



Assemblymember  
**RODNEYSE BICHOTTE**  
Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



## COVID-19 Updates

**As New York City opens, we will be reducing the frequency of our COVID-19 updates from every day to twice weekly. Resources will continue to be included in our biweekly newsletter and we invite you to reach out directly for any assistance you need.**

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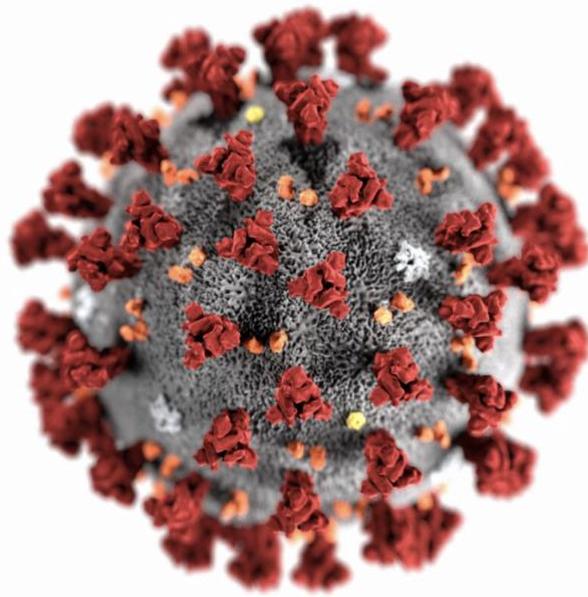


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**NYC Has Lowest COVID-19 Transmission In The Nation**

*Amid Coronavirus Pandemic*

Governor Signs Police Reform Bills Into Law; Additional Food Pantries Open In Brooklyn; Changes To City Eviction Law On The Horizon; and More!

**NYS Confirmed: 381,714**

**NYS Deaths: 24,495**  
**NYC Confirmed: 208,954**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 57,733**

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- Today, **Governor Cuomo** announced that NYS has the lowest rate of COVID-19 transmission in the nation.
  - Yesterday, only **1.1%** of COVID-19 tests were positive.
  - You can view the new indicators by region [here](#).
- The governor signed **police reform** bills into law.
  - The reform includes repealing 50-a, banning chokeholds, prohibiting false/biased 911 calls, and appointing a special prosecutor for police involved deaths.
  - Read the details in the [Executive Order](#) issued today.
- State Health Commissioner **Howard Zucker** said that **sleepaway camps** will not be permitted to operate this summer, citing risks for children.
- **Day camps** will be allowed to operate and can open **June 29** with strict safety measures.

**NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO**



Photo Credit: Ed Reed/Mayor's Office

- Mayor **Bill de Blasio** announced that the city has installed **4,500 air conditioning units** for low-income seniors, an eight-fold increase from last year under the **Home Energy Assistance Program**.
- The New York State **Public Service Commission** has also approved a **\$70 million** aid package for **utility bills**.
  - Approximately **440,000 families** in New York City will receive help from the program. They will get up to **\$140** for utilities from **June to October**.
- The **City of New York** reached a settlement with **Airbnb** establishing a new framework for the City's local law that requires short-term rental platforms to share information about their listings.
  - Under this agreement, Airbnb will dismiss its federal lawsuit against the City of New York, and the New York City Council will introduce an updated local law.
- The report would include all listings that generate **5 or more nights** of bookings per quarter, so long as the listing offers an entire home or allows three or more guests to stay at one time.
- For all eligible listings, reports provided to the City would be required to include:
  - Physical address of the listing;
  - Host information (name, physical address, phone number, and e-mail address);
  - The name, number and URL of the listing;

- Whether the short-term rental is for an entire unit or part of a unit;
- The total number of days booked; and
- The amount received by the host for each transaction, as well as the account name and anonymized account identifier relating to those payments.

## NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

**New hospitalizations: 70** (up from 69)  
**ICU admissions: 339** (up from 337)  
**COVID-19 positive tests: 3%** (no change 3%)

*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



Photo Credit: BizJournals.com

- In the midst of the global coronavirus pandemic, the **Department of Health and Human Services** finalized a rule that means that the federal government will no longer recognize gender identity as an avenue for sex discrimination in health care.
  - Read the story [here](#).
- The State Department reopened **11 passport agencies** today and announced a backlog of **1.7 million** Americans waiting to get a passport.
  - Read more [here](#).

