



Assemblymember
RODNEYSE BICHOTTE
Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



COVID-19 Updates

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Photo Credit: Anna Moneymaker/The New York Times. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who announced the HEALS Act today.

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U.S. Senate Unveils HEALS Act

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Flatbush to Get a New Community and Recreation Center; Mayor de Blasio Calls for Full Reopening of City Courts; and more!

NYS Confirmed: 412,344
NYS Deaths: 25,117
NYC Confirmed: 224,051
Brooklyn Confirmed: 62,053

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Andrew Seng/NYT. The Beach Cafe on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

- **Governor Cuomo** announced today that **27** more violations have been issued to **establishments with liquor licenses** across NYC and in Long Island.
 - This is in addition to the **105** issued on Friday and Saturday.
 - **Ten** establishments had their licenses suspended for a total of **40** so far.
- The state is investing in a group of **PPE companies**, and will get first dibs on the supplies if a second wave hits New York.
- The governor also announced that **coronavirus-related cases** in children have not increased dramatically.
 - As of Friday, NYS has investigated **240 cases** of the syndrome, known as **MIS-C**.
 - The Kawasaki Disease-like syndrome, although rare, has caused **3 fatalities** in the state
 - According to a new study, the hyper-inflammatory syndrome is associated with **cardiac dysfunction**.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: NYC Mayor's Office

- Today, the mayor held a press conference at City Hall with **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** and **Council Member Farah Louis**.
 - The officials unveiled plans to open a **community recreation center** in Flatbush, Brooklyn, named after **Shirley Chisholm** and **Dr. Roy Hastick**.
 - The recreation center will be built at **Nostrand Playground** and will include an **indoor pool** and **kitchen** for cooking classes, **two-lane track**, and more.
 - **Fitness, youth and senior programming** as well as **professional development services** will be available.
 - Groundbreaking will begin in **2022**. Read the [release](#) and watch the video of the conference below.
- **Mayor de Blasio** called for a full reopening of **city courts**.
 - In light of an uptick in gun violence across the city, the mayor stated that reopening the courts will help return our criminal justice system to its full strength.
- The mayor announced the following COVID-19 indicators:
 - COVID hospitalizations Sunday: **642**
 - Percent tested positive Sunday: About **1%**
 - COVID fatalities on Sunday: **11**
 - COVID hospitalizations: **54**
 - H+H ICU admissions: **286**



Video Credit: NY1. Assemblymember Bichotte and Council Member Farah Louis announce the planned opening of a new community recreation center in Flatbush, Brooklyn.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Evan Vucci/AP. National security adviser, Robert O'Brien, who recently tested positive for COVID-19.

- Today, Republicans began rolling out major parts of their coronavirus relief plan, called the **HEALS Act**.

- HEALS is an acronym for health, economic assistance, liability and schools.
- Under the plan, Republicans are reportedly seeking a **\$400-per-week reduction** in unemployment benefits in their **\$1 trillion** package, according to **Senator Mitch McConnell**, the majority leader.
- Other measures include:
 - Direct payments of **\$1,200** and **\$2,400** to individuals and couples, respectively.
 - The same qualifications as the checks approved in March would apply to this round. Adults earning up to **\$75,000** get the full **\$1,200**, but adults earning more would get smaller amounts. People who earn over **\$99,000** again would go empty-handed. The plan offers an additional **\$500** per dependent of any age.
 - It would allow small businesses that have seen revenue fall by more than **50%** to apply for a second **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** loan.
 - The bill provides **\$105 billion** to help schools reopen in the fall.
 - It includes **\$16 billion** to help states boost Covid-19 testing capacity. Read more [here](#).
 - Democrats passed a **\$3 trillion** bill in May. The next step is for **negotiations** to begin.
- **President Trump's** national security adviser, **Robert O'Brien**, tested positive for COVID-19, the White House announced today. He is the highest-ranking official known to have contracted the virus.

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AM Rodneyse Bichotte
and CM Farah Louis



Save the date! July 30th @ 6:30PM - 8:30PM

To join the event with Zoom [click](#) .

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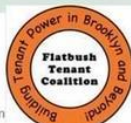
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GoFundMe : People In Need - COVID19 Food Insecurity Campaign.**

For an appointment call 201-878-4332 or email click [here](#) .

NHS BROOKLYN



NHS BROOKLYN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC

Thurs July 30 6-7:30pm

**WHAT
LANDLORDS
& SMALL BUSINESSES**

NEED TO KNOW

**ABOUT
REOPENING**

**Register: <https://tinyurl.com/y8xwoucm>
718469-4679**

In this **free webinar**, get answers to pressing questions and fears about re-opening businesses and managing multi-family properties. What are the **specific guidelines**? How do I ensure my **employees, customers, or tenants** are safe? As a commercial-building owner, do I need to take special precautions for tenants and customers (traffic, signage, etc.)? Am I subject to a **lawsuit** if an employee, customer or tenant claims they were infected at my establishment? Should I upgrade my **insurance**?

To register click [here](#).

RENTAL ASSISTANT

CAN'T PAY YOUR RENT?

The Partnership can provide assistance

Apply at a virtual clinic:
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Apply online:
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Whether you are low-income, out of work, undocumented or need to move because of domestic or gender-based violence, we can help. The Partnership provides financial assistance tenant/landlord mediation and/or legal referrals, as well as a range of supportive services.

