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COVID-19 Updates



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Moratorium for Residential and Commercial Evictions Are Extended

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Nourish NY; Local Antibody Testing; Tele-Medicine; MWBE Conference;
Domestic Violence Response Work Group; And More!

NYS Confirmed: 327,469
NYS Deaths: 20,828
NYC Confirmed: 180,216
Brooklyn Confirmed: 48,550

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets

- Governor Cuomo announced that the **moratorium** in place for COVID-19 related evictions of residential and commercial tenants will be **extended** an additional **60-days**, until **August 20th**.
- **Late payments or fees** for missed rent payment is **banned during eviction moratorium**. Renters may use security deposit if facing financial hardship.
- **Nourish New York Initiative** purchased **\$25 million** worth of food and products from over **2,100 New York farmers**. This initiative has provided for approximately **50** food banks, soup kitchens and food pantries currently feeding those most in need. For additional information, click [here](#).
- There is still a call for philanthropies or foundations to support this initiative by contacting covidphilanthropies@exec.ny.gov.
- Antibody testing survey results for approximately **27,000** healthcare workers are similar to that of the general population
- For more information, click [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Health Law Advisor

- Mayor de Blasio announced that New York City will conduct its own antibody testing to include a total of **280,000 tests** through the month of June.
 - In partnership with the **U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services** and the **CDC**, 140,000 tests will be administered to healthcare workers and first responders.
 - In partnership with **BioReference**, an additional 140,000 tests will be administered to the general population.
 - Testing will begin next week with **5,000 people/day** (totaling 70,000 in the first two weeks).
 - Areas of testing include: Morisania, East New York, Upper Manhattan, Concord, and Long Island City.
 - Testing is by appointment and scheduling opens this Friday.
- **Tele-Medicine** will be expanded in New York City starting this month:
 - Patients can connect with a provider through a **Free Phone-a-Clinician Hotline**: 844-NYC-4NYC
 - Providers can connect with their patients through **Tele-Health** visits.
 - For additional information, click [here](#).
- New York City is a member of **C40**, a global group of cities committed to a sustainable and resilient society, launched a **Global Mayors COVID-19 Recovery Task Force**. “Resiliency Principles” for recovery:
 - focus to rebuild cities & economies in a way that improves public health, reduces inequality and addresses the climate crisis.

- For additional information, click [here](#).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Take a stand against

Hopeless Crime Physical Lonely Control
Hurt Children Fear Crying RAGE
Verbal Anger Depression Abuse
Apologies Trapped Resentment Insecurity
Heartache Why Lies Assault
Partner Scared Anxiety Bruise Victim

Domestic Violence

Photo Credit: Marine Corps Base Camp Pendelton

New York City Mayor de Blasio continues the effort to end Domestic Violence. The **Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender Based Violence (ENDGBV)** will start a **COVID-19 Response Work Group** of up to 20 diverse citywide service providers to ensure a response during this unique time. For additional information, click [here](#).

**24/7 Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Hotline
(800) 621-4673**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

MAY IS

Mental
Health

AWARENESS MONTH

While necessary, *New York on PAUSE* and other social distancing measures can take a toll on one's mental health. **Let your fellow New Yorkers know they're not alone.**

Photo Credit: NYS ASSEMBLY

May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. Now more than ever we all must recognize the toll that many bear with mental health. During this grave time of uncertainty and loneliness we must reach out to those in need of support.

For Help go to [NYC Well](https://www.nycwell.org/) or call 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355).

TELE-CONFERENCE CALL



**Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
& Senator James Sanders Jr.**



hosts an



M/WBE



& Small Business Informational Conference Call

Monday, May 11, 2020 • 1 PM – 3 PM

[Facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/](https://www.facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/)

To RSVP Email: events.bichotte@gmail.com

Invited Guests



J. Phillip Thompson
Deputy Mayor
Strategic Policy Initiatives



Gregg Bishop
Commissioner
NYC Small Business Services



Jonnel Doris
Senior Director
Mayor's Office of M/WBES



Brian Gurski
Vice President & Managing
Director, TruFund



R. Nadine Fontaine
First Asst. Counsel to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo
Office of the Governor of New York State



Randy Peers
President & CEO
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce



Michael M. Clay
Senior Director of Opportunity Programs Group
& Resource Acquisition Unit, DASNY



Suzanne Veira
School Construction Authority
Chief Diversity Officer



Cheryl McKissack Daniel
President & CEO
McKissack & McKissack



Michael J. Garner
Chief Diversity Officer
MTA

Join our call to hear state legislators and experts talk about the state of Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) and Small Businesses in order to provide resources at the federal, state, and city level on procurement practices, business inclusion, business & recovery.