**RETURN-TO-SCHOOL 2020 SURVEY**

# The Return-to-School 2020 Survey has launched!



We want your feedback as we explore various options for re-opening school buildings in the 2020-21 school year.

[schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020](https://schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020)

**NYC** Department of  
Education  
Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

**FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION**



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte speaks with constituents as she heads to the mask distribution.

Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte** and District Leader **Josue Pierre** in partnership with **Salem Missionary Baptist Church** hosted a **Face Mask Distribution** today. Community members received face masks thanks to sponsors **Brooklyn Borough Hall** , **New York City Office of the Mayor** and **HealthFirst** .



Photo left to right: Census 2020 staffer, District Leader Josue Pierre, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and staffers for the Assemblymember Vladimir Sterlin and Rebecca LaFond



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Kwasi Nyansa Larrier.



Photo left to right: District Leader Josue Pierre, Pastor James Thornton, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, and HealthFirst's Miguel Angel Centeno and Raymond Thornhill.

## FOOD PANTRIES

### FLATBUSH GARDENS



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and volunteers at the Flatbush Gardens food pantry that opened today.



Marietta Small and Assemblymember Rodney Bichotte.



Assemblymember Rodney Bichotte and Marietta Small give out boxes of food at the pantry that opened today at Flatbush Gardens.

## BERACA BAPTIST CHURCH



Assemblymember Bichotte meets with members of the Beraca Church to talk about the opening of the pantry.



Assemblymember Bichotte inspects the contents of boxes handed out at Beraca Baptist Church today.

## EVANGELICAL CRUSADE



Assemblymember Rodney Bichotte distributes food to a child at Evangelical Crusade.



Pastor Samuel Nicolas and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte.



District Leader Edu Hermelyn and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte



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## EVICCTIONS

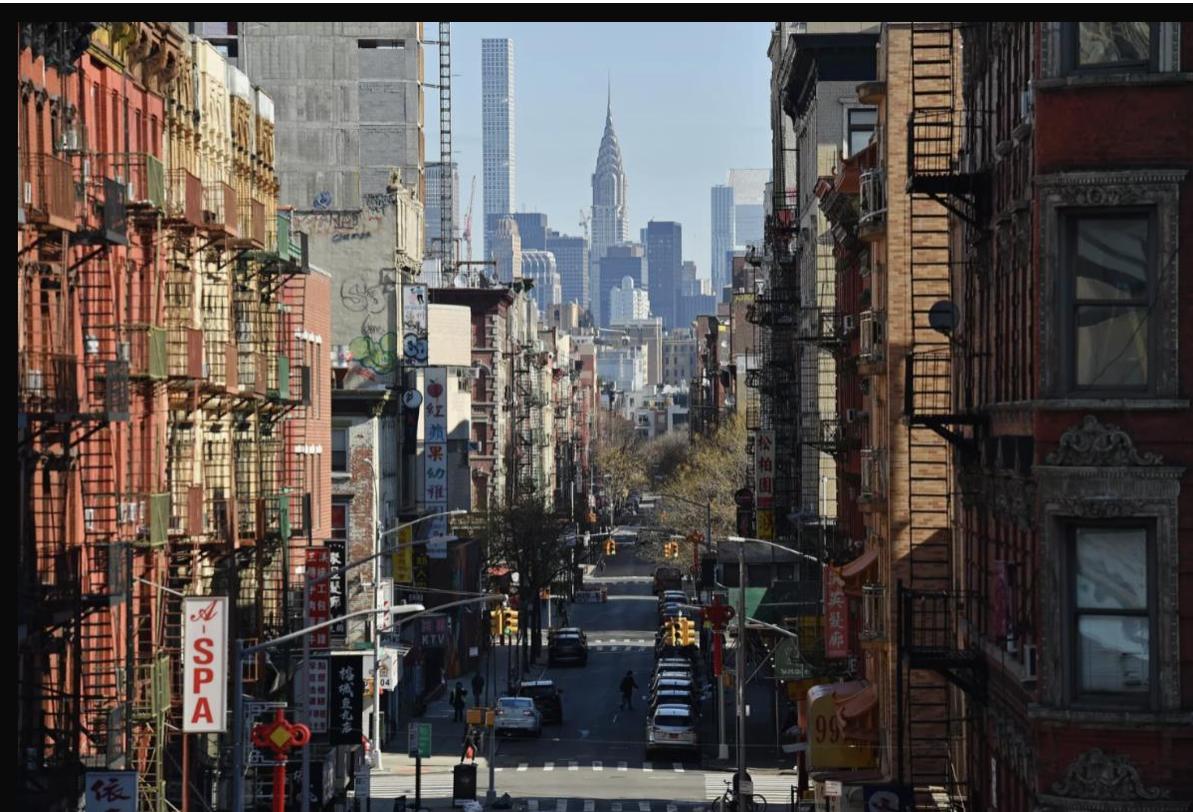


Photo Credit: Angela Weiss/Getty Images

The **moratorium on evictions** will end on **June 20** , and then protection from eviction will be limited to tenants who can prove financial hardship from the coronavirus. Read the story [here](#) .

