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President Trump Signs \$2.2 Trillion Stimulus Package

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

*medical equipment delivered to hospitals; certain street
closures in effect; religious gatherings and services*

restricted; direct payments by federal government; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 44,635
NYS deaths: 519
NYC confirmed: 25,573
Brooklyn confirmed: 6,750

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Getty Images From DailyMail. com Gov. Cuomo addresses National Guard troops on Friday at the Javits Center in New York City. In the background, hospital beds that have been set up to take in patients.

- New York State Schools will remain closed until **April 15.**

- Will ask the president to authorize 4 more hospital sites. Looking at sites in Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island.
- The **Jacob K. Javitz Convention Center** has been converted into a **1,000 bed temporary hospital**. The facility will open on **Monday**.
- Looking at **hotels, dormitories and nursing homes** to create spaces for hospital beds if needed.
- Medical staff volunteers increased another 10,000 for a new total of **62,447 volunteers**.
- **New Executive Order** effective today, **March 27th until April 26, 2020** will:
 - Allow individuals and businesses licensed by the **State Department to extend** the expiration date of their license.
 - **Allow midwives** licensed in the US to practice in NYS without penalty.
 - Suspend annual vehicle safety and biennial emissions inspections. For more information visit [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

Mayor de Blasio Announces:

- Received **2500 ventilators** from federal government, need **15,000**.
- 20 trucks scheduled today to deliver medical equipment to hospitals. Delivery includes:
 - **1 Million surgical masks.**
 - **200,000 N95 masks.**
 - **50,000 face shields**
 - **40,000 isolation gowns.**
 - **10,000 boxes of gloves.**
- Tomorrow trucks will deliver **800,000 more N95 masks** and **2 million more surgical masks** and

NYC is still seeking supplies, **if you have supplies to offer please call (833) NYC- 0040.**

- **64 additional clinicians** will be sent to **Elmhurst** hospital today and **105 additional nurses** will be sent to Elmhurst hospital tomorrow.
- At least **450 inmates** to be released by end of day.
- Enforcement Agencies **instructed to stop religious gatherings and services** beginning this weekend.
- Altice, Charter and Spectrum **will not hold back services** from families who need to learn online.

US: PRESIDENT TRUMP



Photo Credit: CNN.com

"THE STIMULUS PACKAGE"

Today, President Trump **signed the 2.2 Trillion Stimulus Package** that was passed by both the Senate and the

House of Representative. The package includes the following:

- **Direct Payment** to families.
- **250 billion** in **unemployment** insurance.
- **\$367 billion in loans** for **small businesses** that may be forgiven if firms use them to keep workers on payroll.
- **\$500 billion** in aid for **hard-hit industries** and states and **\$50 billion for airlines.**
- **\$130 billion** in aid to hospitals and medical equipment capacity.
- **\$150 billion** to help **state and local governments**

For more information visit [here](#).

Here is a breakdown of some of the items included in the package:

Direct Payment

The Stimulus Package will provide a direct payment of:

- **\$1,200 per adult** to individuals who earn **\$75,000 in adjusted gross income or less.**
- If a couple is married then they **must earn up to \$150,000 or less** to receive the payment of **\$2,400 in total for both couples.**
- Families will receive an additional **\$500 per child.**
- The **2019 tax return** will help to determine if an individual is eligible for a payment. If an individual did not prepare their 2019 tax return yet, they **can use their 2018 tax return.**
- The money will be transferred via **direct deposit.**
- The U.S Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin [said](#) he expects that most individuals will **receive their payments within 3 weeks.**

- "Payment decreases until it **stops** altogether for **single people** earning **\$99,000** or **married people who have no children and earn \$198,000.**"

For more information visit [here](#).

Unemployment Benefits

The package expands unemployment benefits by providing an **additional \$600 per week to individuals** in addition to the normal benefits that the state provides. The package will also:

- Extend the benefit period and make it longer. "In total, **unemployed workers** are eligible to receive up to **39 weeks** of unemployment benefits."
- Allow **self employed, part time workers and independent contractors** to be eligible for benefits.
- Allow **Individuals who were not fired** but who are unable to work due to COVID-19 reasons to be eligible for benefits.

For more information visit [here](#).

Small Businesses

The stimulus package also creates a **\$367 billion federally-guaranteed loan program for small businesses** who pledge not to lay off their employees. The loans will be available to businesses during emergency period at end of June and will be forgiven if employer pays employees throughout covid-19 crisis. According to Senator Schumer, the deal also includes:

- **\$10 billion** in Small Business Administration emergency grants and up to **\$10 million** of emergency relief per business.

- **\$17 billion** for the SBA to cover six months of payment for small businesses with existing SBA loans.
- **\$30 billion** in emergency education funding and **\$25 billion** in emergency transit funding.

For more information visit [here](#).

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT



Photo Credit: consumer.healthday.com

Today, President Trump signed the Defense Production Act to **require General Motors to create ventilators.**

For more information visit [here](#) .

