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Brooklyn Democratic County Leader

COVID-19 Updates



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Photo Credit: Julienne Schaer. Basketball players at Pier 2 in Brooklyn Bridge Park before the pandemic.

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New York Will Impose Quarantine On Visitors From States With Big Outbreaks

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

NYC to Enter Phase 3 On July 6; Second Wave In Southern and Western States Brings Highest COVID-19 Cases To-Date; and more.

NYS Confirmed: 390,415
NYS Deaths: 24,800
NYC Confirmed: 213,699

Brooklyn Confirmed: 59,206

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Darren McGee/Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- In a joint **travel advisory** issued this week, **Governor Andrew Cuomo**, New Jersey **Governor Phil Murphy** and Connecticut **Governor Ned Lamont** announced that all individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19 must **quarantine** for a **14-day** period from the time of last contact within the identified state.
 - It applies to states where **10** of every **100,000** people test positive on a rolling **7-day** basis or where the positivity rate in the total population is **10%**.
 - Travelers arriving to NYC, NJ, and Connecticut from Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Texas will be subject to quarantine.
 - Read the **Executive Order** [here](#).
- The governor also announced that COVID-19 hospitalizations have fallen below **1,000** for the first time since **March 18**.
- Five regions - **Central New York, the Finger Lakes, the Mohawk Valley, the North Country and the Southern Tier** - are on track to enter **Phase IV** of reopening on Friday.

- New York State issued guidance for Phase IV, which will allow low-risk indoor and outdoor arts and entertainment, film and TV production, higher education and professional sports without fans.
- Guidance for Phase IV of reopening is available [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that New York City is on track to enter **Phase 3** of reopening on **July 6**. Here's what that means:
 - Indoor dining and personal-care services, like manicures, tattooing and waxing will resume.
 - Recreational amenities including soccer fields, basketball, tennis, volleyball, bocce, and handball courts in city parks will reopen.
 - Dog runs will be open for public use.
- **Parks Ambassadors** will continue staffing parks and playgrounds, handing out masks and educating patrons about maintaining safe distancing.
- The Mayor announced that beginning **Monday, June 29**, streets will be cleaned no more than once per week, down from two days or more per week in many neighborhoods.
 - Streets that have multiple **Alternate Side Parking** (ASP) days would be cleaned on the latest day posted on the street's sign.

- New York City will **resume** ASP next week, on **June 29**, and decide each week thereafter whether to resume or suspend based on street conditions.
- The **Department of Education's** grab-and-go **Meal Hubs** will continue to operate through the summer.
 - Starting on **June 29**, Meal Hub summer service will operate at approximately **400** sites across the city and continue regular service from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday.
 - Find a location near you [here](#).
- The Mayor established a **multi-agency task** force to crack down on **illegal fireworks sales**. The task force will target suppliers, distributors and possessors of large quantities of illegal fireworks by conducting investigations and sting operations within and outside of New York City to disrupt supply chains.
 - The FDNY will also launch a public safety campaign, including public service announcements and social media, to illustrate the dangers of illegal fireworks.
- The city will host a **citywide graduation** celebration on **June 30**. The graduation will bring the entire city together in celebration of the accomplishments of the Class of 2020.
 - The graduation celebration will air live on PIX11's TV channel, website, and social media channels at **7:00 PM** on **June 30**. It will also be live streamed [here](#).

NYC COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 60
ICU admissions: 329
Percentage tested positive: 2%

*The city's goal is to keep new hospitalizations below **200** , ICU admissions under **375** and the percentage of positive tests below **15** .*

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Kevin Lamarque /Reuters

- Yesterday, the U.S. reached the highest single day of new coronavirus cases.
 - A total of **45,557** cases were reported Wednesday, topping the prior record high count from **April 26**, during the first wave, by more than **9,000** cases.
 - Health experts say the spike in Southern and Western states can be traced to Memorial Day, when many states began loosening lockdowns and reopening businesses.
 - Texas, one of the states most effected, has halted reopening.
- The **White House** confirmed on Wednesday it will no longer fund **13** testing sites.
 - The sites are in Texas, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Colorado.
 - Texas, which has reported record high coronavirus cases will lose funding for **7** sites.
- The Labor Department announced that **1.5 million** Americans filed for unemployment last week. Read more [here](#).
- The **U.S. Supreme Court** ruled today that asylum seekers will not have a right to a federal court hearing.
 - The **7-2** vote allows the Trump administration to deport thousands of asylum-seeking immigrants in the U.S. Read more [here](#).
- House Democrats introduced legislation to strengthen the **Affordable Care Act**. The move is intended to draw contrast between parties on healthcare.

