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COVID-19 Updates

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NYC Mayor Delays School Reopening to September 21st

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

NYC Mayor Announces Speed Limit Reductions; NYC Installs New Speed Cameras in School Zones; President Trump Threatens to Withhold Federal Funding for NYC; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 437,107

NYS Deaths: 25,343

NYC Confirmed: 235,110

Brooklyn Confirmed: 65,328

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- **Governor Cuomo** announced that **Alaska** and **Montana** have been added to New York State's COVID-19 travel advisory.
 - View full list of restricted states [here](#).
- The **New York State Division of Veterans' Services** will extend a partnership with **HelloFresh**, to provide over **200,000** fresh meals to veterans, military families and other residents in New York City who are experiencing food insecurity as a result of COVID-19. Read more [here](#).
- New York State's **Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP)** is providing up to **\$128 million** in capital funding for projects that propose to build supportive housing units or to repair emergency shelters. Read more [here](#).
- The governor announced today that NYS **casinos and shopping malls** can open at 25% and 50% respectively, starting after the Labor Day weekend on **September 9**.
- Governor Cuomo also indicated that **indoor dining** may be in the city's future, if social distancing can be enforced. Read more [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: NYC Mayor's Office; Mayor Bill de Blasio and UFT President Michael Mulgrew.

- Mayor de Blasio announced that school buildings will open for blended in-person learning on Monday, **September 21st**, instead of September 10th, as part of an agreement with the **United Federation of Teachers** union. Under the agreement:
 - Teachers are expected to return to schools on **September 8th** for training.
 - From **September 16-18**, there will be three days of a remote instructional orientation period for all students.
 - Each month a blind representative sample comprised of **10-20%** of all students and staff from every NYC DOE school will be selected for free, random COVID-19 testing, with results of the tests available within 48 hours.
 - If parental/guardian consent has not been obtained for a student who has been selected randomly for testing, the student will be moved to the remote learning cohort.
 - Staff who elect not to participate will be placed on unpaid leave.
 - Students or staff that test positive will be quarantined for 14 days and contact tracing teams will be dispatched immediately
 - Read the UFT statement on the agreement [here](#).
- The mayor announced that the **West Indian Day Parade** is cancelled this year and will be held virtually.

- There will be no large gatherings allowed including **J'ouvert**.
- There will be extra police enforcement in Central Brooklyn.
- Labor Day will operate as a weekend day for the Open Restaurants program.
- The mayor announced that speed limits will be reduced by 5 miles per hour (mph) on **25 miles** of major streets across the five boroughs. Street locations and mileage are as follows:
 - **Brooklyn:**
 - Flatbush Avenue from Grand Army Plaza to Empire Boulevard, .8 mile (30 MPH to 25 MPH);
 - Shore Parkway Service Road from Bay 8th Street to Plumb 3rd Street, 4.8 miles (30 MPH to 25 MPH); and
 - Dahlgren Place from 86th Street to 92nd Street, .3 miles (30 MPH to 25 MPH).
 - **Manhattan:**
 - Riverside Drive from 165th Street to 181st Street, .8 miles (30 MPH to 25 MPH)
 - **Bronx:**
 - Bruckner Blvd from East 135th Street to Pelham Bay Park, 6.5 miles (30 MPH to 25 MPH)
 - Webster Ave from East 233 Street to East Gun Hill Road, 1.2 miles (30 MPH to 25 MPH)
 - **Queens:**
 - Rockaway Blvd from 150th Ave to 3rd Street (Nassau County border), 2.5 miles (40 MPH to 35 MPH)
 - Northern Blvd from 114th Street to Glenwood Street (Nassau County border), 7 miles (30 MPH to 25 MPH)
 - **Staten Island:**
 - Targee Street from West Fingerboard Rd to Broad St, 1.8 miles (30 MPH to 25 MPH)
- The City also announced that the **Department of Transportation (DOT)** has reached its goal of activating speed cameras in all **750** school zones.
- The mayor announced that more than **10,000** restaurants are now participating in New York City's outdoor dining initiative, Open Restaurants.
- The city's **Restaurant Revitalization Program** has so far awarded **\$2.3 million** to support **94** restaurants and **942** workers.

