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COVID-19 Updates



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Guidelines Established for Consideration of Regional Re-Opening

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

NYS Marketplace extends special enrollment; Additional face coverings; iPads for non-public schools; Nursing Homes survey; And More!

NYS Confirmed: 318,953
NYS Deaths: 19,415
NYC Confirmed: 175,651
Brooklyn Confirmed: 47,183

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO

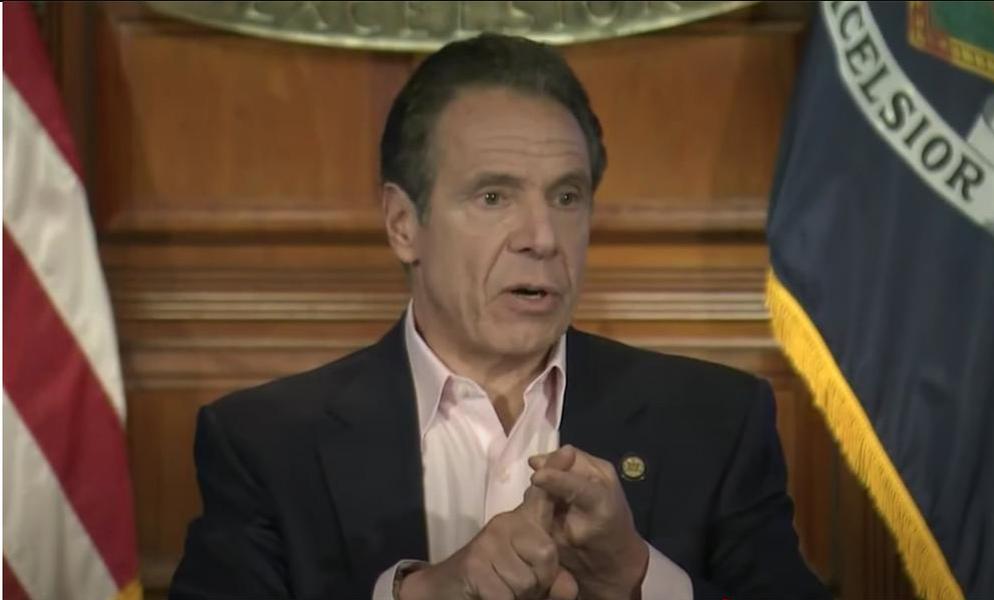


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- Governor Cuomo announced plans to re-open New York State which will be on a regional basis. There are **four core factors** that will determine if a region is ready to re-open: new infection rate, healthcare capacity, diagnostic testing capacity, and contact tracing capacity.
 - **New Infections:** per CDC guidelines, regions must have at least **14 days of decline** in total net hospitalization and deaths on a 3-day rolling average. Regions where there are a few COVID-19 cases, there can be no more than **15 net new total hospitalizations** or **5 new deaths** on a 3-day rolling average. Region must have fewer than two new COVID-19 patients admitted per 100,000 residents per day.
 - **Health Care Capacity:** Region must have a total hospital and ICU bed capacity of **30%** available. Each hospital must have at least a **90-day** supply of PPEs.
 - **Diagnostic Testing Capacity:** Region must have capacity to conduct **30** diagnostic tests **per 1000 residents per month**.
 - **Contact Tracing Capacity:** Region must have a baseline of **30** contact tracers **per 100,000 residents**, and additional tracers based on projected number of future cases.
- Phased re-opening of businesses:
 - **Phase 1:** construction; manufacturing and wholesale supply chain; select retail (curbside pickup)
 - **Phase 2:** professional services; finance and insurance; retail; administrative support; real estate/rental leasing

- **Phase 3:** restaurants/food services; hotels/accommodations
- **Phase 4:** arts/entertainment/recreation; education
- Outline of **Safety Precautions** for businesses to have in place prior to re-open:
 - Adjust workplace hours to reduce density;
 - Enact social distancing protocols;
 - Restrict non-essential travel for employees;
 - When in frequent contact, employees and customers must wear masks;
 - Enact health screening process for individuals to enter workplace;
 - Trace, track and report cases; and
 - Develop liability processes.
- **New York State Marketplace** special enrollment will **remain open through June 15, 2020**
- For more information click [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



