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## **All Essential Workers Mandated To Wear Face Coverings**

### ***Amid Coronavirus Pandemic***

Alternate side parking suspension extended; new testing sites on its way; altice extends free wifi for students; stimulus payments; and more!

**NYS Confirmed: 195,031**  
**NYS deaths: 10,056**  
**NYC confirmed: 106,813**  
**Brooklyn confirmed: 28,035**

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO**



Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo / FLICKR

- There is a **flattening** of the curve with the total number of **hospitalizations**.
- Executive Order will **direct employers** to **provide free masks** to all **essential workers**.
- Governor announced a bipartisan effort with Maryland Governor to call for **\$500 billion** in **state aid**.

- Governor **sent a letter to federal government** to ensure that stimulus checks do not "get frozen or seized by creditors."
- A COVID-19 Vaccine is projected to be **12-18** months away.
- Today, Governor Cuomo hosted a **live conference call** with New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Delaware Governor John Carney and Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo to launch a **Regional Task Force** that will work on reopening plan for region.
  - Council will include "one health expert, one economic development expert and respective chiefs of staff from each state."

**NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO**



Photo Credit: NYC 311

- NYC Alternate Side Parking is suspended through **April 28**.
- Effective today, **essential city workers must wear face coverings** when interacting with the public while at work.
- The Mayor announced that there will be **5 new testing centers** by the end of next week in these following locations:
  - East New York, Brooklyn
  - Morrisania, Bronx
  - Harlem, Manhattan
  - Jamaica, Queens
  - Clifton, Staten Island

For more information visit [here](#).



## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

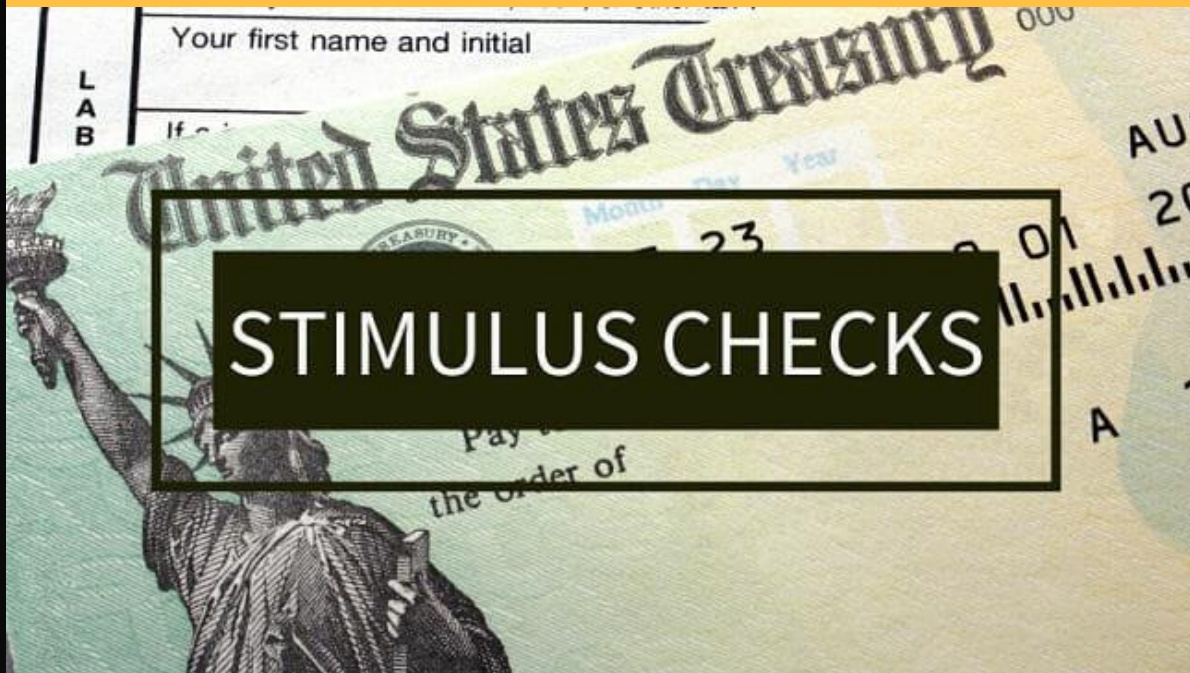


Photo Credit: military benefits

- Today, the President announced that he will request the **U.S Census Bureau** to **extend** their deadline due to their inability to perform door to door operation. For more information visit [here](#).
- Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and the President announced that the first batch of **Stimulus checks** were sent out on Friday and that **80 million** people will receive their checks mainly through direct deposit by this **Wednesday**.
  - A new link will launch on the IRS website on Wednesday to allow individuals to input their 2018 or 2019 IRS Tax information and bank information, if they haven't yet received payment. The link will be titled, "**Get Your Payment**." Payment should be expected within several days of completing form.

- **Social Security beneficiaries** do not need to do anything. They will receive a direct deposit.
- Individuals who did not file taxes in 2018 and 2019 and who was not required to file, should complete a **Non-filer form**. To access this form visit [here](#).
- For more information about the Stimulus payment, visit [here](#).
- The President announced that over **\$200 billion** in loans is being provided through **Paycheck Protection Program** to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. There are **4,600** lenders and banks participating. For more information visit [here](#).
- Treasury Secretary Mnuchin announced that the **first half** of **State funding** will be delivered **this week** and the **second half** will be delivered to states **next week**.

## NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Photo Credit: NYC Health + Hospitals

NYC Health + Hospitals is planning to hire **500** temporary non-clinical staff to support their public hospitals. They are hiring the following:

- **Clerical staff**
- **Cleaning staff**
- **Patient transport**

To apply visit [here](#) .

## INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY



Photo Credit: Multichannel News

Today, Altice announced that they are **extending their free Altice Advantage** program through **June 30th** to ensure

students can access the internet through the rest of the school year.

## BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY



Photo Credit: Brooklyn DA

The Brooklyn District Attorney Office is cautioning individuals **not to provide personal information over the phone** regarding the stimulus check to **prevent scam**. For information information [visit here](#).

**THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS**



Bravely serving  
us every day.

**THANK YOU  
LAW  
ENFORCEMENT!**



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During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Law Enforcement** officers for courageously serving us daily.

**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](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: 800-697-1220.**
- 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](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](#).

**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: 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

**Small Businesses:**

For resources on **business** grants and loans, [visit here](#).

**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 (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.

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