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Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



COVID-19 Updates

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Statewide Eviction Moratorium Extended

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

City Sets Up Quarantine Checkpoints; Attorney General Moves to Dissolve NRA; State of Emergency Declared in Some Counties After Tropical Storm; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 418,928

NYS Deaths: 25,185

NYC Confirmed: 226,914

Brooklyn Confirmed: 62,890

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo declared a **state of emergency** in New York to provide local governments additional clean-up and operational support to handle the aftermath of **Tropical Storm Isaias**. See which counties were most effected here.
- The governor was unanimously voted to serve as the chair of the **National Governors Association** (NGA).
 - Cuomo is the first governor from New York to become the NGA chair. His agenda as chair is to focus on America's recovery and revival.
- The governor announced that New York's coronavirus infection rate dropped **below 1%**.
 - Of the **70,000** test results that came back Tuesday, **636**, or **0.87%**, were positive.
 - Hospitalizations fell by **4** patients to **564 people** statewide.
- The **State Police Hate Crimes Task Force** is charged with investigating a **hate crime** against a transgender man in Rochester.
- Governor Cuomo's executive order that provided **eviction relief** for tenants set to expire yesterday was extended **30 days** until **September 4**.
 - Tenants who need legal assistance should call **311** for the **Office of Tenant Protection**.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: CBS

- Mayor de Blasio announced the city will send officers to "key entry points" including **Port Authority, airports, bridges** and **tunnels** to screen incoming travelers and enforce travel restrictions.
 - The **quarantine checkpoints** will provide travelers with information about restrictions and reminders that failure to comply with quarantine will result in serious penalties and fines.
 - [Here](#) is a list of states currently impacted by quarantine restrictions.
- Health Commissioner **Dr. Oxiris Barbot** resigned earlier this week. Read more [here](#).
- After months of stalling, the NYPD ordered cops to appear before the city's **Civilian Complaint Review Board** (CCRB) after the CCRB held an emergency public hearing today.

- There are **1,109 complaints** awaiting officer interviews, including some **750** stemming from the protests alone.
- The mayor vowed to prevent looming **evictions** which NYS extended a ban on earlier in the day.
 - The city has reached out to **14,000 families** who have received eviction orders.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Richard Drew/AP Photo

- New York Attorney General **Letitia James** filed a lawsuit seeking to dissolve the **National Rifle Association (NRA)**.
 - The lawsuit comes on the heels of an **18-month investigation** that found the gun rights group is "fraught with fraud and abuse". The suit alleges that NRA executives:
 - misused charitable funds for personal gain;

- awarded contracts to friends and family; and
- provided contracts to former employees to ensure loyalty. Read more [here](#).
- **Facebook** and **Twitter** removed a video of President Trump making false claims about COVID-19. The comments were part of a Fox News interview.
- **Jonathan Swan** interviewed President Trump for **Axios on HBO**. In the interview, Trump discusses the nation's response to COVID-19. You can watch it [here](#).
- Congressional Democrats introduced the **Federal Reserve Racial and Economic Equity Act** which strives to eliminate racial disparity in employment, wages, wealth and access to affordable credit. Read more [here](#).

CENSUS COUNT TO END EARLIER



Photo Credit: Justin Sullivan/Getty Images

The 2020 Census data collection count will **end earlier** than anticipated to meet the statutory deadline by December 31st.

Data collection in the field, such as door-knocking will now end on **September 30th**, one month earlier than planned. Read more [here](#).

COVID RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

COVID Rent Relief Program

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Applications accepted through August 6th, 2020.

Applications and FAQ's are available in multiple languages.

Español (Spanish)

中文 繁體 (Chinese - Traditional)

Русский (Russian)

Kreyòl ayisyen (Haitian-Creole)

한국어 (Korean)

বাংলা (Bengali)



Homes and
Community Renewal

Learn more:
hcr.ny.gov/RRP

For more details on the COVID Rent Relief Program visits [here](#).

REMOTE/BLENDED LEARNING SURVEY DEADLINE

LEARNING PREFERENCE SURVEY



School Year 2020-2021

This fall, Brooklyn Brownstone School will offer a combination of in person and remote learning. You can choose from two options:

1. **100% Remote Learning:** Opt in to have your child learn 100% remotely (all online, from home). To choose this option, visit <https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference>
OR
2. **Blended Learning:** Your child can follow a mix of in-person days at school and remote learning days from home. This is the default option.

Changing Preferences

- If you chose 100% Remote Learning but want to change back to Blended Learning, complete the form again by August 7.
- After August 7, any family who chose 100% Remote Learning will have the option to change back to Blended Learning during specified windows during the school year.



The **deadline** to elect remote or blended learning is **Friday, August 7th**. You can fill out the survey [here](#).

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM DEADLINE



U.S. Small Business
Administration

The extended **Paycheck Protect Program** will close its application process soon. The **last day** to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program loan is **Saturday August 8th**. To learn more about SBA's loan programs click [here](#).

HAITIAN COMMUNITY FORUM



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We will address the following:

- Abuse
- Assault
- Social services
- Immigration Concerns
- COVID-19 resources

SATURDAY
AUGUST 8TH, 2020
1:00-3:00 PM

REGISTRATION:
bit.ly/2CX3wsF



Details for additional sessions and tutorials can be found on Apple's website [here](#).

SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN CALL



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte

in partnership with

Councilmember Farah N. Louis

host a...

