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Photo Credit: Hilary Swift for The New York Times/A sign hangs in Brooklyn as the city prepares to begin reopening.

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Places of Worship Will Partially Reopen

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Commercial Buildings Can Conduct Temperature Checks In NYS; Protests
Gain Momentum Across the States; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 377,316
NYS Deaths: 24,212
NYC Confirmed: 206,511
Brooklyn Confirmed: 56,966

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO

Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- **Governor Cuomo** announced that **places of worship** will be permitted to reopen with **25%** occupancy during **Phase Two**, accelerating plans to reopen.
    - Service goers will still have to maintain **social distance**.
- The governor also issued an **executive order** allowing commercial buildings to conduct temperature checks on people entering. Read the order here.
- Another **Executive Order** was issued by Cuomo which will ban price gouging of **PPE**. Read more here.
- The city remains on track to begin **Phase One** on **Monday**. Guidance on reopening can be found here.
- There were **35 COVID-19 fatalities** in the state today, down from a record-high of **800** just **8 weeks** ago.
    - Of those fatalities, **9** were in nursing homes.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO

Photo Credit: Office of the Mayor

- **Mayor de Blasio** appeared at **Deliverance Baptist Church** in Jamaica, Queens, today.
    - He helped distribute meals and talked police reform, opening schools, and fighting COVID-19.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Coronavirus cases are increasing in more than one third of U.S. States.
  - Look at the data [here](#).
- President Trump criticized Brazil's handling of the pandemic and compared the country to Sweden. Read more [here](#).

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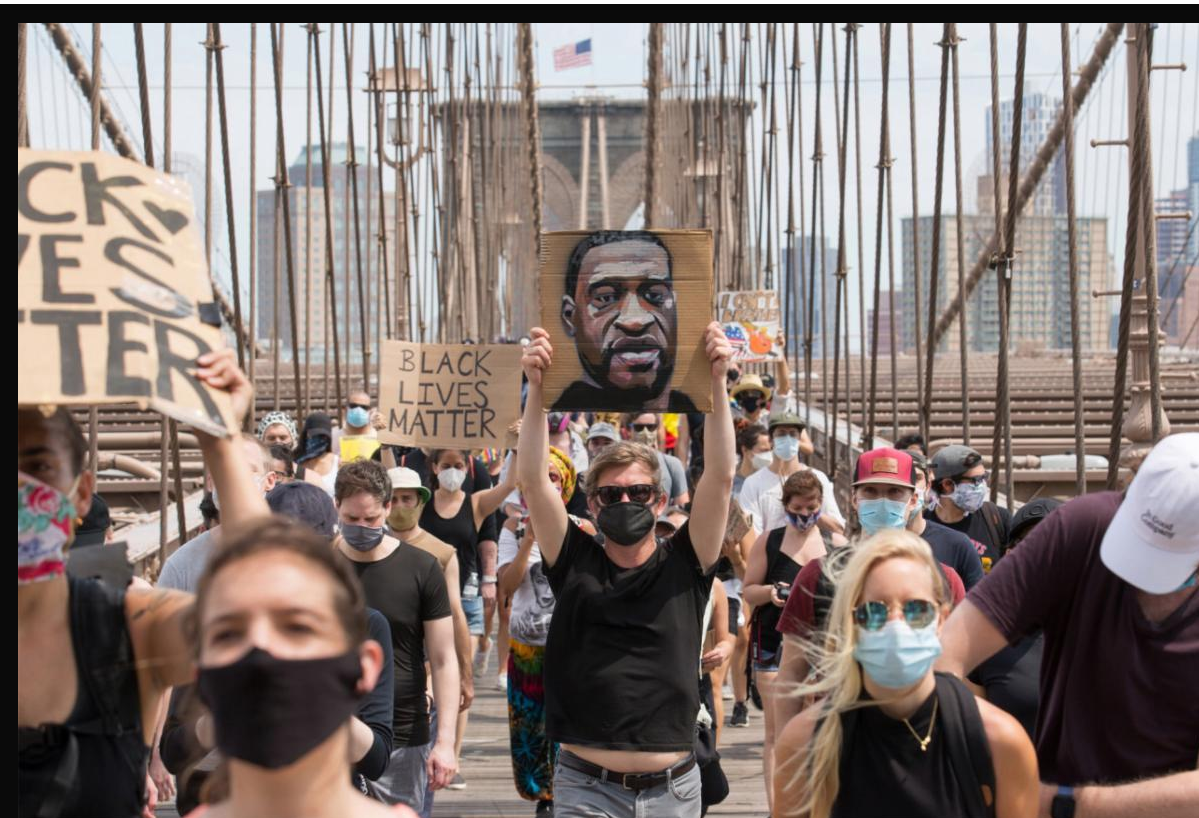
Photo Credit: New York Post

