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COVID-19 Updates

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NYC Mayor Lifts Citywide Curfew; Announces Police Reform

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Outdoor Graduations Allowed Starting June 26th; Mayor Announces NYPD Funds to Shift to Youth and Social Service Programs; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 378,097
NYS Deaths: 24,259
NYC Confirmed: 206,969
Brooklyn Confirmed: 57,131

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO

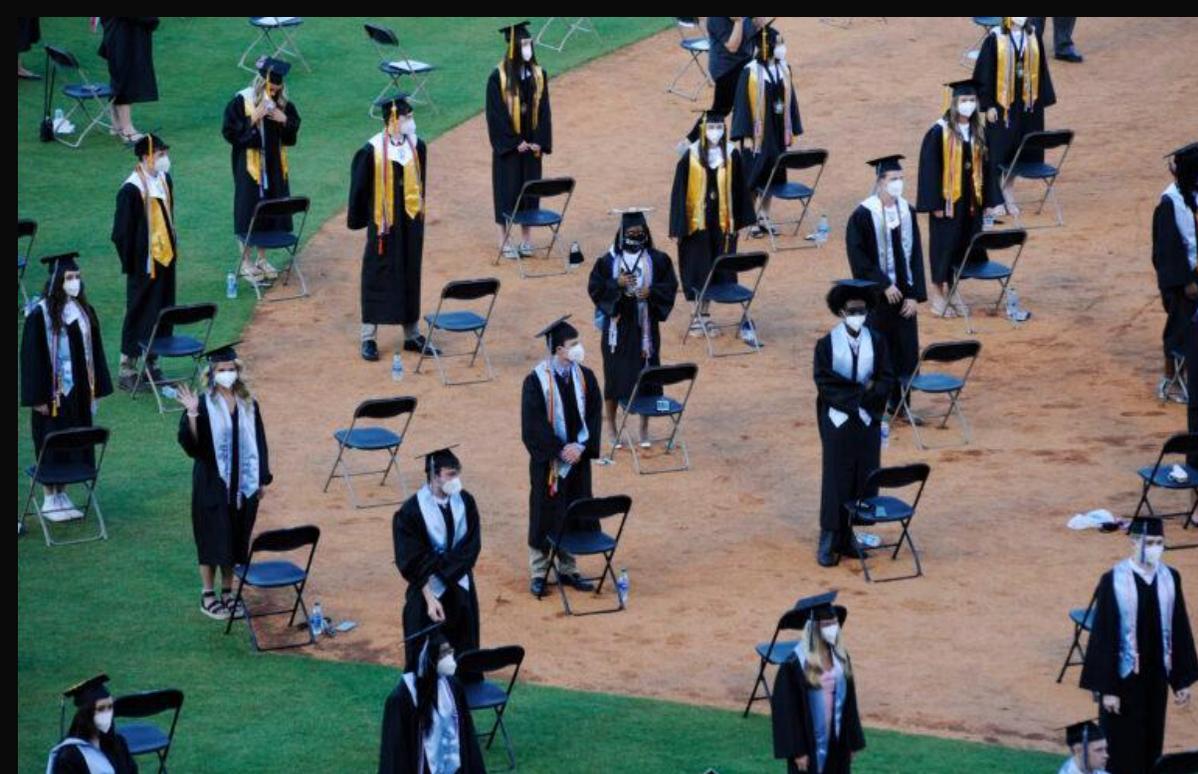


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- **Governor Cuomo** suggested that the George Floyd Reform Agenda should be a federal agenda and that it should address core inequality and injustice issues such as:
 - Education equity
 - Child poverty
 - Affordable housing
- Yesterday, **60,435** people were tested for COVID-19. Out of that total, **781** people tested positive resulting in an infection rate of **1%**. The governor indicated that this is the lowest rate since **March 16**.
 - New York State bent the curve and can advance reopening.
 - **Westchester, Rockland and Hudson Valley** is on track to enter **phase 2** of reopening on **Tuesday**.
 - **Long Island** is on track for **phase 2** on **Wednesday**.
- Today, the governor announced that NYS will now allow outdoor, socially distanced graduations of up to **150** people beginning **June 26th**.
- Furthermore, as NYC enters phase one of reopening, NYS will launch a new focused testing strategy by performing **35,000** tests per day to closely monitor the reopening.
 - NYS is prioritizing **15** testing sites across NYC for individuals who have participated in recent protests.
- **Landmarks** across the state will be lit blue and gold, this evening, in honor of **NY tough**.

