



Assemblymember
RODNEYSE BICHOTTE
Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



COVID-19 Updates

As New York City opens, we will be reducing the frequency of our COVID-19 updates from every day to twice weekly. Resources will continue to be included in our biweekly newsletter and we invite you to reach out directly for any assistance you need.

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Cuomo Threatens Another Lockdown

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Gatherings Of Up To 25 People Permitted In Phase Three Regions; Black Lives Matter Street Painting Installed In Bed-Stuy; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 383,944
NYS Deaths: 24,579
NYC Confirmed: 210,259
Brooklyn Confirmed: 58,177

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- On Sunday, the governor threatened to put Manhattan and the Hamptons back in **lockdown**.
 - **The state has** received over **25,000** reports of health-safety violations since the beginning of the pandemic.
 - New Yorkers openly violated **social distancing guidelines** over the weekend, leading the governor to threaten another lockdown.
 - Cuomo also said that restaurants and bars that do not adhere to social distancing guidelines could lose their **liquor licenses**.
 - Read more [here](#).
- To follow-up on an executive order issued Friday, the governor said over the weekend, that localities that do not pass police reforms, will lose funding from the state. Read more [here](#).
- **Governor Cuomo** announced that the state will allow gatherings of up to **25 people** in regions that

reach **Phase Three** of reopening. The regions that have been cleared by public health experts so far, are:

- Central New York, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North Country, and the Southern Tier.
- Western New York will enter the third phase tomorrow and the Capital Region on Wednesday.
- The governor announced that NYS has the **lowest number of hospitalizations and fatalities** due to COVID-19 on a **three-day average** since the pandemic began.
- The governor announced that the **Mario Cuomo Bridge** will implement a bike/pedestrian path.
- Cuomo signed **3** more **police reform bills** into law today.
 - **A.8226/S.6601** - Requires law enforcement to call for **medical attention** for those in custody who need it.
 - **A10608/S02575-B** - Requires law enforcement officers to **report a weapon discharge**, where someone could have been struck, within 6 hours.
 - **A.10609/S.1830b** - Requires police departments and courts to **track arrest data on race and ethnicity**.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Ed Reed/Mayor's Office

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that **Fulton Street** in Brooklyn will be a pedestrian-only zone for the rest of the summer. The street got its own "**Black Lives Matter**" painting this weekend. Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte** and other officials participated in the painting.
 - See photos and coverage below, and see the news [here](#).
- The mayor cancelled public appearances today due to illness. He has stated that he will not get a COVID-19 test, since he does not have symptoms of the virus.
- Yesterday, Avery Cohen, a spokesperson for the mayor said that **contact tracers** will not proactively ask New Yorker's if they have **attended a protest**.
 - Instead questions will be related to whether they have been in close contact (defined as being within 6 feet of another person) for at least **10 minutes**.
- The **NYPD** announced it is getting rid of undercover anti-crime officers.
 - Because of the covert nature of their jobs, officers in the **Anti-Crime Unit** tend to be involved in shootings more often, according to Police Commissioner **Dermot Shea**.
 - The **600 officers** will be reassigned to other divisions effective immediately.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Demetrius Freeman for the New York Times. Tiffany Munroe during a rally to end violence against transgender people of color in Brooklyn on Sunday.

- The **Food and Drug Administration** (FDA) revoked emergency authorization of two malaria drugs to treat COVID-19 because they are "unlikely to be effective."
 - The drugs are hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine.
 - Read more [here](#).
- The **Supreme Court** ruled that federal law does protect **L.G.B.T.Q. workers** from discrimination and prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of workers' **sexual orientation** or **gender identity**.
 - Read more [here](#).

BLACK LIVES MATTER



Photo Credit: Filip Wolak/Gothamist

- Legislators, artists, and volunteers painted **28-foot tall** letters spanning a **375-foot-long** stretch of **Fulton Street** in Restoration Plaza this weekend.
- City Councilman **Robert Cornegy Jr.**, who represents Bed-Stuy, led the project along with the Billie Holiday Theatre.
- Other public figures who helped make the mural a reality, include: Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte**, Assemblymember **Tremaine Wright**, Attorney General **Letitia James**, Rev. **Al Sharpton**, Brooklyn District Attorney **Eric Gonzales**, the Honorable **Annette Robinson** (AD-56), Director **Spike**

Lee and President of the Brooklyn Alumnae Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Chapter, Shawna Myles.



