

# Rebecca Seawright



Dear Neighbor,

*Happy Mothers Day weekend! I hope you can take some time to enjoy your loved ones on this special weekend. In honor of Hero Moms who are also Heroes on the frontlines as nurses at Lenox Hill Hospital, we joined the firefighters in hosting lunch and handing out flowers.*

*This week, we heard from the Governor that the moratorium on all residential and commercial evictions, and we are going to extend that moratorium until August 20. Additionally, The state is banning late payments or fees for missed rent payments during the eviction moratorium, and allowing renters facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to use their security deposit as payment and repay their security deposit over time.*

*This week, please join us on Tuesday for our Virtual Town Hall on Higher Education in the age of COVID19. We will hear from SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson, CUNY Chancellor Felix Matos Rodriquez, Marymount Manhattan College President Kerry Walk and Higher Education Services Corporation President Dr. Guillermo Linares.*

*If you are in need of information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We regretfully have suspended in-person appointments and meetings, due to public health considerations. **We are eager to continue assisting constituents by telephone and email.** Please leave a message on our voicemail with your name, address and phone number and our staff will return your call:*

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*Sincerely,*

*Rebecca*

ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
**REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**

**VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS**



**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 12 @ 7:00PM**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION**



**Félix V. Matos Rodríguez**  
Chancellor of the City  
University of New York



**Dr. Kristina M. Johnson**  
Chancellor of the  
State University of  
New York



**Dr. Kerry Walk**  
President of  
Marymount  
Manhattan College



**Dr. Guillermo Linares**  
President  
NYS Higher Education  
Services Corporation

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**[REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!](#)**

**[CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7PM ON](#)**  
**[5/12](#)**

**In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town  
Hall on Feeding NYC**





We held our May 5 virtual Townhall Tuesday on “Feeding NYC.” We heard from special guest Comptroller Scott Stringer, Commissioner Lorraine A. Cortés-Vázquez, Associate Commissioner of Direct and Social Services (DFTA), Director of the Mayor’s Office of Food Policy Kate MacKenzie and Stanley M. Isaac’s Neighborhood Center Executive Director Gregory J Morris.

## ASSEMBLY MEMBERS SEAWRIGHT & QUART WITH FDNY FIREFIGHTERS TO HOLD PRE-MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION FOR HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE HERO MOMS

### FIRETRUCK TO ARRIVE WITH HUNDREDS OF FLOWERS AND PIZZA FOR LENOX HILL HOSPITAL HERO MOTHERS





New York State Assembly Members Rebecca Seawright and Dan Quart, FDNY-Firefighters Association Vice President Robert Eustace, and FDNY-Firefighters Attorney Nick Papain joined former firefighters on the back of a firetruck to surprise healthcare hero moms with hundreds of flowers and hot meals at a pre-Mother's Day ceremony to honor the local moms answering the call on the COVID-19 front line.

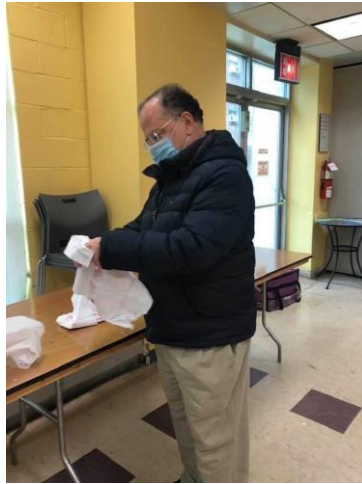






## HOMEBOUND SENIORS WEEKLY MEAL DELIVERY





## Education: It's Teacher Appreciation Week

### Tips for Students and Parents to Help Teachers

#### Homeschooling Tips

Schools will remain closed for the rest of the academic year, and it's important to ensure our kids can continue their educational journeys at home.

- As time goes on, it may become difficult to keep your child excited to learn so maintain open communication and make sure you're on the same page.
- Try to stick to a daily schedule that works for your family.
- Keep your child's workspace orderly and free of distractions.
- Work with your school district so you have the needed teaching materials and thank our educators and staff for their hard work during these uncertain times.
- Remember, everyone is still adjusting, so don't be too hard on yourself!