- The landmarks being lit include One World Trade Center, Grand Central Terminal Bridge, Rockefeller Center, Corning Tower, Utica State Office Building, Kosciuszko Bridge, H. Carl McCall SUNY Administration Building, New York State Education Department Building, Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, New York State Fairgrounds, Niagara Falls, Olympic Ski Jumps, Olympic Center, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Oscar Durand / New York Times

- Today, **Mayor de Blasio** announced that NYC is ending its curfew, effective immediately.
 - There have been **5 days** of protests without significant property damage;
 - There were only **4** arrests, **24** summonses during yesterday's protests; and
 - NYC's restart begins tomorrow, Monday, **June 8th**.
- The mayor announced that he is **shifting funding** from the **NYPD** to **youth and social services**. Details will be worked out on budget in weeks ahead.
- The mayor indicated that he supports the **reform of 50-a** because it will provide transparency in police discipline.
- NYC will shift vending enforcement for **street vendors** out of NYPD.
 - This will further the **Taskforce of Racial Equity and Inclusion's de-escalation agenda** by

reducing interactions with uniformed officers, especially in immigrant communities and communities of color.

- The mayor announced that a civilian agency should handle the enforcement and police officers should focus on crime.
- The mayor announced that the city will implement a **NYPD Community Ambassadors** program to bring community voices into senior levels of the NYPD.
 - These community ambassadors will be hired to bring **insight** into the ongoing process;
 - Will have an obligation to **report** to families, victims and communities about issues like officer discipline and complaints; and
 - Will provide venue to **address complaints** and concerns, and ensure that these concerns are heard by NYPD leadership.

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 72 (down from **84**)
ICU admissions: 324 (down from **344**)
COVID-19 positive tests: 4% (no change)

*The city's goal is to keep new hospitalizations below **200** , ICU admissions under **375** and the percentage of positive tests below **15** .*

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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- The **U.S. Agriculture Department** has set aside **\$16 billion** for relief from economic damage caused by the coronavirus pandemic. "Now that the administration is

starting to send farmers billions of dollars in additional aid, some are questioning how the money will be allocated." Read more [here](#).

- The president ordered for National Guard units to begin withdrawing from Washington, D.C. Read more [here](#).
- A misclassification error indicated that the unemployment rate in May was actually **16.3%** and not **13.3%**. Read more [here](#).

GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS

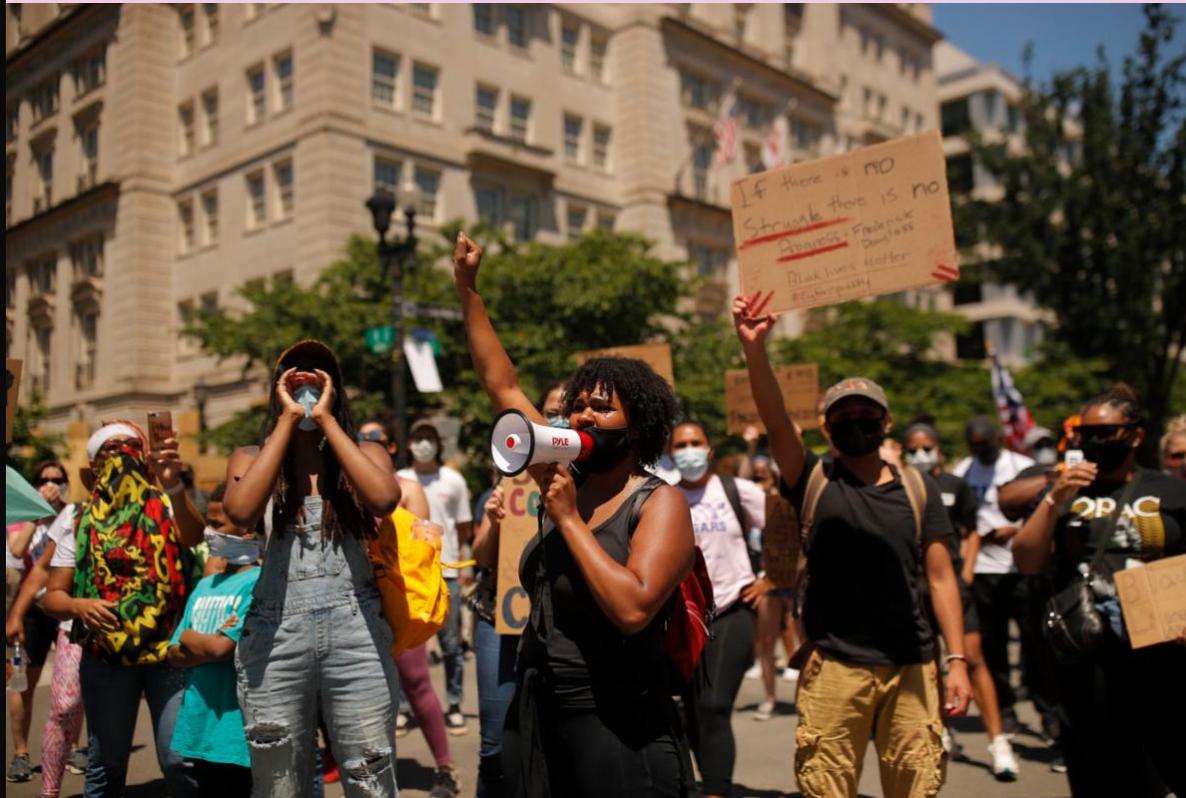


Photo Credit: Maya Alleruzzo / AP

- Two police officers were **suspended** without pay and one supervisor was reassigned due to video footage of violent misconduct toward protesters. Read more [here](#).
- A Confederate general statue was pulled down Saturday night during demonstrations in Richmond, Virginia. Read more [here](#).

