



Assemblymember  
**RODNEYSE BICHOTTE**  
Brooklyn Democratic County Leader

## COVID-19 Updates



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**August 27, 2020**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **NYC Mayor Announces Ventilation Action Teams for Public Schools**

***Amid Coronavirus Pandemic***

Mayor Announces Bridge to School Plan; UFT Comes To Agreement with NYC; New York State Files Lawsuit Against Trump; and More!

**NYS Confirmed: 432,131**  
**NYS Deaths: 25,309**  
**NYC Confirmed: 233,140**  
**Brooklyn Confirmed: 64,664**

## NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Kevin P. Coughlin / Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- **Governor Cuomo** announced that **Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Maryland and Montana** have been removed from New York State's COVID-19 travel advisory. Guam has been added.
  - View full list of restricted states [here](#).
- The governor directed state agencies to pre-deploy emergency response measures as a storm is predicted to hit New York today and this weekend. Read more [here](#).
- The governor announced that a crew of **Department of Environmental Conservation** wildland firefighters will travel to the Rocky Mountains to help contain high priority wildfires in the region. Read more [here](#).
- The governor rejected new federal guidance on coronavirus testing calling it "political propaganda".
  - The new guidance says that people without symptoms do not need to be screened. The CDC previously recommended testing for anyone with a "recent known or suspected exposure" regardless of whether they presented with symptoms.
- The **New York State Department of Health** (NYSDOH) 'SWAT' team is deployed in the Western New York region due to increased positive COVID-19 tests there.
  - The team will set up eight additional testing sites. Read more [here](#).

- Governor Cuomo cleared all New York schools to reopen next month, but lowered the COVID-19 positivity rate threshold for closing schools again to **5% as opposed to 9%**.
  - NYC has announced an even lower threshold of **3%**.
- On Monday, the governor announced that some low-risk school athletics could resume beginning **September 21**.
  - Low-risk sports include tennis, soccer, cross country, field hockey and swimming.

## NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Rick Bowmer/AP Photo

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced the “**Bridge to School**” plan to help children cope and learn as they begin the new academic year. This plan will provide students with:
  - social, emotional activities as they return to school;
  - materials and lessons to help build coping skills and help students who are processing with grief;
  - training for teachers; and
  - a hotline to assist teachers.
- Mayor de Blasio and Department of Education Chancellor **Richard Carranza** announced that **ventilation action teams** will be inspecting every single learning space in every public school.
  - The DOE will use the assessments to ensure sufficient ventilation by the first day of school.
    - A room or building will not be used until repairs can be made.
  - The DOE purchased **10,000** portable air purifiers to be placed in schools by the first day.

- Every building will also be provided a CO<sub>2</sub> testing device for custodial engineers to measure the level of fresh air.
- As of today, **370** schools have been fully inspected in the last two days.
- Read more [here](#).
- The mayor announced that the city reached a curriculum agreement with the **United Federation of Teachers**.
  - The agreement will allow blended learning students to have two different teachers, one for the days they are in person and one for days they are remote.
  - According to the mayor, both teachers will work as a team.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Richard Drew/AP Photo

- New York State joined a coalition of states and cities from across the country in **filing a lawsuit** against President Donald Trump, the **United States Postal Service**, and Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to stop attempts made to dismantle the USPS and undermine the November General election. Read more [here](#).
- Dr. Robert R. Redfield, the director of the **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**, stated that "testing may be considered for all close contacts of confirmed or probable Covid-19 patients."
  - This statement was made after the CDC received criticism for modifying their coronavirus testing

guidelines this week to exclude people who do not have coronavirus symptoms even if they were exposed to the virus. Read more [here](#).

- New data shows that coronavirus child cases in the US have increased by **21%** since early August. Read more [here](#).
- Due to **Hurricane Laura**, a category 4 storm in Louisiana and Texas, Governor Greg Abbott of Texas is urging residents who are evacuating from their homes to consider staying at a hotel rather than a shelter to safely prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Read more [here](#).

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Return to  
**SCHOOL**  
2020

**Family**

**and Student**

**Information**

**Sessions**



Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Thursday, August 27, 2020



[schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020](https://schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020)

The Department of Education is hosting a **Family and Student Information Session**, today, **August 27th** from **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** To RSVP, visit [here](#).

PANDEMIC EBT

# Pandemic-EBT in NYC



Families will continue  
to receive P-EBT  
benefits throughout  
August and until the  
end of September.



Call 1-833-452-0096 for help or to  
request a replacement Medicaid card

If you have questions regarding **Pandemic-EBT**, please call  
(833)452-0096 for help or to request a replacement Medicaid  
card.

**BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY**



PAKISTANI AMERICAN  
YOUTH ORGANIZATION



ICNARelief

PRESENTS



# BACK 2 SCHOOL GIVEAWAY



**SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH AT 6:00PM**

LOCATION : 1045 CONEY ISLAND AVE BROOKLYN NY 11230

FREE BACKPACK & SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY (CHILD MUST BE PRESENT)  
CONTACT : 718-713-2000 - INFO@PAYOUSA.ORG

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



BOROUGH PRESIDENT  
ERIC ADAMS



ASSEMBLY WOMEN  
RODESNEY BICHOTTE



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MATHIEU EUGENE



WEAR MASKS

The Pakistani Youth Organization in partnership with ICNA Relief is hosting a **Back to School Giveaway** event on **Sunday, August 30th** from **6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at **1045 Coney Island Avenue**, Brooklyn NY 11230.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEBINAR**

Join our virtual presentation!  
**Prepare, Respond, Recover:  
What to do When Disaster Strikes**

Tuesday, September 1st @ 4PM

Co-Hosted by



**Susan Rounds**  
CEO of the American Red Cross  
in Greater New York Region



**Kevin Parker**  
New York State  
Senator



**Rodneyse Bichotte**  
New York State  
Assembly Member



**Farah Louis**  
New York City  
Council Member

The presentation will cover:

- Tasks you need to do to prepare, respond and recover **from local emergencies and large-scale disasters in your community.**
- Describe the types of **disasters you and your family may face**, from home fires to hurricanes.
- Enables you to better **prepare, respond and recover** when an emergency strikes.



Join a virtual Emergency Preparedness Webinar on **Tuesday, September 1st at 4:00 p.m.** To register click [here](#).

**FACE MASK DISTRIBUTION**





Assemblymember  
**RODNEYSE BICHOTTE**  
42nd Assembly District



## *Distribution*

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**  
**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**District Office**  
**1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210**

*\*While supplies last\**

For more information on this free event or any other community concerns,  
please contact the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at 718-940-0428.

**Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** invites you to a **face mask distribution** event on **September 3rd from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at her district office located at **1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11210.**

**FRESHDIRECT DELIVERY**



ERIC ADAMS  
BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

*In times of need, it is important that we all band together and our partnership with FreshDirect does just that. Each week this partnership delivers hundreds of boxes of fresh food to individuals and families in need. Together we will get through this difficult time.*

*#StayStrongBrooklyn*

**EACH BOX, WHICH IS BEING PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE BY FRESHDIRECT WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:**

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Rice, 2 bags, 16 oz                        | Corn, 2 ears               |
| Pasta, 2 boxes, 16 oz                      | 2 Potatoes                 |
| Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16 oz             | 1 Onion                    |
| Canned Meat / Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz      | 1 Carrot                   |
| Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz       | Orange / Apple, 2 in total |
| Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box |                            |
| Cereal / Oatmeal, 1 box, 10 to 20 oz       |                            |
| Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz |                            |



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**DELIVERING TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020  
11:00 AM DELIVERY**

NYCHA - RALPH AVENUE REHAB  
1196 EAST NEW YORK AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11212  
(Bet. Ralph Avenue & 95<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Tenants Association Office/ Ground Floor

NYCHA TA President: Christine Richards  
Email: Prissychrist12@gmail.com

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020  
12:00 PM DELIVERY**

BLACK LIVES MATTER/THE CHRISTOPHER ROSE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CAMPAIGN/LAY THE GUNS DOWN FOUNDATION  
1957 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11210  
(Nostrand Avenue Playground.  
Bet. Nostrand & Foster Avenues)

BLM BK President: Anthony Beckford  
Email: Blacklivesmatterbk@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020  
9:00 AM DELIVERY**

NYCHA - SARATOGA TOWERS  
33-35 SARATOGA AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11233  
(Bet. Halsey & Hancock Streets)  
Tenants Association Office

NYCHA TA President: Conrad Cox  
Email: coxconrad4@yahoo.com

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020  
10:00 AM DELIVERY**

67<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT CLERGY COUNCIL INC.  
2414 CHURCH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11226  
(Parking Lot - Behind The Building)

Executive Director: Pastor Hinds  
Email: info@67clergycouncil.org

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adam will provide a FreshDirect delivery for distribution **tomorrow, August 28th at 2414 Church Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11226 at 10:00 a.m.**

**FREE MEALS ON THE GO!**



W.I.A.D.C.A Cares Initiative - Free Food & Face Mask Distribution

**FREE MEALS ON THE GO!**

Arrive Early  
First Come  
First served

**WED AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 | WED SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020**

**FROM 12:00 PM WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

**LOG ON TO [WIADCACARNIVAL.ORG](http://WIADCACARNIVAL.ORG) OR [CARNIVAL.NYC](http://CARNIVAL.NYC)**

Follow us   @WIADCA



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**325 ROGERS AVENUE  
BET. MONTGOMERY & SULLIVAN**

**EMAIL: [WIADCAINC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WIADCAINC@GMAIL.COM) CALL: 718.467.1797**



**WIADCA Cares Initiative will provide free food and masks on Wednesday, September 2nd at 325 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11225 at 12:00 p.m. Distribution will be provided while supplies last!**