Grab and Go

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte joins Councilmember Farah Louis & Benjamin Pinczewski to pick up food from Nick Lobster's to deliver to Kings County Hospital.



Chef Dimitri and team prepare free meals for our first responders at Kings County Hospital, Brookdale Hospital and InterFaith Hospital.



Left to right: Councilmember Farah Louis, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, President Sheldon McLeod of Kings County Hospital, Kings County Worker.

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte joins Councilmember Farah Louis, the 70th Police Precinct at Grab and Go at Council of People's Organization (COPO) with Parishioners.



Left to Right: Assemblymember Rodney Bichotte, Councilmember Farah Louis and Mohammad Razvi of COPO

STREET CLOSURES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

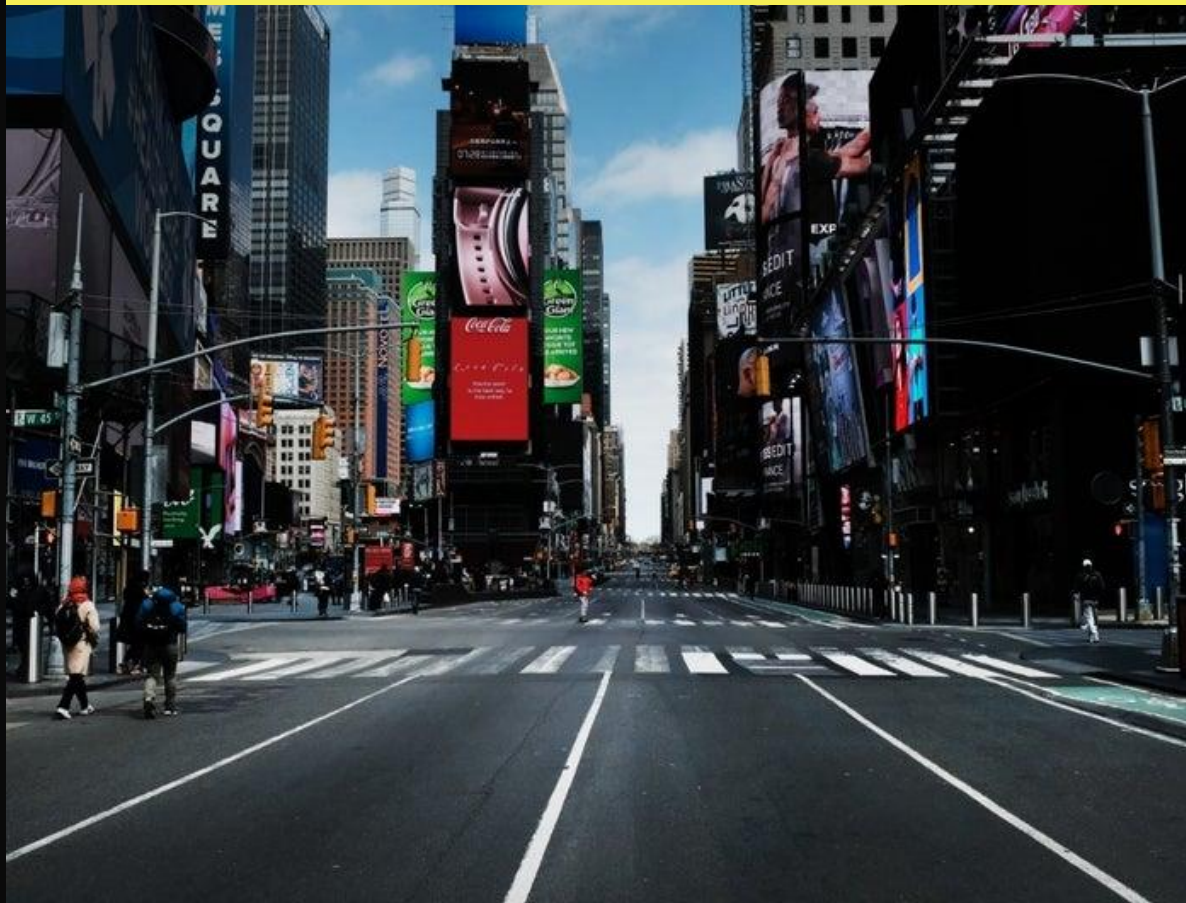


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Effective today, the NYC Mayor has implemented street closures across the city to provide New Yorkers with space to practice social distancing. The following **streets will be closed to cars 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day:**

- **Manhattan:** Park Avenue, between 28th Street and 34th Street
- **The Bronx:** Grand Concourse, between East Burnside Avenue and 184th Street

- **Brooklyn:** Bushwick Avenue, between Johnson Avenue and Flushing Avenue
- **Queens:** 34th Avenue, from 73rd Street to 80th Street

Police will be present to monitor each location. **The program will run until Monday, March 30** . For more information visit [here](#).

AVOID SCAMS



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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID19 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, fill out a [complaint form](#).
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



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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).
NYC residents should call (844-692-4692).

Volunteer to Support

Others: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers.

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 (MWBES)** , 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
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her website:
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