



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*Wishing those who celebrate, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Kwanzaa!*

*Thank you to our generous neighbors who have donated hundreds of toys to the collection for the New York Center for Children serving the survivors of child abuse. Due to the great generosity, and large donations, we spread holiday cheer with a donation of toys, books and board games with the Isaac's Center.*

*As a reminder, our district community office will be closed in observation of Christmas on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for a legal State government holiday and will re-open on Monday, December 28 at 9:30am.*

***There will be no face-covering giveaway on Thursday, December 24.*** Please contact our office if you are in need of PPE.

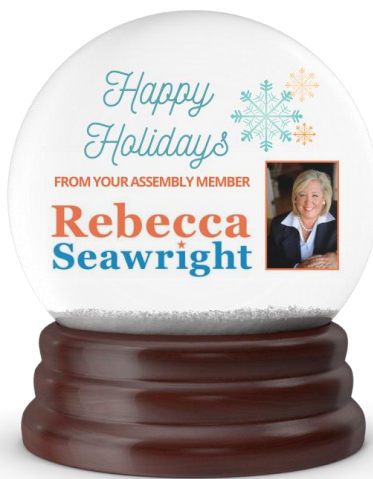
*Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.*

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**Email: [SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov)**

Sincerely,

*Rebecca*



## Giving to the New York Center for Children

### Toys, Books and Board Games Collected for Children in Need



*Philanthropist Jean Shafiroff and Assembly Member Seawright help wrap the toys donated by neighbors.*

Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors on the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island, the families of the New York Center for Children will have a bright holiday and a new toy to enjoy! New York Center for Children provides therapy services to the victims of child abuse and their families. Special thanks to all the volunteers and all those who work hard at the Center to provide critical services all year round.



Seawright touring the center with NYCC Medical Director Dr. Katherine Teets Grimm.



Seawright dropping off toys at the Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center with La Keesha Taylor and her children and Sandra Coleman.

### **Assembly Member Seawright Delivers Holiday Gifts Donated by Constituents for Needy Children**

The holiday spirit is alive and well as constituents stepped forward and donated new and unwrapped books, toys, and board games for the families and children in need.

Constituents dropped off holiday presents to our district storefront office on York Avenue and 79 St. during the annual month of December toy drive.

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## **COVID19 Guidance and Resources**



# COVID-19 RENT RELIEF EXTENSION PROGRAM

Has been extended through **February 1, 2021**

The program offers a one-time rental subsidy for eligible households that is sent directly to their landlords. Renters do not need to repay this subsidy, which applies to the coverage period of April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.



## To be eligible, new applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must have lost income during the coverage period of April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.
- Before March 7, 2020, household income must have been at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), which is adjusted for household size.
- Households must have been rent burdened during the coverage period.

**Previous applicants do not need to reapply.**  
The state Division of Housing and Community Renewal (HCR) will reevaluate all applications that were previously denied.

Visit [hcr.ny.gov/rrp](https://hcr.ny.gov/rrp) to apply or learn more.

To access forms in multiple languages, visit [hcr.ny.gov/rrp-extension-translated-information](https://hcr.ny.gov/rrp-extension-translated-information).

For help, contact the call center:  
833-499-0318, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F  
[covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov)

**New York's Wadsworth Laboratory has begun aggressive research of the new, more contagious COVID-19 strain discovered in the U.K.** Already, Wadsworth has looked at more than 3,700 virus sequences identified in New York. It has yet to find the U.K. variant present in any of the random samples. Additionally, Wadsworth and the Department of Health have made agreements with six hospitals from across the State to obtain additional samples for further research and are making arrangements with other hospitals to do the same.

**The COVID-19 Vaccine Is Here! To date, 50,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered throughout New York.**

[Sign up here to receive the latest information on the COVID19 vaccine.](#)

**[COVID-19 Vaccine Website](#) and ["What New Yorkers Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines"](#)**

**New York State health insurers will be instructed to cover COVID-19 vaccinations**

The New York State Department of Financial Services issued a letter to New York-regulated health insurers directing them to immediately cover, without cost-sharing, approved COVID-19 immunizations and administrations.

## **NYS HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF COVID RENT RELIEF PROGRAM THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Applications for COVID Rent Relief Program Available Online at [HCR.NY.GOV/RRP](https://www.hcr.ny.gov/rrp).  
Previous Applicants Do Not Have to Reapply to Receive Consideration

### **The deadline to sign up for a health plan through NY State of Health has been extended**

New Yorkers have two more weeks (until [December 31](#)) to enroll in a health plan that begins on [January 1](#). "As the pandemic continues, it is especially important for New Yorkers to have access to high-quality, affordable health insurance," said Donna Frescatore, NY State of Health Executive Director. [Visit their website](#) or call [1-855-355-5777](tel:1-855-355-5777) to enroll.