Photo left to right: Assemblymember Tremaine Wright, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Attorney General Letitia James, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Council Member Robert Cornegy Jr.



Photo left to right: Director Spike Lee, Assemblymember Tremaine Wright, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Councilmember Robert Cornegy Jr.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Attorney General Letitia James, President of the Brooklyn Alumnae Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Chapter, Shawna Myles, and Assemblymember Tremaine Wright.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Assemblymember Tremaine Wright, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzales, and Attorney General Letitia James.

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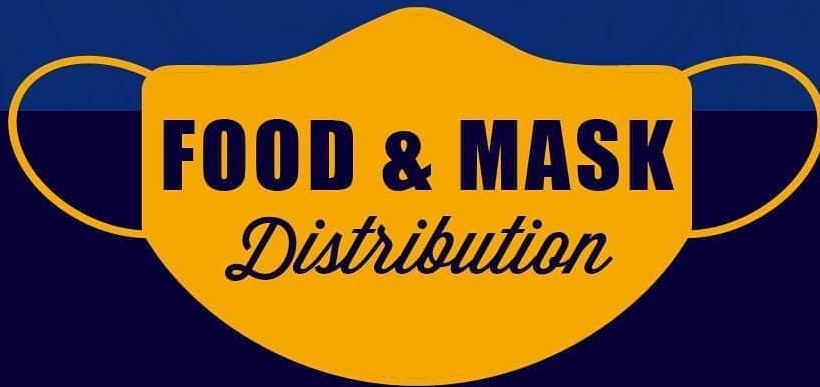
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Council Member
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020 / 11AM-1PM

For more info & to RSVP contact **Zip Code Lounge**
(929)382-4677 / zipcodelounge@gmail.com / @zipcodeloungebk

RETURN-TO-SCHOOL 2020 SURVEY

The Return-to-School 2020 Survey has launched!



We want your feedback as we explore various options for re-opening school buildings in the 2020-21 school year.

schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020

NYC Department of
Education
Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

To complete the survey, visit [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES



A View from You



NYC
Small Business
Services

A View From You: The City of New York Listens to the Small Business Community

June 16, 2020

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Panelists:



Joni Kletter,
Commissioner & Chief
Administrative Law Judge,
NYC Office of Administrative
Trials and Hearings (OATH)

Moderator:
Dr. Larry Schooler



Jonnel Doris,
Commissioner
Small Business Services



Melba Wilson,
Chef & Owner of
Melba's Restaurant

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TENANT TOWN HALL



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TENANT TOWN HALL

EVICITION MORATORIUM * RENTAL VOUCHERS * ONE-SHOT DEAL

- Unsure of your tenant rights during COVID-19?
- Confused about the Eviction Moratorium?
- Interested in learning about rental vouchers?
- Could you be eligible for one-time financial help with rent?

Join us for this **FREE WEBINAR** with housing professionals

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 * 6:00-7:30pm
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ybpes2vh>



In collaboration with

Legal Services of New York City
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NYS Senators Kevin Parker

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NYC Councilmember Farah Louis
NYC Councilmember Alan Maisel

To register for the town hall add your name [here](#).

IMMIGRATION UPDATES

IMMIGRATION NEWS

IN THE TIME OF
CORONAVIRUS



Join us

Wednesday, June 17th
3:00 - 3:30 pm



Liberty
Defense Project



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Next Wednesday, June 17th at 3:00 p.m.

Photo Credit: CUNY.edu

- **Humayun Shawn Rahman**, Managing Attorney with **Citizenship Now!** will be live on Facebook Wednesday, **June 17 at 3 p.m.** to share the latest immigration updates.
- Here are some questions Shawn will answer:
 - Can I still apply for a green card?
 - How long do I have to wait for my swearing-in ceremony for citizenship?
 - I lost my job because of COVID-19. Can I get my USCIS fees waived?
 - I am undocumented. What are my rights if I want to join the protests?
- Submit your own questions during the presentation, and Shawn will respond to them at the end of the session.
- Join the conversation [here](#).