# Turning the Lights Back On

Friday, May 15, 2020 @ 5:45 PM  
Streaming on  
[openmynetwork.com/manhattanhs](https://openmynetwork.com/manhattanhs)

A celebration of student performances  
created during the COVID-19 pandemic  
dedicated to the healthcare workers who illuminate our City

Vivian Orlen, Executive Producer



REPERTORY COMPANY  
HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEATRE ARTS



Vivian Orlen, Superintendent, Manhattan High Schools  
Marisol Rosales, Executive Superintendent, Manhattan  
Richard A. Carranza, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education



Anja Drakulovic



Senator John Liu,  
Chairperson



Senator Jamaal  
Bailey



Senator Andrew  
Gounardes



Senator Robert  
Jackson



Senator Betty  
Little



Senator Velmanette  
Montgomery

THE NYS SENATE COMMITTEE ON NYC EDUCATION  
PRESENTS

## Town Hall Conversation COVID-19 and NYC Schools

PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS -- WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please join members of the NYS Senate Committee on NYC Education to share  
your thoughts on the impact of COVID-19 on our schools and students.

May 12, 2020 6-8 PM on Facebook Live @Liu.NYC



Sign up in advance to speak, first-come first serve  
(must join meeting at the start) <https://bit.ly/2YletfT>

Joined by special guest Senator Shelley Mayer,  
Chair of the Education Committee

Questions? Email [education@johnliusenate.com](mailto:education@johnliusenate.com) or call 718-765-6675

## Intern with the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

### Summer Opportunities for Students

Assembly Member Seawright Intern Application

\* Required

Name \*

Your answer

Address \*

Your answer

Phone \*

Your answer

Assembly Member Seawright Intern Application

[Read more](#)  
docs.google.com

### Recent Announcements

#### EVICITION MORATORIUM EXTENDED

The state's moratorium on COVID-related residential or commercial evictions will be extended for an additional 60 days until August 20th.

#### RENT RELIEF EXTENDED

The state is banning late payments or fees for missed rent payments during the eviction moratorium, and **allowing renters facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to use their security deposit as payment and repay their security deposit over time.**

#### GET COUNTED IN THE US CENSUS

The goal of the 2020 Census is a complete and accurate count of everyone living in the United States and its five territories. You should count yourself at the place where you are living and sleeping most of the time as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

#### ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT

The IRS has opened a new, online portal and launched a new, free app for economic impact payment tracking. This portal will allow taxpayers to find out the status of their payment. If a payment hasn't yet been issued, individuals can provide their banking information for direct deposit. Individuals who were not required to file 2018 or 2019 taxes can enter their information here so that they will receive economic impact payments.

#### hEALTH INSURANCE

NYS is extending the open enrollment period for New Yorkers without health insurance to June 15. Please get covered if you are not already. Enroll here.

#### NOURISH NY UPDATE

The state's \$25 million Nourish New York Initiative has purchased food and products from more than 2,100 New York farms and provided support to nearly 50 food banks, soup kitchens and food pantries to date. Within the next week, more than 20,000 households across the



state will receive Nourish New York products. First announced by the Governor on April 27th, the Nourish New York Initiative provides relief by purchasing food and products from Upstate farms and directs them to the populations who need them most through New York's network of food banks.

#### **ASKING PHILANTHROPIES TO HELP**

The state is also asking any philanthropies or foundations that would like to help the state's food banks to contact [COVIDPhilanthropies@exec.ny.gov](mailto:COVIDPhilanthropies@exec.ny.gov).

#### **HEALTHCARE WORKERS ANITBODY TEST RESULTS**

The Governor announced the results of state's antibody testing survey of health care workers. The survey tested approximately 27,000 employees from 25 downstate health care facilities and found that the infection rate among health care workers is about the same or lower than the infection rate of the general population. 12.2 percent of health care workers in New York City tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies, compared to 19.9 percent of the general population in New York City

#### **COMMISSION TO RE-IMAGINE NY**

Schmidt Futures will help integrate New York State practices and systems with the best advanced technology tools to build back better. Eric Schmidt, former Google CEO and Executive Chairman and founder Schmidt Futures, will lead the state's 15-member Blue Ribbon Commission and use what the state has learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with new technologies, to better improve telehealth and broadband access.