The recording of the call will be posted on the following website: www.nyassembly.gov/mem/rodneyse-bichotte.

For more business information from New York City Small Business Services go to <https://sbconnect.nyc.gov/>, from Small Business Administration go to <https://www.sba.gov/category/business-groups/minority-owned>.

For any questions related to COVID-19, call the New York State Department of Health's Novel Coronavirus 24-hour hotline at 1-888-364-3065 or text COVID to 692-692 for New York City's daily updates. Call 311 for non-emergency assistance.

For more information about this or any state or local issue, contact Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte's office:
1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210 • 718-940-0428, Email: bichotter@nyassembly.gov, www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

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and
Senator James Sanders Jr.**

hosts an

**MWBE & Small Business
Informational Conference Call**

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

[Facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/](https://www.facebook.com/StateSenatorJamesSandersJr/)

Presenters:

J. Phillip Thompson, *Office of the Mayor*
Gregg Bishop, *SBS*
Jonnel Doris, *Office of the Mayor*
Brian Gurski, *TruFund*
R. Nadine Fontaine, *Office of Governor*
Randy Peers, *Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce*
Michael Clay, *DASNY*
Suzanne Veira, *SCA*
Cheryl McKissack Daniel, *MicKissack & McKissack*
Michael Garner, *MTA*

RSVP

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



Assemblymember
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 | www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

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**.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
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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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 urgently answering when called on in an emergency.

AVOID SCAMS

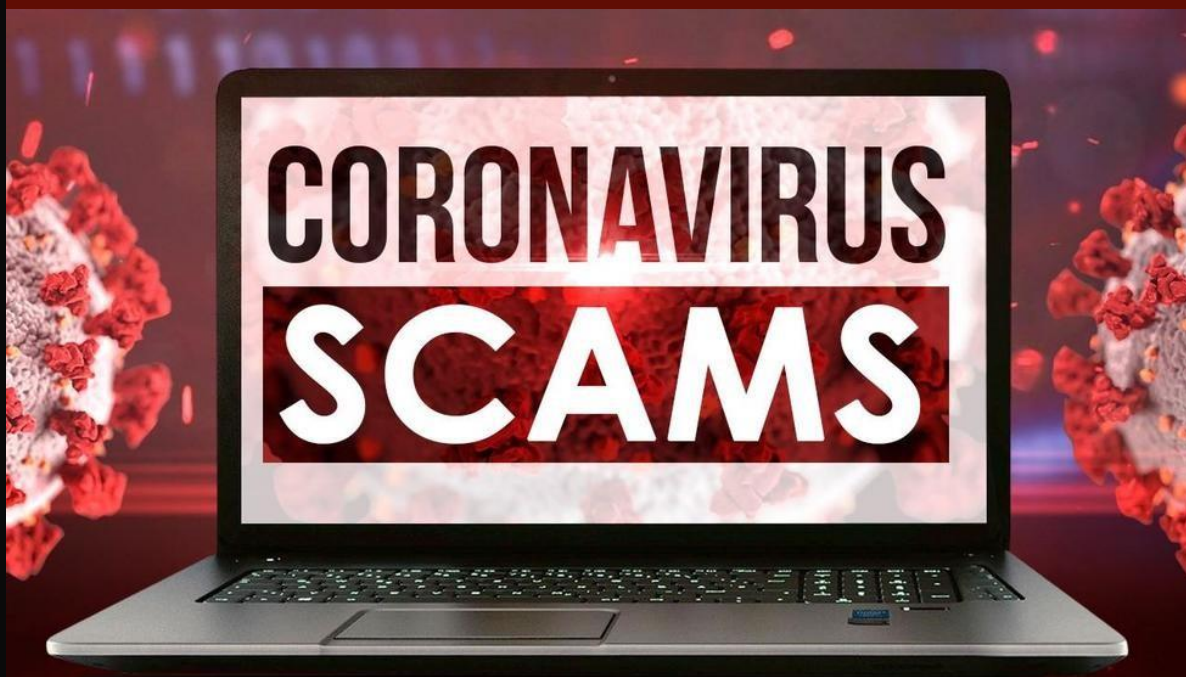


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline: 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.

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](tel: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](#).

IMMIGRATION

- If you or a loved one is in need of free Immigration assistance, please call **CUNY Citizenship Now** at 646-664-9400 or text at 929-334-3784, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- **Open Society Foundation** has established the **Immigrant Emergency Relief Program** which is a \$20 million fund that will provide 20,000 undocumented immigrants with a one-time monetary emergency relief.
 - \$400/individual
 - \$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** 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:** 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

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](#)

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
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her websites:
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and www.rodneysebichotte.net

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