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

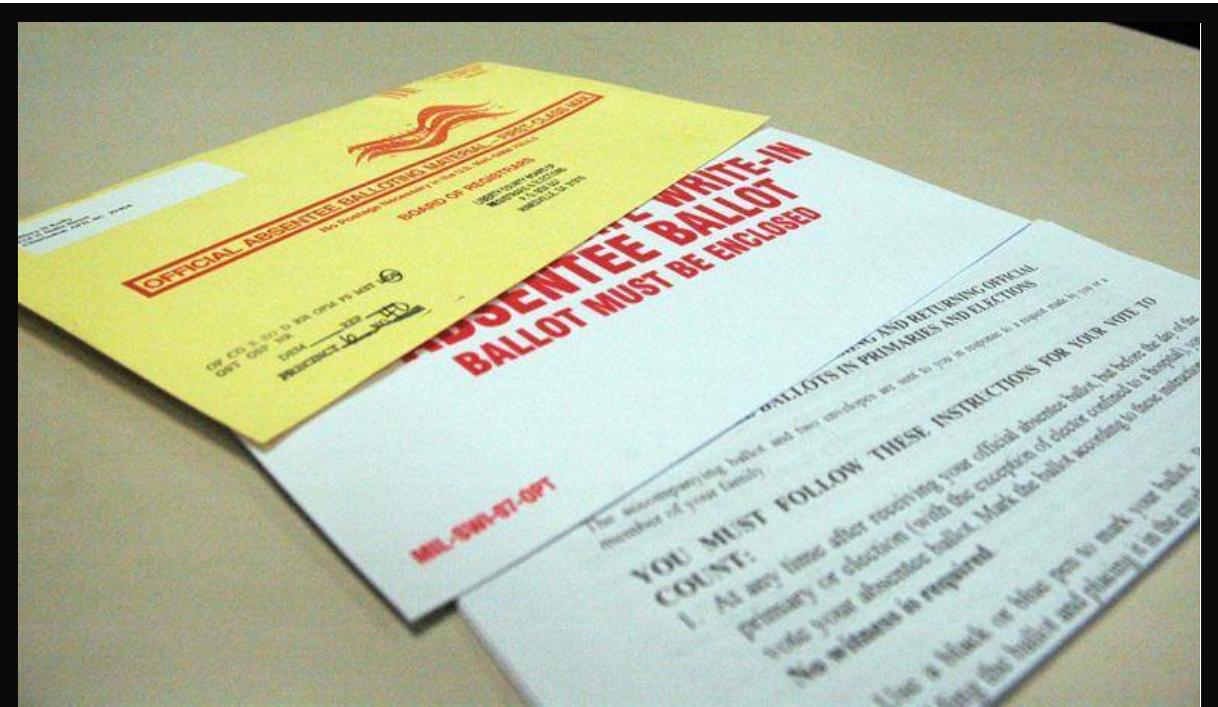


Photo Credit: U.S. Air Force/MGN

- Today, the governor signed legislation ([S.8130-D/A.10516-A](#)) to **extend the deadline** to submit **absentee ballots** until the day of the election. Therefore, to be counted, primary ballots must be postmarked **by June 23rd**. Read more [here](#).
 - If you still need to request an absentee ballot, you can do so online [here](#).

NYC HOME SUPPORT UNIT

Are you a landlord or a broker in NYC?

Get free help renting your
apartment today!



Home
Support Unit



Photo Credit: NYC Public Engagement

- NYC is assisting landlords and renters connect through the **CityFHEPS** program, a rental assistance program. For more information about leasing an apartment with CityFHEPS call the Public Engagement Unit's Home Support Line at **929-221-0047** or filling out the online form [here](#).

NYC TENANT HELP LINE

Have concerns about your lease?

Get help now! Call 311 and ask for the **Tenant Help Line** to get free help from a Tenant Support specialist.



Tenant Support Unit

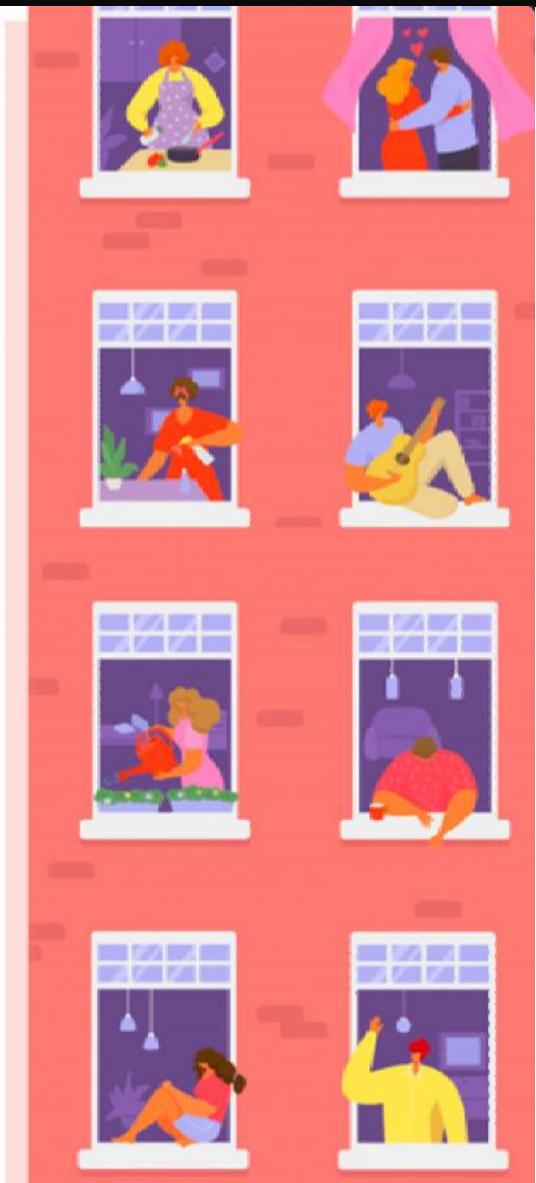


Photo Credit: NYC Public Engagement

- If you are having trouble understanding your lease, please contact the **Tenant Help Line** by dialing 311 and asking to speak to a Tenant Support specialist.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



SUSPENDED

Photo Credit: queenoftheclick

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** through **Sunday, June 21st**. Parking meters will remain in effect.