#### **RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES DAY**

JetBlue is donating 100,000 pairs of round-trip flights for medical personnel and nurses to honor their efforts, beginning with 10,000 pairs of tickets for New York medical professionals. Additionally, three painted JetBlue planes honoring New York's frontline workers will do a flyover above New York City on Thursday, May 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Starting today through May 15, 2020, customers can visit [jetblue.com/healthcarehero](https://jetblue.com/healthcarehero) to submit a brief description of why they are nominating their healthcare hero to win a pair of roundtrip flight tickets.

#### **BLUEPRINT FOR REIMAGINED EDUCATION**

Governor Cuomo announced that New York State is collaborating with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a blueprint to reimagine education in the new normal.

As New York begins to develop plans to reopen K-12 schools and colleges, the state and the Gates Foundation will consider what education should look like in the future, including:

- How can we use technology to provide more opportunities to students no matter where they are;
- How can we provide shared education among schools and colleges using technology;
- How can technology reduce educational inequality, including English as a new language students;
- How can we use technology to meet educational needs of students with disabilities;
- How can we provide educators more tools to use technology;
- How can technology break down barriers to K-12 and Colleges and Universities to provide greater access to high quality education no matter where the student lives; and

- Given ongoing socially distancing rules, how can we deploy classroom technology, like immersive cloud virtual classrooms learning, to recreate larger class or lecture hall environments in different locations?

The state will bring together a group of leaders to answer these questions in collaboration with the Gates Foundation, who will support New York State by helping bring together national and international experts, as well as provide expert advice as needed.

#### NEW PSA CONTEST

Governor Cuomo announced a new contest asking New Yorkers to create and share a video explaining why people should wear a mask in public. The winning video will be used as a Public Service Announcement. Videos should be less than 30 seconds long, should show a mask properly worn over the mouth and nose and must be submitted by May 30th. Interested New Yorkers can learn more at [WearAMask.ny.gov](https://www.wearamask.ny.gov).

#### TEST-TRACE-ISOLATE

These remain the keys to monitoring and controlling the infection rate. Our reopening plan defines steps and responsibilities to open intelligently.

#### ADDITIONAL RE-OPEN GUIDELINES

Governor Cuomo outlined additional guidelines for when regions can re-open.

#### The state will monitor four core factors to determine if a region can re-open:

- o New Infections: Based on guidelines from the CDC, regions must have at least 14 days of decline in total net hospitalizations and deaths on a 3-day rolling average. In regions with few COVID cases, the region cannot exceed 15 net new total hospitalizations or 5 new deaths on a 3-day rolling average. In order to monitor the potential spread of infection in a region, a region must have fewer than two new COVID patients admitted per 100,000 residents per day.
- o Health Care Capacity: Every region must have the health care capacity to handle a potential surge in cases. Regions must have at least 30 percent total hospital and ICU beds available. This is coupled with the new requirement that hospitals have at least 90 days of personal protective equipment stockpiled.
- o Diagnostic Testing Capacity: Each region must have the capacity to conduct 30 diagnostic tests for every 1,000 residents per month. The state is rapidly expanding capacity statewide to help all regions meet this threshold.
- o Contact Tracing Capacity: Regions must have a baseline of 30 contact tracers for every 100,000 residents, and additional tracers based on the projected number of cases in the region. The state is currently building an army of contact tracers with Mayor Bloomberg to meet the needs of each region statewide.



The New York State Legislature has designated May as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month in New York State. In January, the Senate adopted the resolution, but because the Legislature is not in session at this time, the Assembly was not able to act on the resolution. Please visit the Huntington's Disease Society of America ( [HDSA.org](https://www.hdsa.org) ) where you can learn about HD, a fatal neurodegenerative disease that affects thousands of New Yorkers. In addition, those who suffer from HD are particularly vulnerable to Covid 19.

## Upcoming Events



**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**  
**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. MAY 12**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL  
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST  
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE  
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A  
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE  
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607  
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

**[SIGN UP FOR THE LEGAL CLINIC HERE](#)**

## Stay informed about the CORONAVIRUS



### **Important Numbers and Links**

- Price Gouging hotline: 800-697-1220

- 24-Hour Coronavirus hotline: 1-888-364-3065
- NYS DOH website regarding Coronavirus: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- NYS COVID-19 Email Alert Sign Up- <https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates>
- To file a complaint with the NYS Department of Human Rights- <https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint#file>
- NYS Mental Health Hotline: 1-844-863-9314 (to schedule a free appointment)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

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