**VIRTUAL CENSUS RALLY \*NEW DATE\***

# COMPLETE THE CENSUS

## GET YOUR SHARE



Featuring  
**Kathleen Daniel**



**Assemblymember  
Rodneyse Bichotte**



**Councilmember  
Farah Louis**

### **Why is the Census important?**

- *Your* count ensures that your community has the funds for schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other programs
- Businesses use *your* count to create jobs by expanding operations in your area
- *Your* count will increase the number of seats in Congress NYS will have to represent *you*

Join our Virtual Census rally on:

**Friday, August 28th at 7PM**  
**LittleHaitiBK.org/census**

**Telephone: 646-558-8656**  
**Meeting ID: 965 7043 4250**

THE JUNCTION



**hac**  
HAITIAN AMERICAN CAUCUS



Join a virtual Census Rally on **Friday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m.** To attend, visit [here](https://www.littlehaitibk.org/census).

**COMPLETE THE CENSUS**

NYC  
CENSUS  
2020

FILL OUT THE 2020 CENSUS  
AND ENTER TO WIN

seamless

**\$1000**

Meals from Seamless  
(6 winners)

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MoMA  
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**Membership**

Annual Membership to MoMA  
(25 winners)

citi bike  
provided by lyft

lyft

**Membership + Credit**

Year-Long Citi Bike Membership  
+ \$50 Lyft Credit (100 winners)

Contest Ends **September 21st**

Register now at **NYC.gov/CensusContest**

The deadline to complete the census is **September 30th!** To complete the census, visit [here](#) or call 844-330-2020. NYC Census 2020 is hosting a **Census contest!** To enter to win, register [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- NYC Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is in effect from **Monday, August 17 - Saturday, September 5**.
- **Monday, September 7**: ASP is suspended for Labor Day.
- For more information visit [here](#).

## 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 **EMT** workers for being there when they are needed the most.

## 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

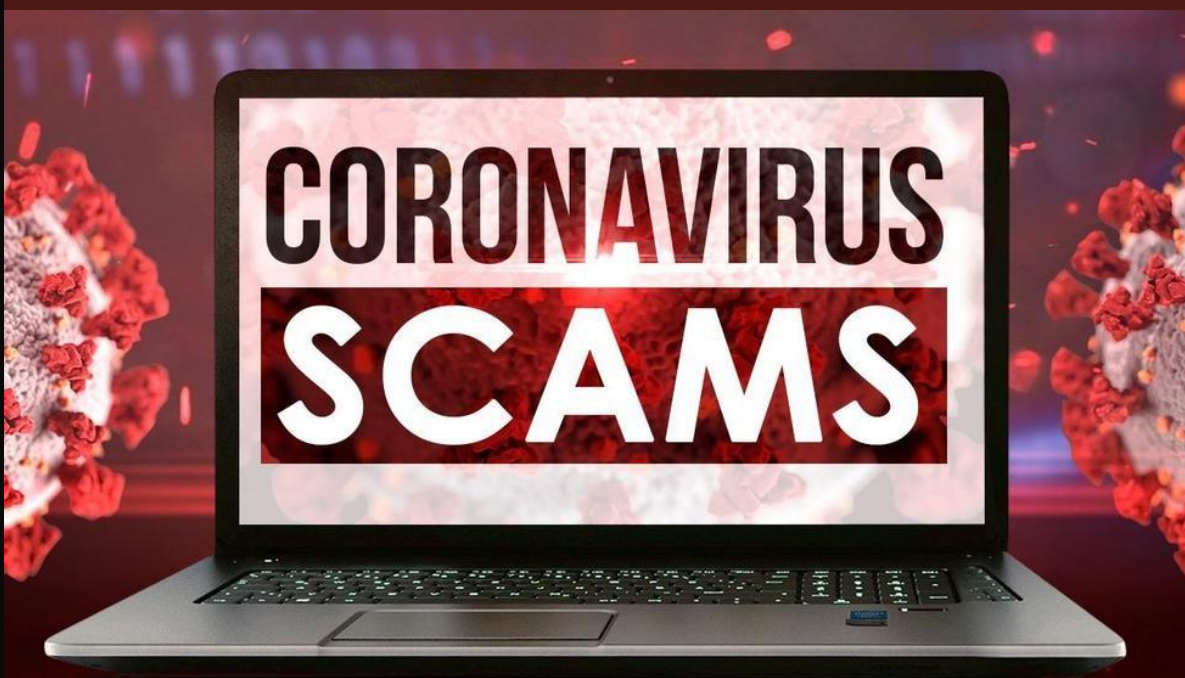


Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- 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](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.

**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

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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  
Rodneyse Bichotte by visiting her websites:  
<http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte>  
and [www.rodneysebichotte.net](http://www.rodneysebichotte.net)

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