jan 3-9: 9a-6p Tappen Park Bay St. and Water St. Staten Island 10304 Rapid Antigen; Age 2+	ARROCHAR Mon-Sun, Jan 3-9: 9a-6p Former St. Johns Villa HS 57 Cleveland Place Staten Island 10305 Rapid Antigen; Age 2+	RICHMONDTOWN Mon-Thu, Jan 3-6: 8a-7p NYPL - Richmondtown Library 200 Clarke Ave Staten Island 10306 PCR+Rapid Antigen; Age 4+
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OAKWOOD Fri-Sun, Jan 7-9: 8a-7p Gerard P. Dugan Playground 280 Mill Rd Staten Island 10306 PCR+Rapid Antigen; Age 4+		
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SALIVA SELF-TEST PCR SITES (Mt. Sinai Microsite)
Age 4 & older. Days and times vary.

ST. GEORGE Tue & Thu, Jan 4 & 6: 9:30a-3:30p Next Step Resources and Recovery Center 56 Bay Street Staten Island 10301	PORT RICHMOND Mon, Jan 3: 9a-6p Tue & Thu, Jan 4 & 6: 9:30a-4:30p Community Health Action of Staten Island (CHASI) Harm Reduction Center 186 Port Richmond Ave Staten Island 10302	PORT RICHMOND Wed, Jan. 5: 9:30a-4:30p CHASI Food Pantry 2134 Richmond Terrace Staten Island 10302
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****NYS TESTING SITE****
 Central Family Life Center
 59 Wright Street
 Staten Island, NY 10304
 HOURS: Mon-Sat, 9a - 5p

2. MetroPlusHealth would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to their NYC Residence Career Fair & Health Awareness Event in partnership with Policy Research International, Jobs-Plus, EQUUS, WFS and Muslim Sisters of Staten Island.



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International
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PLUS**
Equus

J
Jamaican & Caribbean
Community Services
of Staten Island

MetroPlusHealth

**MetroPlus Health in partnership with Policy Research International,
Jobs-Plus Equus WS and Muslim Sisters of S.I. invites you to join us for a Career
Fair and Health Awareness with Immigration information:**

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3. **The BJ House of Community and Little Essentials Presents Family Workshop to offer support and parenting education to families in need.**



**BJ HOUSE OF COMMUNITY
& LITTLE ESSENTIALS
PRESENTS
FAMILY WORKSHOP**






**Jan.
18, 2022**



6:30 P.M

Come learn about the different programs/ workshops
Little Essentials offers family support and parenting
education to families in need.

For more info OR to register:
Contact Jamilah @ 718.442.0923
Email: info@baituljamaat.com



4. **The BJ House Community - Mobile Pantry will come right to your door. Every first Wednesday of each month, every Tuesday, and every 3rd Saturday of each month.**



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MOBILE *Pantry* FOOD

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Box contains Fresh Veggies and Fruits

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TO REGISTER CALL: 718-442-0923
or email baituljamaat@gmail.com
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE AT
www.baituljamaat.com

5. The Forest Ave. Community Fridge is a group from Mariners Harbor looking to help out our community with Food Insecurity.

@FORESTAVECOMEUNITYFRIDGE

WHO ARE WE?

We are a collaborative group, born and raised on the North Shore, who are passionate about addressing the health food disparity in our neighborhood of Mariners Harbor. The foundation of our initiative is "take what you need, leave what you don't" and "we keep us fed and healthy!" – in hopes of **creating a culture of unity, interdependence, community restoration and empowerment** in Mariners Harbor.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?

A Community Fridge is a fridge that provides **free and healthy food** for community members. The fridges offer access to fresh produce, healthy grains and perishable items to communities that do not have a lot of access to healthy food options.



HOW CAN MY BUSINESS HELP?

Your business can help by donating surplus food to our fridge or allowing us to purchase food at reduced costs.

WHY SHOULD MY BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION CARE ABOUT A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?

In recent political and racial events, many businesses and organizations are looking for ways to fight against racial inequity. Community fridges represent mutual aid – the idea that solidarity not charity is what communities need in order to become fairer and stronger. By donating food to our fridge, your business will be taking part in our ongoing movement for creating justice – first within our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles D. Fall". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Charles D. Fall
Member of Assembly

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