- Thousands of protesters marched in NYC and around the world today.
    - **USA**
        - **New York City**
            - In **Flatbush**, hundreds of protesters chanted peacefully.
            - An estimated **5,000** people filled **Washington Square Park**.
            - Thousands marched from **Grand Army Plaza** over the **Brooklyn Bridge**.
        - **Philadelphia**
            - Thousands of people gathered near the **Philadelphia Museum of Art.**
        - **Seattle**

- A demonstration by **health care workers** drew thousands. Many wore scrubs and lab coats.
- **Minneapolis**
  - A crowd of protesters demanded that **Mayor Jacob Frey** defund the police. When he refused to commit, the crowd booed him and he retreated.
- For coverage of more cities, read [here](#).
- **World**
  - Cities including **London**, **Madrid** and **Lisbon**, faced their own protests. Read more [here](#).

ESSENTIAL WORKER ARRESTS

Photo Credit: Bryan Banducci for The New York Times

- Reports of **essential workers** being arrested after curfew have flooded in since the implementation of the citywide curfew.
- Essential workers are **allowed to be out** past curfew to travel to and from work, but **police are arresting them** anyway.
    - Yesterday, the **NYPD** arrested a **Caviar** delivery person. Read the story [here](#).
        - Mayor de Blasio called the arrest "NOT acceptable" and spoke with the police commissioner. He said the same goes for **journalists**, who have also been targeted by police since the citywide curfew was effected.
    - A **healthcare worker** was arrested along with the **NYS Senate** staffer who videotaped the arrest. Watch it [here](#).

SAY THEIR NAME

Photo Credit: Valarie Carey via the Washington Post

Yesterday, we covered the " **Say Their Name**" agenda. We believe each victim deserves to be recognized. **Miriam Carey** was included in the campaign by the **African American Policy Forum**.

Carey was shot to death by the **Secret Service** and the **U.S. Capitol Police** in 2013 after a car chase from the White House to Capitol Hill. Her 13-month-old daughter survived.

Today, we remember Miriam, and the many other victims of law enforcement.

- Read more here.

CITYWIDE CURFEW

8PM CITYWIDE CURFEW

FROM TODAY TUES. (JUNE 2) TO 5AM MON. (JUNE 8).

[EXCEPT ESSENTIAL WORKERS]

NYC

Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that the **citywide curfew** will continue through 5:00 a.m. **June 8th.**

- The extended curfew will start at **8 p.m.** each night and end at **5 a.m.** each morning.
- Read the mayor's **Emergency Executive Order** here.

Photo Credit: NY1

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** again through **Sunday, June 7th.**

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

COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING SITE

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

Despite difficult times, you provide New York families with the critical services and goods they need.

Thank You
Essential Workers

During these unprecedented and difficult times, we thank our **essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **food delivery drivers and couriers** for their daily effort in keeping us fed.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte

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.

AVOID SCAMS

Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or 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 <u>website</u> 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/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 <u>here</u> . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

Don't Go Hungry!

Hello neighbors!

Help is on the way as the **Brooklyn Museum** launches a partnership with **The Campaign Against Hunger** to offer food distribution starting on **Monday, June 1, 3–5 pm**.

To ensure we have the right amount of food, **sign-up by emailing is required**: healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org

The Campaign Against Hunger (TCAH) is one of the most trusted nonprofits working to end hunger and build health in our local communities. As we witness the vastly disproportionate economic and social impacts of COVID-19 on already-struggling New Yorkers, we know many of our neighbors are in need of emergency food for their families. Learn more at https://www.tcahnyc.org.

Where

Brooklyn Museum Biergarten (in the parking lot behind the Museum) 200 Eastern Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11238

When

Weekly starting Monday, June 1, 3–5 pm

Spread the word!

healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org

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** 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

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

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

STAY INFORMED 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
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and www.rodneysebichotte.net