- Read the bill [here](#).
- The House also approved a sweeping police reform bill named in honor of George Floyd.
 - The **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020** includes provisions that would overhaul qualified immunity for law enforcement, prohibits racial profiling by law enforcement officers and bans no-knock warrants in federal drug cases.
 - It would also ban chokeholds at the federal level and classify them as a civil rights violation, and would establish a national registry of police misconduct maintained by the Department of Justice.
 - Read the full story [here](#).

MEDICAID FUNDING

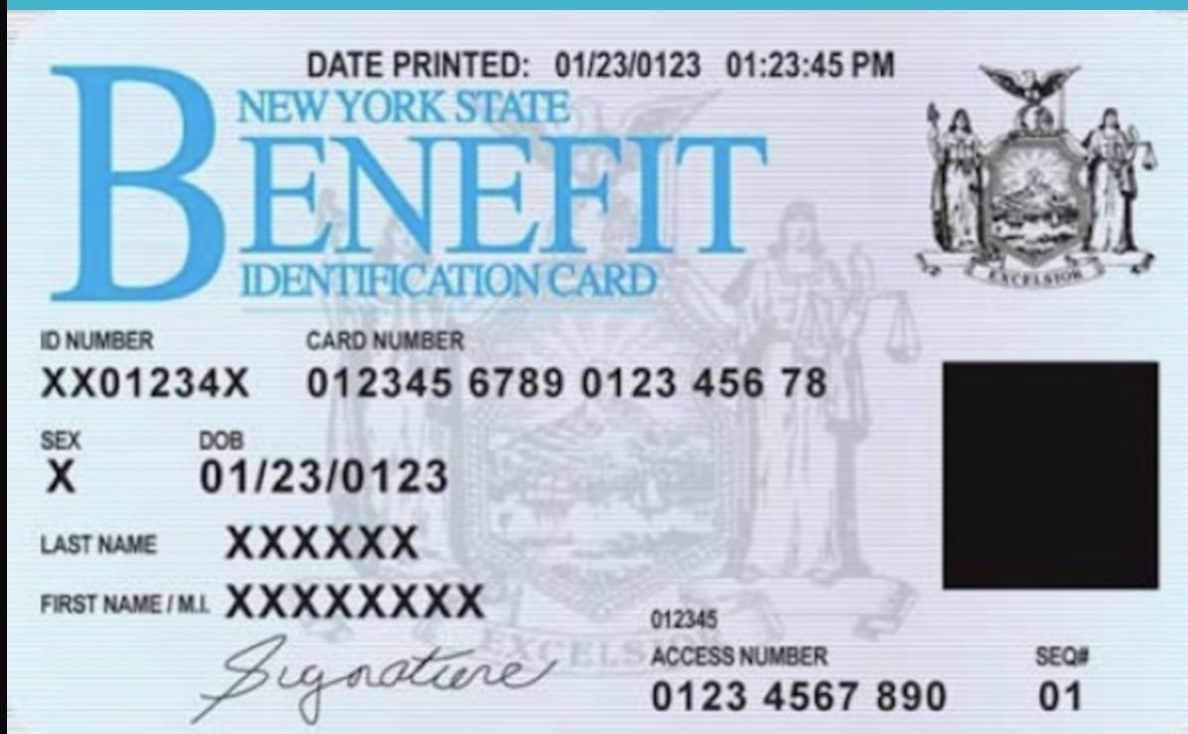


Photo Credit: NYS OTDA

- New York counties are receiving **\$323 million** in **Medicaid** funding.
- The Department of Health announced today that the funds will be dispersed as part of the **Families First Coronavirus Response Act**.
- The funds will go to counties that have been financially hit hard by the virus. Read more [here](#).

NEW YORK CITY MARATHON



Photo Credit: Benjamin Norman/The New York Times

Organizers and city officials have cancelled this year's **New York City Marathon** over fears of spreading coronavirus. Read the story [here](#).

FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION



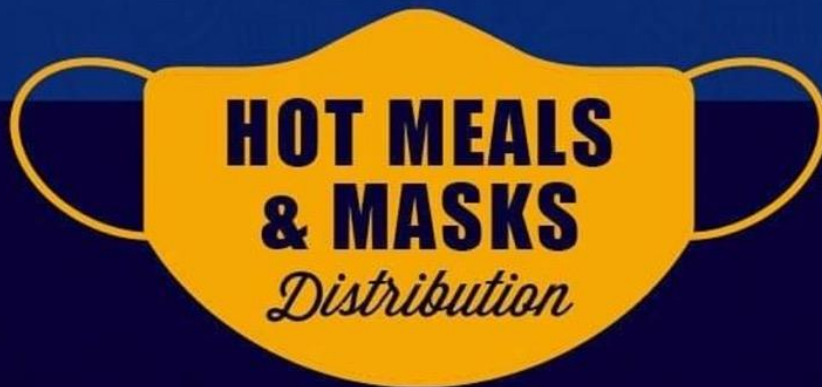
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SEARS PARKING LOT TESTING SITE UPDATE



Photo Credit: mtairynews

Due to planned retail reopening, the Sears drive-through site on 2307 Beverley Road is now closed and will be moving to **888 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208** on Monday, **June 29** . To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.