Documents that are required from clients in order to process their financial case:

Categories	Types of Documents
Proof of Identification <small>(Pick one)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Issued ID w/picture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's license • State Identification Card • Learner's permit • City identification Card
Proof of Address/Residence <small>(Pick one)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Lease (If NYCHA, "Affidavit") <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of utility bill <input type="checkbox"/> Letter from the landlord
Proof of Income <small>(Pick one)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Current budget letter from PA, SSI, SSDI, HASA <input type="checkbox"/> Pay Stubs <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment checks <input type="checkbox"/> Tax returns <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statements <input type="checkbox"/> Verification letter from client's legal/advocacy/ community organization or current/recent employer
Proof of Arrears (within 30 Days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Notarized Letter from Landlord including Rent Breakdown* <small>(If NYCHA or other government agency, letter should be on agency letterhead)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Court Stipulation <input type="checkbox"/> Marshals Notice <input type="checkbox"/> Utility bill <small>*If the case is in court, there is no need for the landlord's letter to be notarized.</small>

305 Seventh Ave, 14th Fl, New York, NY 10001-6008 212.645.3444 (tel) partnershipforthehomeless.org

For assistance with rent payments click [here](#) or call 212-645-3444.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Assemblymember Bichotte distributes masks to Businesses along the Church Avenue BID corridor and to members of the community



Street Vendor



Dry Cleaners



Variety Store



Barber Shop



Homeless person



*Tenants Association
2601 Glenwood Road*

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- NYC Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is **suspended** from **Today** through **Sunday, August 2**. Parking meters are in effect.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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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 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)**

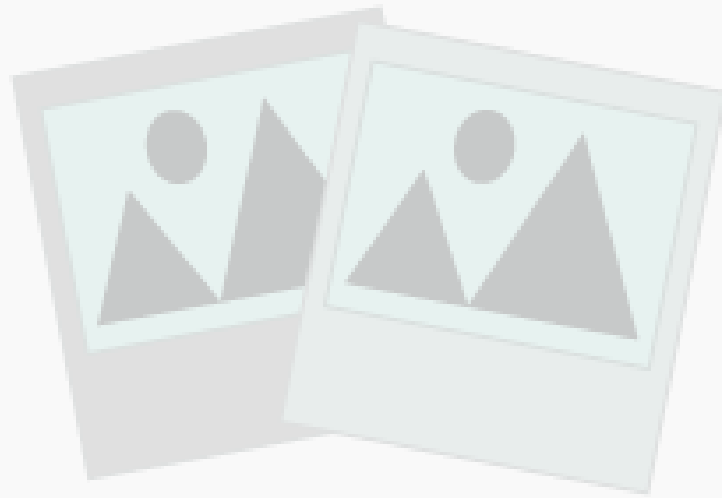


Photo Credit: Norton Children's

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



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 remaining available and allowing us to get our needed groceries.

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

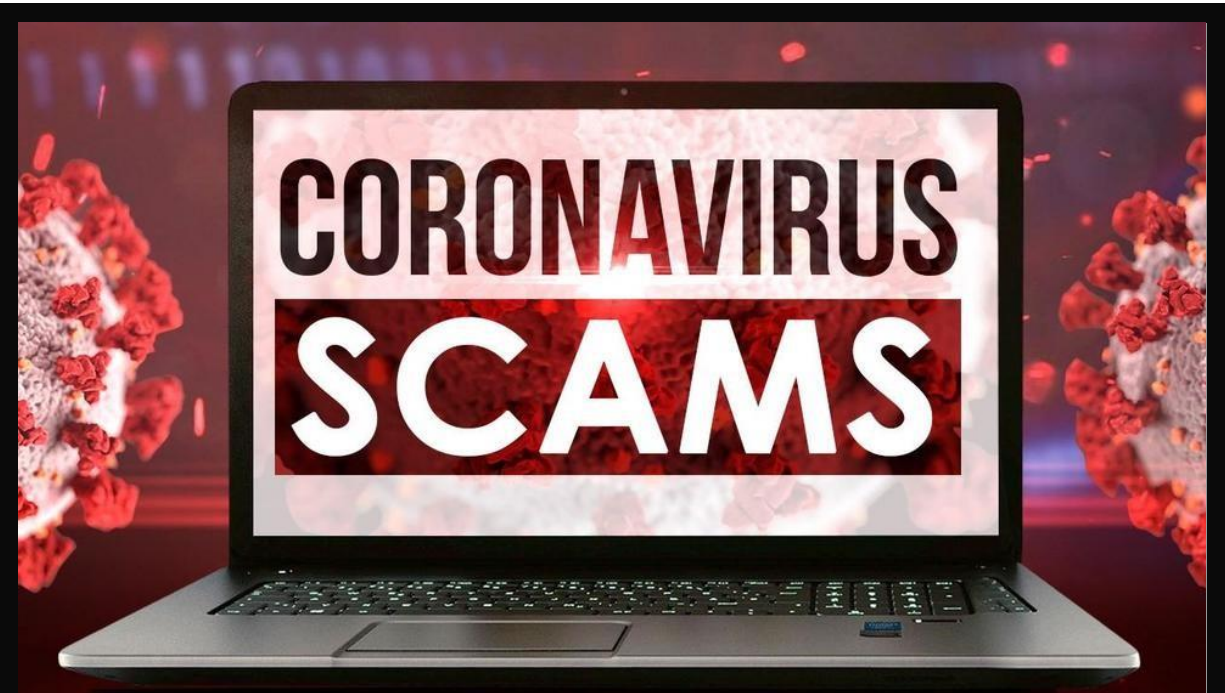


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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

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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<http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte>
and www.rodneysebichotte.net

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