



The COVID-19 Pandemic uprooted our daily lives. During this uncertain time, my office is able to offer information of where best to turn to solve problems that arise.

I am proud to say in the past 3 months, the staff in my office dealt with more than 1,000 calls, many regarding the backlog of unemployment benefits. While we are unable to solve every issue, our persistence and connections with local and state government offices helped many local residents receive answers. Our efforts have been recognized in the local media, as well as on social media.

As we navigate these uncertain times, please know we are still here working for you. Contact us by phone or email, if we can be of assistance.

Stay Safe,  
**Assemblyman  
 Bill Magnarelli**

**Unemployment Backlog Persists,  
 Some Claimants Receiving Benefits**

*“It wasn’t until she contacted  
 Assemblymen Bill Magnarelli’s Office that  
 she said her persistence finally paid off.”*

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 serves our community by  
 helping those in need

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is committed to helping  
 you connect with needed  
 support resources during  
 these uncertain times.

**Look inside**  
 for important  
 COVID-19  
 updates and  
 resources



# COVID-19 Information and Resources

Stay informed and learn about resources available during the COVID-19 crisis:

- **New York State Department of Health:**  
888-364-3065 | [www.ny.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ny.gov/coronavirus)  
Visit [now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates](http://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates) to sign up for email updates from the state Department of Health.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html)
- **Mental Health Hotline:** For free and confidential emotional support, consultation and referral to a local provider, call: 1-844-863-9314
- **New York State Domestic Violence Hotline:**  
1-800-942-6906
- **Child Care Resources for Parents and Providers:**  
[www.ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare](http://www.ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare)

## Local Resources

- **Vera House** serves the Central New York Community for Domestic Abuse Services:  
(315) 425-0818 or [www.verahouse.org](http://www.verahouse.org)
- **McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center** serves the Onondaga Community by helping abused children:  
(315) 701-2985 or [www.mcmahonryan.org](http://www.mcmahonryan.org)

As always, please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns:

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## State and Federal COVID-19 Resources

### Unemployment Insurance

If you've lost employment because of the COVID-19 crisis and need help paying your bills, call 1-888-209-8124 or visit [labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm](http://labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm). The federal CARES Act provides enhanced UI benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers. Visit [labor.ny.gov/ui/cares-act.shtm](http://labor.ny.gov/ui/cares-act.shtm) to learn more.

### Federal CARES Act

- Authorizes recovery checks for U.S. taxpayers, which are being sent out now. If you have not received your check, visit [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments).
- New York small businesses are eligible for emergency loans to help retain employees. Go here for more info: [www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources](http://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources).
- All private insurance plans are required to cover COVID-19 treatments and vaccines and all coronavirus tests are free.
- Funding is provided for hospitals, community centers and food banks.

### Sick and Paid Leave Benefits Are Available

New state law provides sick leave and benefits to isolated or quarantined workers. To learn how much you qualify for, visit [paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/COVID19](http://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/COVID19).

### SNAP Benefits

To help New Yorkers provide for their families, the state made \$200 million in emergency funding available to expand SNAP benefits, enabling all eligible recipients to receive the maximum benefit amount in April. Visit [otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19](http://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19) for more information.

### Department of Motor Vehicles

The state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has closed all offices, but many essential services can still be found online. DMV staff are also available by phone to answer questions. To help New Yorkers avoid potential hardship, the DMV has extended any driver's licenses, non-driver identification, vehicle registration, 45-day temporary registration issued by auto dealers or yearly vehicle inspections to expire March 1 or after until further notice. Visit [www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov) or call 518-486-9786 to learn more.

## Vital COVID-19 Updates



### Tax Day

The deadline for filing both your state and federal taxes has been moved from **April 15** to **July 15**.

### Be Counted in the Census!

New York needs a complete census count so we get our fair share of federal funding for everything from hospitals to public schools. Respond by mail, by phone or online. Visit [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) to fill out the questionnaire online or learn more.



### Blood Donation

The Red Cross is calling on eligible donors to do their part and help prevent blood shortages. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767.



### June Regents Canceled

To protect the health and safety of students and teachers, all June Regents exams are canceled. Graduation requirements have also been adjusted to ensure students aren't adversely impacted by this necessary change.



**New York's essential workers are working hard every day to provide critical services and keep our state moving forward. We'll always have their backs.**

Information accurate as of 4/27/20.