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- Mayor de Blasio announced that New York City will increase the distribution of face coverings to the public. A total of **7.5 million face coverings will be distributed**.
 - **5 million** 3-ply face coverage (reusable if they remain dry)

- **2.5 million** cloth face coverings (reusable)
- face coverings will be distributed at parks, Grab and Go meal sites, Staten Island Ferry, NYCHA and Mitchell-Lama buildings, grocery stores, and other areas where social distancing will be enforced.
- **iPads** will be offered for free to **students with disabilities** that are in **non-public schools**. Approximately **35,000** students have been identified as eligible. For more information to obtain an iPad click [here](#).
- Mayor de Blasio was pleased to report that **all three tracking indicators were down** which is a good sign: admissions (88), ICUs (632), and confirmed tests citywide (17%).

AARP NURSING HOME SURVEY



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AARP is conducting a **survey** to obtain information about the **operations within nursing homes**. Individuals who have loved ones in a nursing home are asked to inquire with the nursing home and then report to AARP. There are **6 questions** to ask. The survey to complete may be found [here](#).

BUSINESS



NYS Senator James Sanders Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banks
Presents a Roundtable Discussion

Public Banking: An Alternative Solution to Restart the Economy Post COVID-19

Co-Sponsors

Senators:

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Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - 3 p.m. - Facebook Live
[Facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/](https://www.facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/)

Panelists



Emma Chappell - First African American Woman in United States to Start a Commercial Bank Member, Advisory Board of the Public Banking Institute



Dr. Amara Enyia - Public Policy Expert on City & State Policy as well as International Affairs Member, Advisory Board of the Public Banking Institute



Michael Hudson - President of The Institute for the Study of Long-Term Economic Trends (ISLET), Distinguished Research Professor of Economics at the University of Missouri, Published Author, and Economic Advisor to the US and Foreign Governments



Jamie Tyberg - Development Director with New York Communities for Change, Steering Committee Member of the Public Bank NYC coalition



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
joins

Senator James Sanders Jr.
for a virtual

" Roundtable Discussion on Public Banking: An Alternative Solution to Restart the Economy Post COVID-19".

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3pm.

Access by Facebook live

at [facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/](https://www.facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/)

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



The month of May is **National Military Appreciation Month**. This year, we have so much to be appreciative for.

The United States has often been told of the might of its military. But when they are actually called to duty to execute whatever task that is placed before them with precision, it is an **amazing feeling of pride**. The military has partnered with healthcare workers and the government to battle the Coronavirus which has plagued our nation and the world. We owe a **debt of gratitude** to each and every one of them and to all other military personnel who are ready every day to protect our country.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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42nd Assembly District



FLATBUSH AVENUE WALK-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITE

*This testing site is **by appointment only**.*

You **must** contact the
NYS Department of Health
at **1-888-364-3065** to
schedule an appointment.

Brookdale Family Care Center

1095 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

For more information about this or any community concern,
contact Assemblymember Bichotte's district office
718-940-0428 | bichotter@nyassembly.gov | www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District**. **You must make an appointment before visiting the center or you will be turned away.** To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.



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42nd Assembly District



Sears Parking Lot

2307 Beverley Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Testing site is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

For appointment call 888-364-3065

*If you experience symptoms or have been exposed
to someone with the virus, call your doctor*



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THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS

You work hard every day
to put food on our tables.

**Thank you
farmers.**

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Farmers** for growing and managing the food that we can't live without.

