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## COVID-19 Updates

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**Today Marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Day Since The First  
COVID-19 Case**

*Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

New York City Reopens Today; New Busways and Bus Lanes; MTA Accelerates Capital Projects; NYS Legislature to Pass Criminal Justice Reform; and more!

**NYS Confirmed: 378,799**  
**NYS Deaths: 24,299**  
**NYC Confirmed: 207,353**

# Brooklyn Confirmed: 57,260

## NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



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- **Governor Cuomo** announced that today marks the **100th day** since New York's first case of COVID-19.
- Today is also the **first day** New York City **reopens** for business in **Phase 1**:
  - construction for non-essential businesses;
  - retail - curbside pickup and in-store pickup where curbside not available;
  - agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; and
  - retail trade, and wholesale trade.
- Elective surgeries and ambulatory care may now resume.
- Elective outpatient treatments in counties and hospitals without significant risk of COVID-19 surge.
- The deadline for filing **property tax abatement** has been extended by 90-days, through **July 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- The governor announced that he is prepared to sign the **Criminal Justice Reform** package once it is passed by the Assembly and Senate. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **MTA** continues to make progress with adjusting to COVID-19 environment. Click [here](#) for more information.
  - Implemented the "largest and most innovative cleaning effort in its history":
    - UV light **technology** and anti-microbial treatment to **12,000** subway stations;

- Since **May 6** there has been **30,000** station **cleanings and disinfections**.
- Launched the "**Its Up To Us New York**" campaign reminding people to do their part. More information [here](#).
- Optimized on the down-time by accelerating MTA capital projects costing **\$2 billion**
  - **11** ADA stations, and **24** new elevators
  - rehab Grand Concourse station, and rehab 2/3 and 4/5 lines at Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn.
  - work will increase up to **25%** during overnight closures

### NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Todd Maisel

- Today, **Mayor de Blasio** visited the Brooklyn Navy Yard to announce the **Phase 1** opening of New York City.
  - Between **200,000** and **400,000** workers will return today.
- The mayor announced increased transportation for the city:
  - the implementation of **20** new miles of **busways** and **bus lanes**;
    - 5 new bus ways launch between June and October and will remain for a **one-year trial** (3.5 miles);
    - 3 new bus lanes (16.5 miles).

- the **Staten Island Ferry** will have **increased service** with **20** minutes during the week and **30** minutes during weekend.
- following a trial run with the **14<sup>th</sup> Street bus lanes**, the mayor announced they will now become permanent.

### NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

**New hospitalizations: 67** (down from 72 )  
**ICU admissions: 326** (up from 324)  
**COVID-19 positive tests: 3%** (down from 4%)

*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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- **President Trump** reinforced his position on law enforcement, indicating that "there won't be defunding. There won't be dismantling of our police. And there's not going to be any disbanding of our police. Our police have been letting us live in peace."
- **Press Secretary McEnany** indicated the number of new jobs added since May:
  - manufacturing jobs: 225,000
  - construction jobs: 464,000
  - leisure and hospitality jobs: 1.2 million

### POLICE REFORM BILL



Photo Credit: Hans Pennink

**Today** , the **New York State Assembly** voted to pass **Assemblymember Bichotte** and **Senator Benjamin's** bill ( [A04615](#) / [S01137A](#) ) to ban racial profiling. We are calling on the New York State Senate to pass this legislation as well.

Assemblymember Bichotte's bill requires police to **collect data** on every stop, including the reason for the stop, if an arrest was made, whether force was used and the name, age, gender and race of the person stopped. This bill also allows the affected civilian the right to **file a lawsuit against the police department** and seek **reasonable monetary compensation** in cases where officers employ these discriminatory practices.

Unfortunately, the senate has introduced a **watered-down** version of the bill that does not require police to fill out reports documenting every stop/stop-and-frisk.

You can **help us put an end to racial profiling** by contacting the Senate Majority Leader, **Andrea Stewart-Cousins** , and asking her to demand accountability and transparency from every law enforcement agency in the state. **Please ask the majority leader to make sure the full bill passes; we will not accept watered down justice.**

All you have to do is add your name and hit "send". But please, act quickly! The senate will be debating and voting on this bill **tomorrow** . To add your name, visit [here](#) and **allow** the website to open the email .

### ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



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](mailto:bichotter@nyassembly.gov) | [www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte](http://www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte)

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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*



For information on this, or any other matter, please call Assemblymember Bichotte's district office at  
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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**



*Always there when we need them.*

***Thank you***

***first responders!***

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **first responders** for getting to us when critical times call for immediate response.

**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

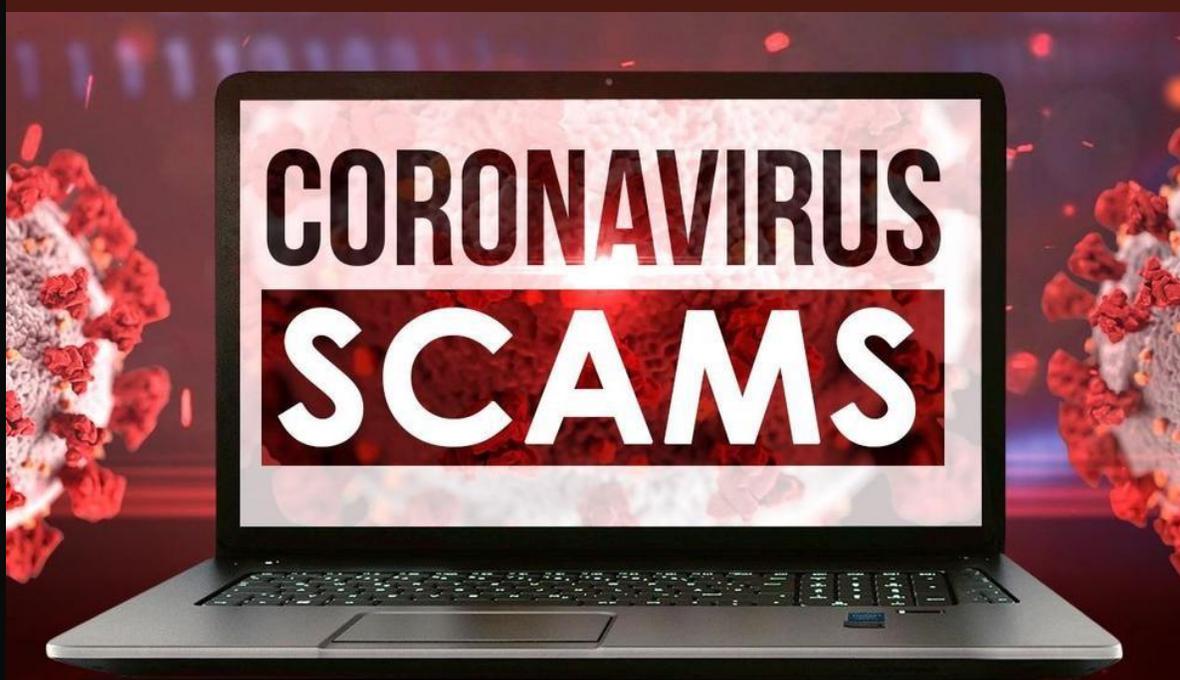


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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](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](#).

**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

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.



- \$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](http://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](#)

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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 (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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