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## **New Temporary Hospital Sites in NY**

### ***Amid Coronavirus Pandemic***

Alternate side parking extended until April 14th; additional park closures; new hospital online portal; additional ambulances sent to NYC; more inmates released and more!

**NYS Confirmed: 75,795**  
**NYS deaths: 1,550**  
**NYC confirmed: 43,139**  
**Brooklyn confirmed: 11,160**

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**



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- Governor Cuomo is launching a **new online portal** to connect hospitals to volunteer healthcare workers. This will help prioritize sending healthcare workers to hospitals with the greatest healthcare worker need.
- There is an additional **mobile testing site** at the Bay Plaza AMC Theater in the Bronx. Site is by **Appointment only**.

- **Three new sites** identified as emergency bed sites:
  - South Beach Psychiatric Center in Staten Island
  - Westchester Square in the Bronx
  - Health Alliance in Ulster County
- Ordered **17,000 ventilators** from China at **\$25,000 each**.
- Total hospitalizations: **10,929**.

For more information visit [here](#).

### NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- **Alternate Side Parking** suspended for 2 more weeks until **April 14th**.
- **10** playgrounds **closed today**.
- Construction site **closure** to be **enforced**.
- **250** additional **ambulances** to arrive in NYC from across the country.

- **500** additional EMTs coming to NYC, **270** already here.
- The **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center** is a newly built temporary hospital that will take the pressure off of Elmhurst Hospital. Starting next week it will have **350 beds** with necessary staffing equipment. This hospital will treat **COVID-19 patients**.
- **2,000 nurses** have been added to NYC Health and Hospitals
- Sending out today:
  - **3 million** masks to hospitals
  - **800,000** N95 Masks
  - **100,000** face shields
- **900** inmates have been released.
- NYC has **1/4** of all cases in the country.

### CENTRAL PARK HOSPITAL SITE



Photo Credit: ABC7 NY

Today, a **68-bed hospital** opened in Central Park. This hospital site will provide care for " **patients seriously ill with COVID-**

**19.** " The field hospital has **14 tents** and will receive patients first from **Mount Sinai Brooklyn and Mount Sinai Queens**. For more information visit [here](#).

## PULSE OXIMETER



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The **Pulse Oximeter** is a **device** sold at local drug stores to **test** an individual's **oxygen level** at home. This device,

"can help coronavirus patients suffering from shortness of breath determine the severity of their ailment and decide whether or not to seek medical attention to receive supplemental oxygen." For more information visit [here](#).

## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS CHART

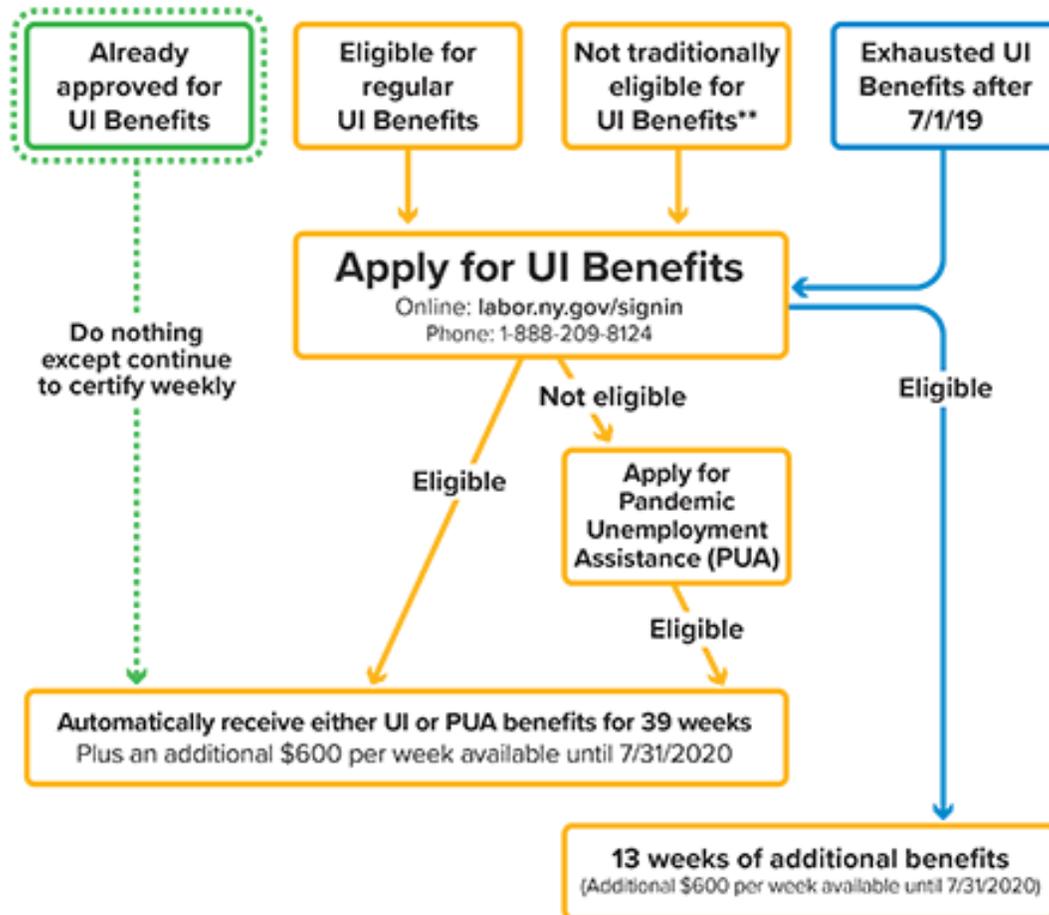


Photo Credit: NYS Department of Labor

On March 27th, President Trump signed the **CARES Act**. The above chart explains **how to determine if you are eligible for unemployment benefits**. To apply visit [here](#).

What you may qualify to receive:

- **39 weeks** of UI benefits.
  - An additional **\$600/week** until 7/31/2020.
- For more information visit [here](#).

## FOOD ASSISTANCE



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**Human Resource Administration** Application **re-certification deadlines are postponed!** Benefits will continue. For more information visit [here](#).

**HRA's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)** provides funding to "more than 500 community kitchens and food pantries citywide." For more information visit [here](#) or call the Emergency FoodLine at 866-888-8777.

## DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES



# NEW YORK STATE

## Department of Motor Vehicles

### COVID-19 adjustments

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has closed all offices to slow the spread of COVID-19. While in-person services are unavailable for the time being, many essential services can still be found online, and DMV staff are available by phone to answer any questions.

- New Yorkers can access many services online, such as renewing licenses and vehicle registrations, changing an address, obtaining driving records or resolving New York City traffic tickets
- Driver's license and permit tests, road tests, salvage vehicle appointments and other services that require in-person visits have been canceled
- Enhanced Driver's License applications have been put on hold due to federal requirements for in-person processing
- Mechanics have been deemed essential businesses for necessary vehicle repairs and maintenance

**To help New Yorkers avoid potential hardship, the DMV has extended any driver's licenses, non-driver identification, vehicle registration or 45-day temporary registration issued by auto dealers due to expire March 1 or after until further notice. Yearly vehicle inspections that are due to expire are also extended indefinitely.**

**The DMV is urging New Yorkers to be patient during this time as DMV employees are working hard to answer any questions residents may have. For questions about what services the DMV is currently offering, go to [www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov) or call 518-486-9786.**

## CENSUS DAY

**LET'S GET COUNTED!**

The Census determines everything from the funding we get for public services to our state's congressional representation. Participate in the 2020 Census!

**#GetCountedNY**



Photo Credit: New York State

Census Day is observed nationwide on **April 1st**. By this date, every home should have received an invitation to complete the 2020 Census. If you have not yet filled out the Census, you can fill it out [here](#).

**THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS**



**You do tough  
work that helps  
stop the spread  
of disease.**

**Thank you  
sanitation workers.**

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During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. This week we thank our **Sanitation Workers** for keeping our communities clean.

**AVOID SCAMS**



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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dewp](https://www.nyc.gov/dewp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office, fill 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 ). NYC residents should call (844-692-4692 ).

## **Volunteer to Support**

**Others:** [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare\\_workers](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 .

Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit [here](#).

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19**



# What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

## Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

## Separate yourself from other people in your home

As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

## Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

## Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

## Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, immediately clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

## Clean your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

## Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water.

## Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>.

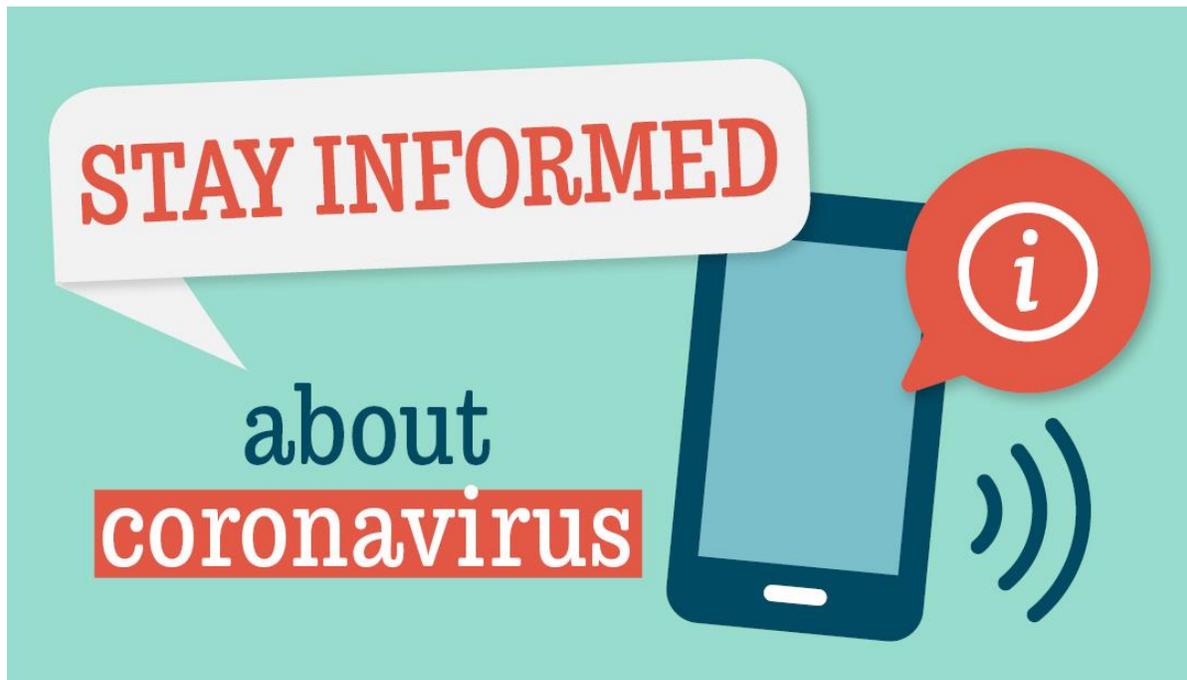
## Discontinuing home isolation

Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Current information on COVID-19 is limited; home precautions are conservative and based on general recommendations for other diseases, like Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

**STAY INFORMED**



Health officials are working tirelessly to protect public health and contain this virus. And, as your representative in Albany, I am working to ensure that our state is putting the health and safety of our families first.

Remember COVID-19 can affect any community and we must stand by one another during this time, not alienate, threaten or discriminate against others.

For questions you can also reach out to the New York State's novel coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065**. For continuous updates, you can visit the following websites:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

*The CDC also now has the option for you to sign up for weekly updates on COVID-19.*

New Yorkers Can Sign Up for Email Updates [Here](#) and Ask

Questions About COVID-19 [Here](#)

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [Here](#)

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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.**

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