- View full list of awardees [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Reuters; U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency** announced that they will no longer reimburse states for the cost of cloth face coverings at non-emergency settings, including schools, public housing and courthouses. The policy goes into effect on **September 15**. Read more [here](#).
- The **U.S. House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis** released in a preliminary analysis that over **\$1 billion** in emergency coronavirus aid relief went "to companies that double dipped and received multiple Paycheck Protection Program loans in violation of the program's rules." Read more [here](#).
- **President Trump** is ordering the federal government to begin the process of defunding **New York City** and three other cities where officials allowed "lawless" protests and cut police budgets amid rising violent crime. Read more [here](#).
 - **Governor Cuomo** responded to President Trump in a statement [here](#).
 - **Mayor de Blasio** stated in his daily briefing that if the President moves forward with his threat, NYC will take him to court. Read more [here](#).
- The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** issued an order earlier this week that would

bar evictions for the rest of the year under the CARES Act. The order will prevent as many as **12.3** million renters from being evicted. To be eligible for the relief, tenants will have to attest to:

- a substantial loss of household income;
 - the inability to pay full rent and best efforts to pay partial rent; and
 - that eviction would be likely to leave them homeless or force them to live with others at close quarters.
 - Forms will be available on the C.D.C. website once the order is published in the Federal Register. Read more [here](#).
- **Dr. Anthony Fauci**, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said it's "conceivable" that a vaccine for COVID-19 may be available as early as October, but it is more likely that it will not be available until the end of the year. Read more [here](#).

DOE IPAD REQUEST



DOES YOUR CHILD NEED AN

iPad for School?

Request an internet-enabled iPad for remote learning at
coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices



To request an internet-enabled **iPad** for remote learning, visit [here](#).

GYMS OPEN

New York City
GYMS
are now
OPEN!

*Face masks must be
worn at all times.*



Gyms are now open! Please take precaution and wear masks at all times.

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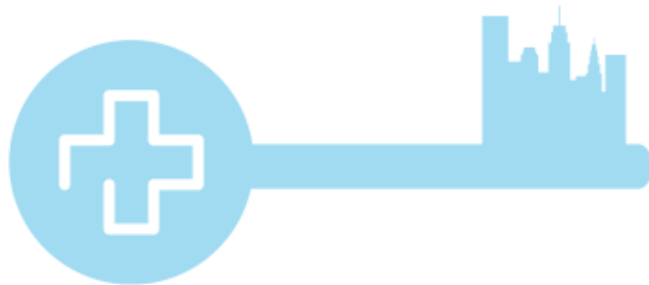
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BARCLAYS CENTER POLL SITE



- The Atlantic Avenue Barclays Center will serve as an early voting and election day polling site for the **2020 November general election**. Read more [here](#).

BECOME A POLL WORKER



September 1st is National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. You can work as a poll worker during Early Voting, October 24th to November 1st, and Election Day, November 3rd. To apply to be a poll worker, click [here](#).

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT



USE \$420 from P-EBT Program TO BUY GROCERIES!

New York State is **sending your parents \$420 to spend on food**. It's called P-EBT. Every student attending a NYC public school receives this money. Students in parochial or charter schools that offer free/reduced-price lunch through the federal lunch program are also eligible. Family income and immigration status don't matter. The money covers the cost of the school meals you missed while school was closed due to COVID-19. You have 1 year to use the money, from the day you get it.

You get the money in **one** of three ways:



By postal mail on a new card for each student, if you do not receive SNAP and/or Public Assistance or Medicaid.

Check your mailbox in September or October for a letter from a New York State agency called OTDA. It will refer to this money as "P-EBT" and will include instructions on how to create a PIN to use the card.



On your current EBT card, if you receive SNAP and/or Public Assistance (PA).

*The money was added this summer. Check your balance at www.connectebt.com or call 1-888-328-6399**



On your Medicaid CBIC card, if you are on Medicaid, but not SNAP and/or Public Assistance.

*The money was added this summer. When you receive the notification letter in the mail, call 1-888-328-6399 to set up a PIN number**

*Call the NY state agency (OTDA) Helpline: 1-833-452-0096 (or email: otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov) if you think you should have received money on your current EBT or Medicaid CBIC and haven't yet.

Remember, this is **your** money to spend! You can use it:

- ✓ At any store that accepts SNAP/EBT, like your local supermarket, farmers' market or bodega! Just swipe/insert the card at the register, add your PIN and you're good to go!