AVOID SCAMS

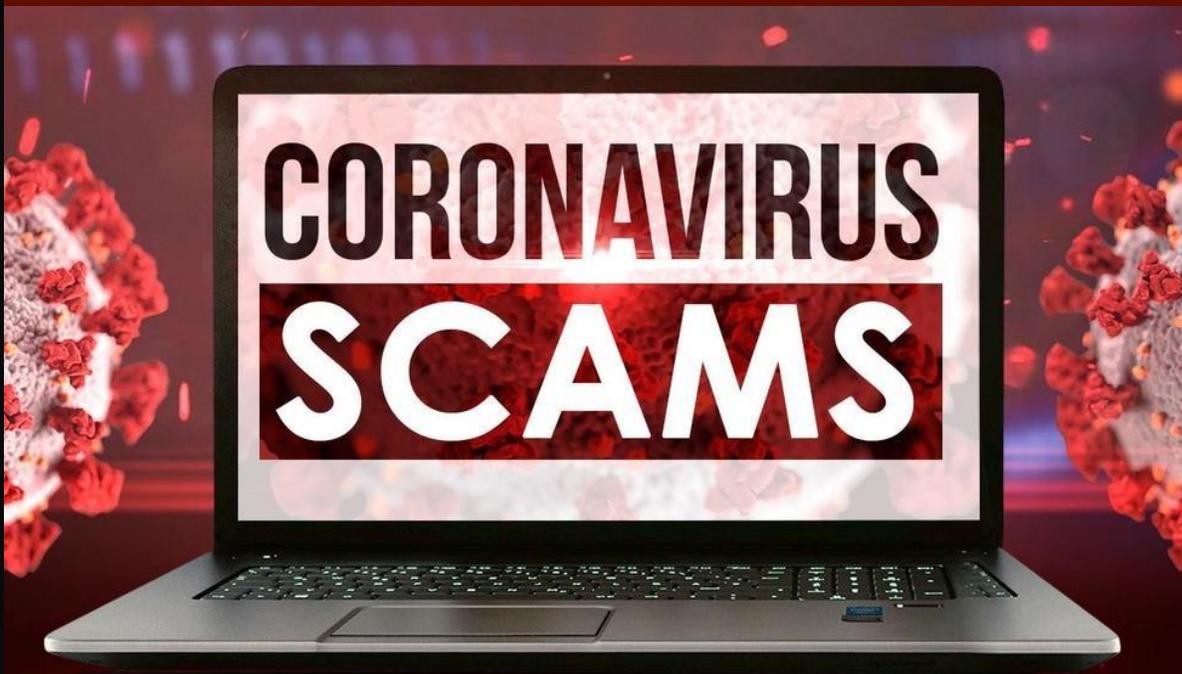


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: 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](tel:888-364-3065)). NYC residents should call ([844-692-4692](tel:844-692-4692)).

Volunteer to Support

Others: 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](#).

Immigration:

If you or a loved one is in need of free Immigration assistance, please call **CUNY Citizenship Now** at 646-664-9400 or text at 929-334-3784, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

In-District Businesses open/closed : Provided by **Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID** : Visit Flatbush Avenue Business Directory [here](#) and Church Avenue Business directory [here](#). **Businesses open/closed**: Provided by **Flatbush Development Corporation** : Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory [here](#). Includes businesses located in:

- Cortelyou Road (Coney Island Ave - Ocean Ave)
- Coney Island Avenue (Cortelyou Road - Foster Ave)
- Newkirk Plaza
- Newkirk Avenue (Coney Island Ave - Ocean Ave)
- Foster Avenue (Coney Island Ave - Ocean Ave)
- Ditmas Park

Small Businesses:

For resources on **business** grants and loans, [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

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about
coronavirus



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](#)

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 (MWBs)** , 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.**

As a current Assemblymember, District Leader, and Chair of Brooklyn Democratic Party, Rodneyse Bichotte has been an outspoken advocate on issues concerning **immigration, education, economic development, unemployment, education reform, health care access, senior citizen centers, affordable housing, school safety, women's and LGBTQ rights** , as well as other issues affecting the quality of life in the community.

Learn more about
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