NEW YORK FORWARD LOAN PROGRAM

NY FORWARD



Photo Credit: Newsbreak

- Applications for the **New York Forward Loan Program** are now being considered on a rolling basis. The **\$100 million fund** was created to provide flexible and affordable loans to **small businesses, nonprofits** and **small landlords** as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE.
- **Basic Eligibility:**
 - Small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords must have **20** or less employees and less than **\$3 million** in revenue.
 - Landlords must have no more than **200** units under ownership, and no single property greater than **50** units; Properties must either be located in a low or moderate income (LMI) census tract or meet a rent test where property rents are affordable to tenants of low and moderate income.
 - Priority will be given to industries and regions that have been reopened. Please refer to the **New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool** [here](#).
 - Businesses, nonprofits and landlords that received the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) **will not be eligible to apply**.
- For more information or to submit a pre-application for a NY Forward Loan, please visit [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: queenoftheclick

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** through **Sunday, June 21st**. Parking meters will remain in effect.

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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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

You keep our shelves stocked and families healthy.

Thank you grocery store workers.



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **grocery store workers** for keeping our shelves stocked and families healthy.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



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](tel:844-330-2020).

AVOID SCAMS

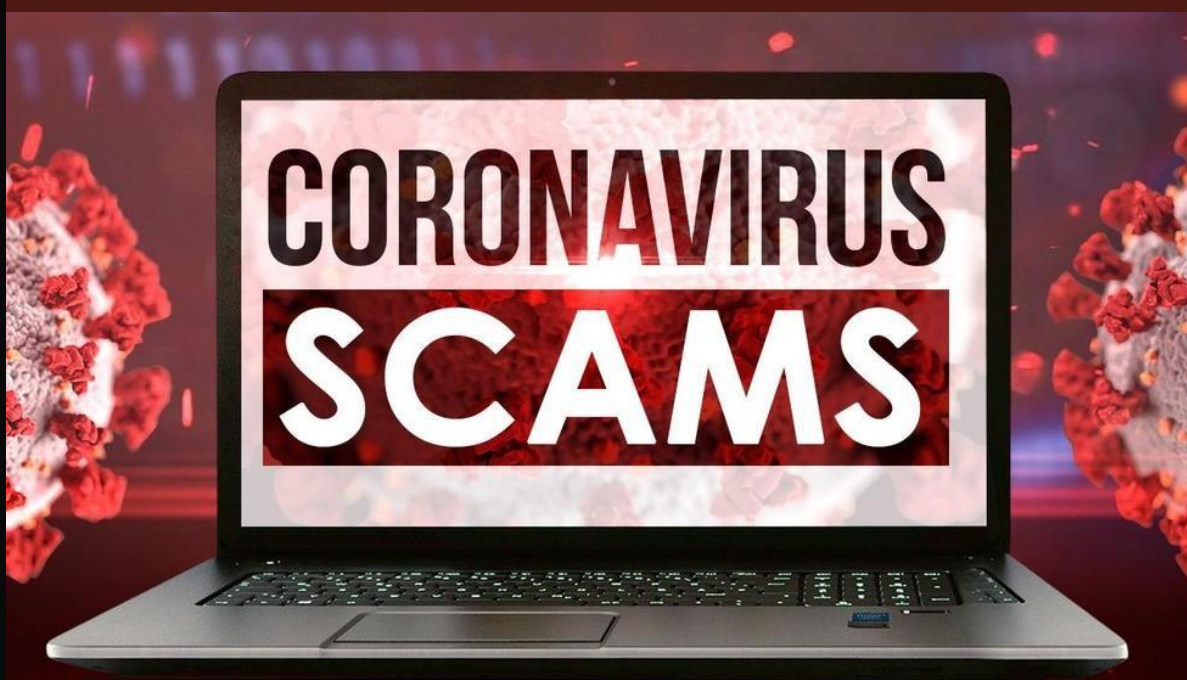


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](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** . 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 [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

Don't Go Hungry!

Brooklyn Museum



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!

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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



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
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and www.rodneysebichotte.net

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