## NEW YORK FORWARD LOAN PROGRAM

# NY FORWARD



Photo Credit: Newsbreak

- Applications for the **New York Forward Loan Program** are now being considered on a rolling basis. The **\$100 million fund** was created to provide flexible and affordable loans to **small**

**businesses, nonprofits and small landlords** as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE.

- **Basic Eligibility:**

- Small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords must have **20** or less employees and less than **\$3 million** in revenue.
- Landlords must have no more than **200** units under ownership, and no single property greater than **50** units; Properties must either be located in a low or moderate income (LMI) census tract or meet a rent test where property rents are affordable to tenants of low and moderate income.
- Priority will be given to industries and regions that have been reopened. Please refer to the **New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool** [here](#).
- Businesses, nonprofits and landlords that received the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) **will not be eligible to apply**.
- For more information or to submit a pre-application for a NY Forward Loan, please visit [here](#).

Photo Credit: NHS Brooklyn

## ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: queenoftheclack

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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**Rodneyse Bichotte**  
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**

They are on the front lines protecting our health.

*Thank you*  
health care  
workers!



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **healthcare workers** for protecting our health.

**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

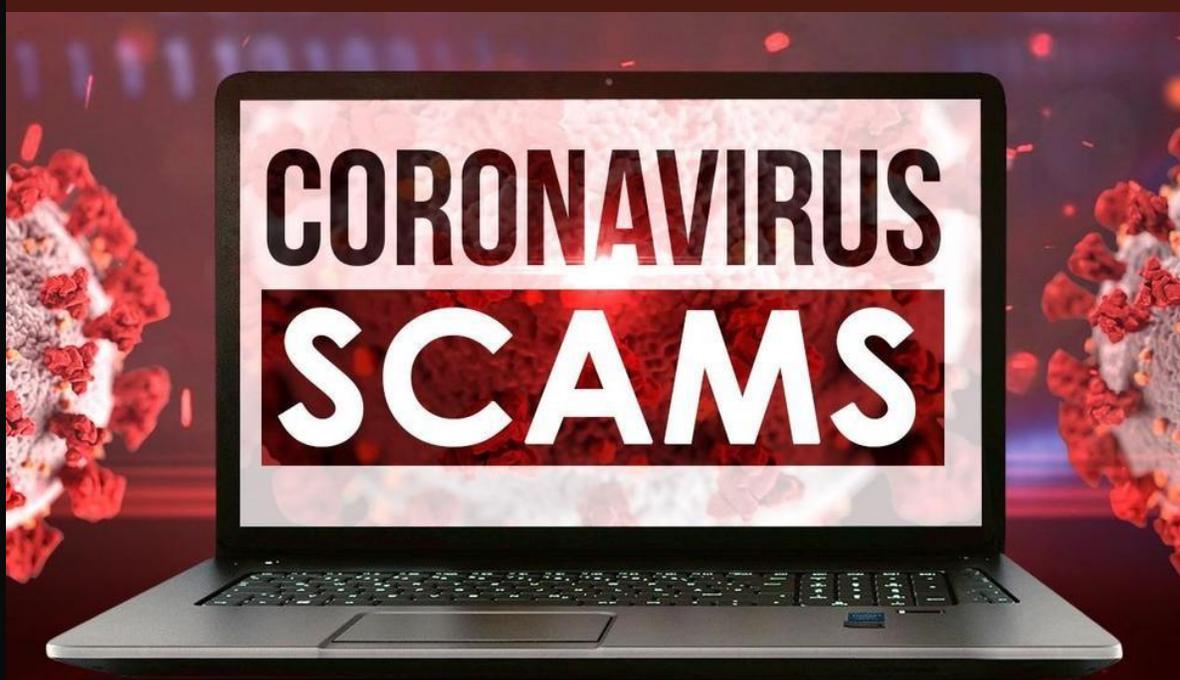


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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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