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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**MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN
CHILDREN (MIS-C)**



Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
 - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
 - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
 - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
 - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
 - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
 - Racing heart or chest pain
 - Decreased amount of frequency in urine
 - Lethargy, irritability or confusion

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



Working hard
to provide the
medication
we need.

Thank you
pharmacy workers.

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Pharmacy Workers** for their diligence in providing the right prescription and care to customers.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the **2020 Census** . The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting [here](#) or by calling [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

AVOID SCAMS

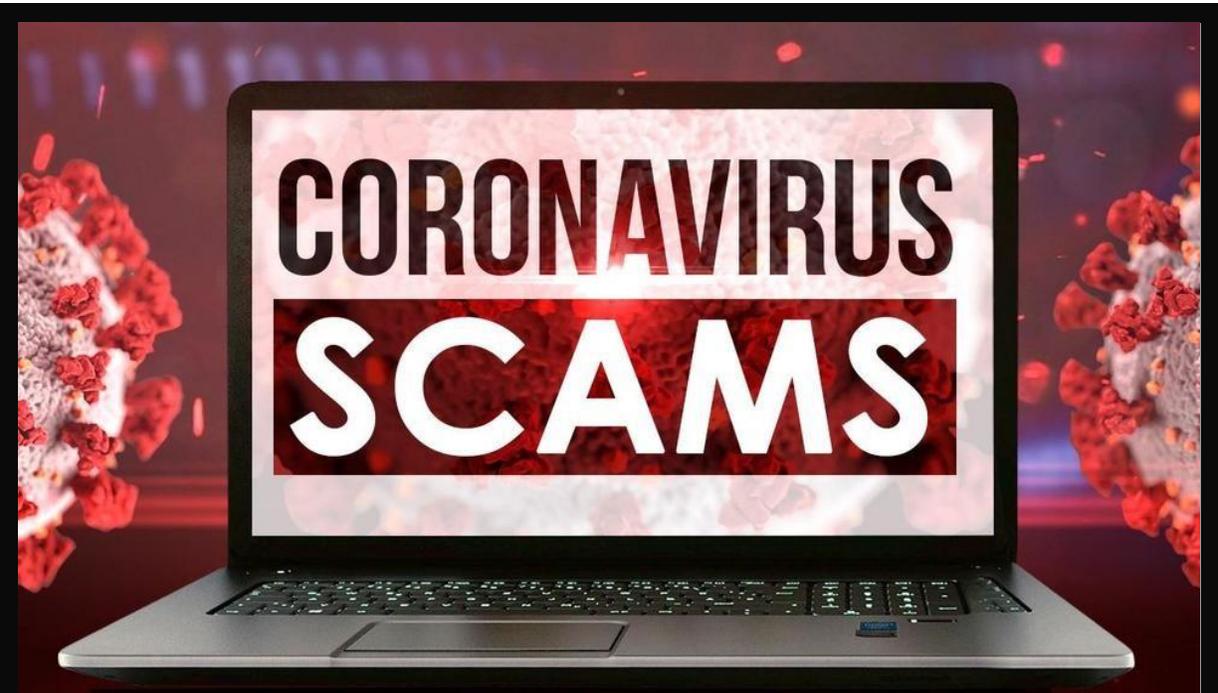


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: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

FreshDirect meals:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

undocumented immigrants with a one-time monetary emergency relief.

- \$400/individual
- \$800/couple or single parent with children
- \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children
- for more information, click [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
 - **Paycheck Protection Program** provides a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
 - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).

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 list 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

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

STAY INFORMED

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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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