2020 FALL SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN CONSTITUENT INFORMATION CONFERENCE CALL

JOIN US AND SENIOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS FOR A CONVERSATION
ABOUT REOPENING PLANS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

CONFERENCE NUMBER:
602-580-9864
ACCESS CODE: 1917325

CONFIRMED GUEST SPEAKERS:

- DEPUTY CHANCELLOR ADRIENNE AUSTIN
- EXECUTIVE SUPERINTENDENT
KAREN WATTS (BROOKLYN NORTH)
- DISTRICT 22 SUPERINTENDENT
JULIA BOVE



Space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event we reach conference call capacity, the call will be recorded and made available on the following websites:

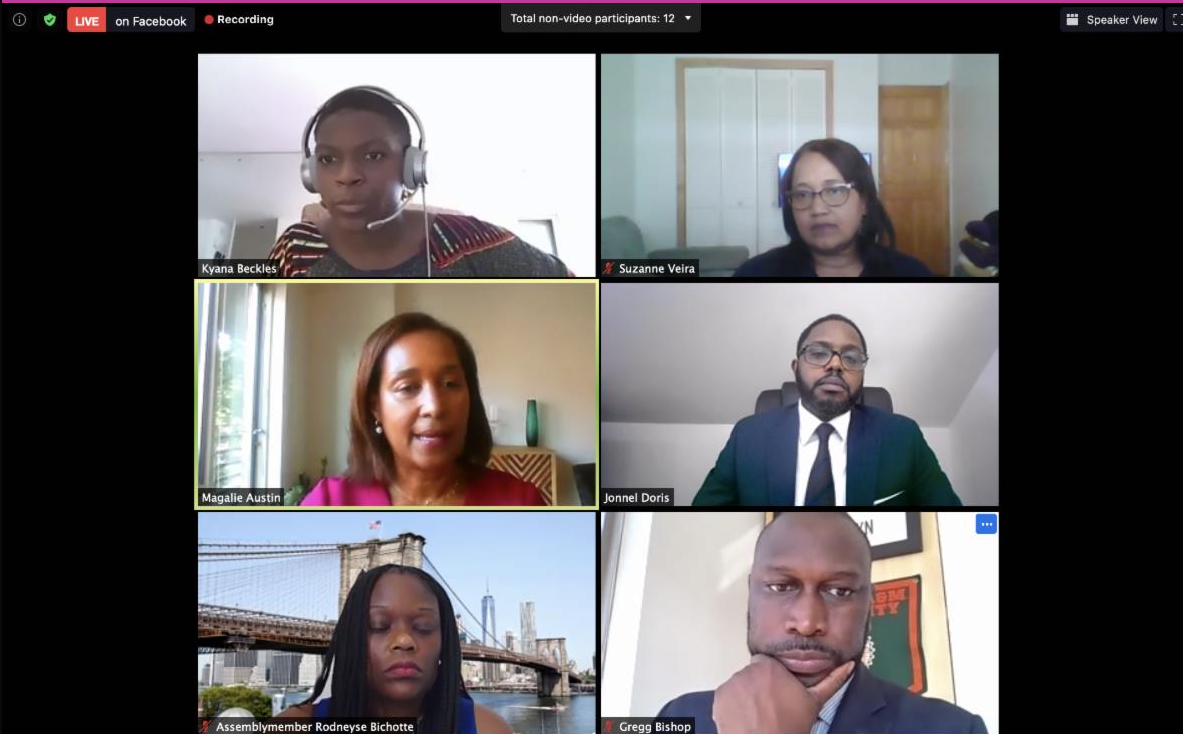
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- ▶ WWW.COUNCIL.NYC.GOV/DISTRICT-45

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 / bichotter@nyassembly.gov / www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Council Member Farah N. Louis host a **2020 Fall School Reopening Plan Constituent Information Conference Call** on Monday, August 10th.

EVENTS

City and State Virtual Summit on Economic and Social Equity



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte participates on a *Striving for Parity in NY* panel at City and State's Summit. She is joined by **Kyana Beckles**, President of Leverage Assessment; **Suzanne Veira**, Chief Diversity Officer, NYC School Construction Authority; **Magalie Austin**, Senior Advisor & Director, Mayor's Office of MWBE; and **Jonnel Doris**, Commissioner of SBS.

Local 372/DC37 Rally



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Local 372/DC37 President **Shaun Francois** at a press conference requesting improvement of working conditions for school lunch workers.

Summer Subway Office Hours

Newkirk Avenue (#2/5) Subway Station



Assemblymember Bichotte and staff with community members at the Newkirk Avenue (#2/5) subway station giving out masks.

Beverley Road (#2/5) Subway Station



Assemblymember Bichotte's staff with excited constituents at the Beverley Road (#2/5) subway station giving out masks.

District Office Re-opens



ASSEMBLYMEMBER
RODNEYSE BICHOTTE
42ND DISTRICT

District Office Re-opens on Monday, August 10, 2020

Our office has been diligently assisting constituents remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are excited to come back and continue serving our constituents.

All visits will be



By appointment only!



To schedule an appointment, please call **(718) 940-0428** or email **lafondr@nyassembly.gov**. For further assistance regarding COVID-19, call the New York State Department of Health's Novel Coronavirus 24-hour hotline at **1-888-364-3065** or text **COVID 692-692** to get daily updates from the city.



The office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte has been diligently assisting constituents remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On **Monday August 10th**, we will **reopen** for in-office services. Please note that in-office visits are **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!** To schedule an appointment, email lafondr@nyassembly.gov All visits to the office **require a face mask** to be worn.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

NYC Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is in effect from **Monday, August 3rd to Friday, August 14th**. Parking meters also remain in effect. For more information visit [here](#).

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 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

They are on the front lines protecting our health.

Thank you
health care
workers!



During these unprecedented and difficult times, we thank our **essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Health Care Workers** for taking care of us and our loved ones. This fight is not possible without you.

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). 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 [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](#).

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 (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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