### **Get Food NYC**

Find resources across the city, including FREE food pantries and Grab & Go meals at NYC Schools, available for all children or adults in need, as well as grocery stores and farmer's markets locations. [nyc.gov/getfood](https://www.nyc.gov/getfood)  
[Click here for an updated resource sheet.](#)

### **ACCESS HRA Public Aid**

City-wide portal for NYC residents to determine their eligibility for more than 30 economic programs and benefits including food, work, money, housing, rent assistance and more. [access.nyc.gov](https://www.access.nyc.gov)

### **NYC WELL Mental Health Services**

COVID-19 can be stressful for you, your loved ones and your friends. It is natural to feel overwhelmed, sad, anxious and afraid. [Get help here.](#)

### **Expiration dates on driver's licenses that expired after February pushed to 2021**

Driver's license expiration dates have been pushed back to January 1, 2021. If you have a New York State Driver's License or permit with an expiration date after March 1, 2020, it is still valid until January 1, 2021. This extended an Executive Order that granted people whose licenses expired during the pandemic more time to renew.

### **The New York City Alternate Side Parking Calendar is Available.**

### **NYC Small Business Resource Network**

To accelerate the recovery of small businesses, the [NYC Small Business Resource Network](#) offers free, personalized, one-on-one assistance for small business owners.

### **Commercial Lease Program**

If your business needs help with a commercial lease issue in New York City, you may be eligible for free legal services. [nyc.gov/commlease](https://www.nyc.gov/commlease)

### **Private residences**

Indoor and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to no more than 10 people under NY State Executive Order 202.74. Social distancing, face covering, and cleaning and disinfecting protocols are [required by the NYS Department of Health](#).

### **Holiday Season**

[Click here for a tip sheet on how to stay safe this holiday season.](#)

### **Not-for-profits**

Guidance for Conducting Virtual Meetings of Members of New York not-for-profit corporations. [Click here for the information from the Office of the New York State Attorney General regarding annual meetings.](#)

### **Additional Resources**

\*NEW\* COVID-19 Vaccines:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page>

### **COVID-19 Testing FAQ (includes definitions on diff types of tests):**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/covid-19-testing-faq.pdf>

**Advisory for New Yorkers at Higher Risk of Severe COVID-19 (different languages here):** <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-advisory-severe-covid.pdf>

### **Holiday Guidance (Do Not Travel, Do Not Gather):**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-safer-holidays.pdf>

### **Complete List of NYC H+H Test Sites (updated weekly):**

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>

**Latest Testing Recommendations:**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-testing-recommendations.pdf>

**NYC COVID-19 Zone Map Lookup:**

<https://nyc.gov/covidzone>

**Localized Zone Restrictions:**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-localized-restrictions.pdf>

**NYC DOHMH COVID-19 Data Portal:**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page>

**NYC DOE Daily COVID Case Map:**

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety/daily-covid-case-map>

**NYC DOE Health & Safety Regulations:**

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety>

**Guidance on Preventing Household Transmission: (COVID-19 Providers Dear Colleagues Letter)**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/providers/covid-19-providers-dear-colleague-updates-11302020.pdf>



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## Holiday Meal Programs 2020

### Everyday:

The Bowery Mission  
227 Bowery  
8:00am and 1:00pm  
Grab and go

### Monday 12/21

All Souls Church  
Monday Night  
Hospitality  
1157 Lexington Ave  
(between 79<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup>)  
5:30-7:00pm  
Grab and go

### Tuesday 12/22

St. James' Church  
865 Madison Ave  
(between 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup>)  
12:00pm

New York Common  
Pantry  
8 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Madison and Fifth)  
1:30-3:30pm  
Holiday grab and go

The Urban Outreach  
Center  
1745 1st Avenue  
(between 90<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup>)  
5:00pm

### Wednesday 12/23

New York Common  
Pantry  
8 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Madison and Fifth)  
1:30-3:30pm  
Grab and go lunch with toiletry kits, sleeping bags, and winter coats while supplies last.

Church of the Epiphany  
1393 York Avenue  
(between 74<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup>)  
6:00-7:30pm  
Grab and go

### Thursday 12/24

New York Common  
Pantry  
8 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Madison and Fifth)  
4:00pm  
Brown bag lunches

### Friday 12/25

Holy Apostles Soup  
Kitchen  
296 Ninth Ave  
(on the corner of 28<sup>th</sup> St)  
10:30am-12:30pm  
Grab and go

Goddard Riverside  
Community Center  
593 Columbus Ave  
(between 88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup>)  
12:00-3:00pm

New York Common  
Pantry  
8 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Madison and Fifth)  
4:00pm  
Brown bag lunches

### Saturday 12/26

The Manhattan Church of  
Christ  
48 E 80<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Park and Madison)  
9:00am-12:00pm  
Grab and go meal and toiletry gift bags

New York Common  
Pantry  
8 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Madison and Fifth)  
4:00pm  
Brown bag lunches

*Masks and social distancing required*

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**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**  
**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. JANUARY 5**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL  
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST  
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE  
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A  
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE  
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**



**SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607  
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

**RSVP HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC**

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**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT  
PROTECTIVE  
FACE MASK  
GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021  
12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE  
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[RSVP Face Mask Giveaway](#)

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**OUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF  
CHRISTMAS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 &  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**FOR A LEGAL STATE GOVERNMENT  
HOLIDAY  
AND WILL RE-OPEN ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 AT 9:30 AM.**

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