RACIAL PROFILING



Video Credit: Financial Times/Don Newkirk

The murder of **George Floyd** has focused attention on allegations of police brutality and racial profiling, and sparked calls for justice and reform. The Financial Times released a video where they spoke to protest organizers, activists and lawmakers, including **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** , who are calling for change.

FIREWORKS



REWARD



Up to **\$1,000** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons possessing or distributing fireworks.

Fireworks
are
Illegal

**The New York City Police Department
urges you to celebrate safely on July 4th**

If you use fireworks, you or someone else can get seriously hurt.
If you have fireworks we can ARREST YOU, your car can be confiscated
or your business can be closed.

Concerned citizens can anonymously report the delivery, sale or storage of fireworks.

CALL: 911 for crimes in progress
311 to provide information

A Public Safety Message from The New York City Police Department, Community Affairs Bureau

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ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: queenoftheclick

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** through **Sunday, June 28th**. All other Parking rules are in effect throughout New York City. Parking meters are also not in effect on Sundays.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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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**.

**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



Thank You Firefighters...

*... for risking your lives
for the safety of others*

During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **firefighters** for risking their lives to save others.

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](tel:844-330-2020).

AVOID SCAMS

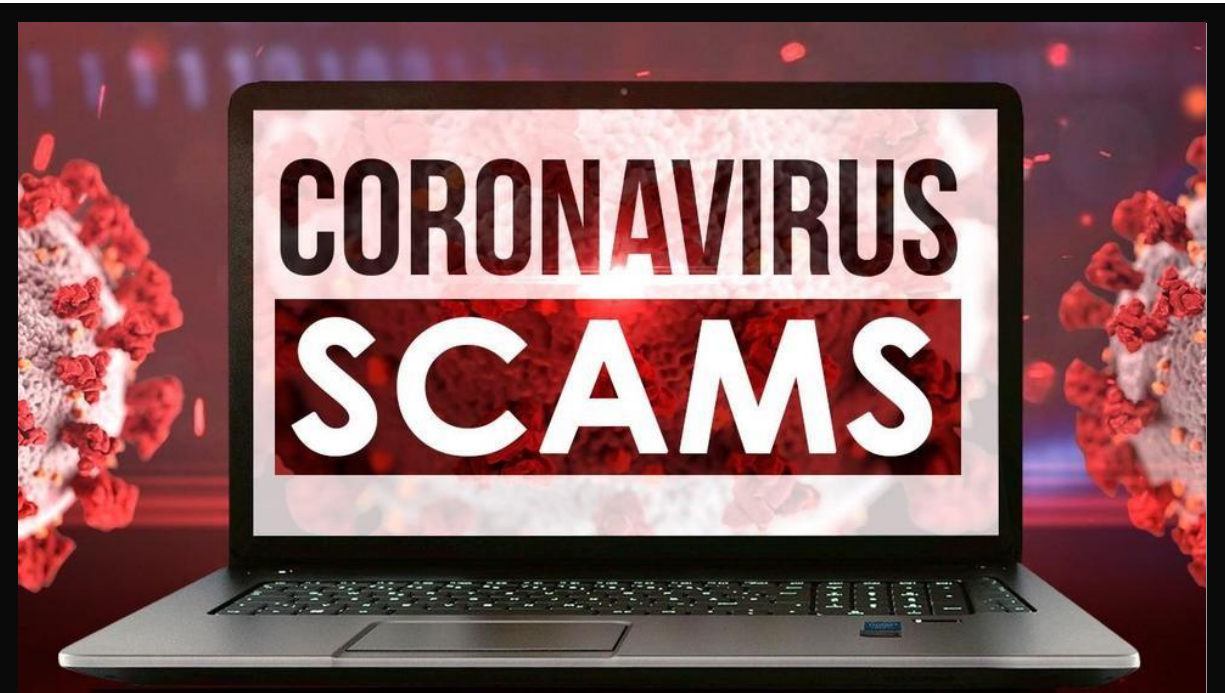


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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](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](#).

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.

Adult Education: Access to free adult education programs are accessible starting July 6th to August 14th. Register by calling 917-612-7831 or emailing [here](#).

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.tcahny.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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