- Find your favorite stores at bit.ly/SNAPstores or look for signs like these:



- ✓ On popular food items like cereal, poultry, fruits and vegetables. Check the full list at bit.ly/SNAPfoods

Using this money does **NOT**:

- ✗ Require an application, personal information or submitting forms
- ✗ Affect your parents' taxes
- ✗ Affect your or your parents' immigration status or access to other programs like summer meals, WIC or SNAP

TO LEARN MORE:

- 📍 Visit these **FAQ Pages**: bit.ly/CFA-PEBT-FAQ | on.nyc.gov/p-ebt
- 📍 Contact OTDA: otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov
- 📍 Call the OTDA P-EBT Hotline: 1-833-452-0096 (8:30 AM to 5 PM, M-F)

Information brought to you by:



If you have questions regarding **Pandemic-EBT**, please call (833) 452-0096 for help.

NYC DAS CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE EXAMS

| Exam Title | Exam No. | Open to Public/Promotion/ Qualified Incumbent Exam (QIE) |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Apply Beginning 7/8/2020 | | |
| Assistant City Assessor | 1100 | Open Competitive |
| Assistant Civil Engineer | 1101 | Open Competitive |
| Captain (Ferry) | 1217 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Captain (Fire) (Prom) | 1551 | Promotion |
| Maintenance Supervisor (Structures - Group C - Iron Work) | 1238 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Marine Engineer (DC) | 1241 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Occupational Therapist (DOE) | 1107 | Canceled |
| Physical Therapist (DOE) | 1108 | Canceled |
| Transit Railcar Technology Specialist (Operations) | 1267 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Apply Beginning 7/9/2020 | | |
| Administrative Community Relations Specialist | 1120 | Open Competitive |
| Administrative Director of Social Services | 1121 | Open Competitive |
| Administrative Director of Social Services (Prom) | 1505 | Promotion |
| Administrative Engineer | 1122 | Open Competitive |
| Administrative Engineer (Prom) | 1506 | Promotion |
| Apply Beginning 8/5/2020 | | |
| Assistant Plan Examiner (Buildings) | 1137 | Open Competitive |
| Associate Transit Customer Service Specialist | 1215 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| City Planner | 1112 | Open Competitive |
| City Planner (Prom) | 1501 | Promotion |
| Estimator (General Construction) | 1114 | Open Competitive |
| Ferry Terminal Supervisor | 1223 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Hostler | 1227 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Lead Abatement Worker | 1115 | Open Competitive |
| Mason's Helper | 1116 | Open Competitive |
| Apply Beginning 9/2/2020 | | |
| Certified IT Administrator (LAN/WAN) | 1111 | Open Competitive |
| Dietitian | 1220 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Forester | 1154 | Open Competitive |
| Housing Exterminator | 1163 | Open Competitive |
| Inspector (Low Pressure Boilers) | 1229 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |
| Paralegal Aide | 1140 | Open Competitive |
| Program Specialist (Correction) | 1168 | Open Competitive |
| Tractor Operator | 1265 | Qualified Incumbent Exam |

To receive monthly exam updates, sign up for the DCAS newsletter at nyc.gov/examsforjobs and click the Exams tab.
The Title Specifications for CUNY and NYC Health + Hospitals examinations are not available through DCAS.
Other Exam Numbers without a link will have Title Specifications available at a later date. Please refer to the NOE Archive at nyc.gov/dcas for the most recent Notice of Examination.

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To apply for a citywide civil service exam, visit [here](#).

MCDONALD'S HACER NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

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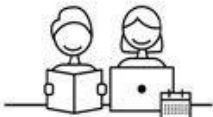
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STUDENTS**

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The scholarship application period for the **McDonald's HACER National Scholarship** opens on October 5, 2020, and runs through February 3, 2021. Read more [here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On September 3rd, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte hosted a face mask distribution event at her district office.



Constituents received bags with masks and hand sanitizer inside. The NYC Census outreach team was also present to help people complete the census.



PLANTING DAY



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte's staff attending a community planting day at PS 152/315K led by environmental activist Susannah Laskaris

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

You continue to help our children learn during this difficult time.

Thank you teachers.



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **Teachers** who continue to stimulate the minds of our youth, our future.

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

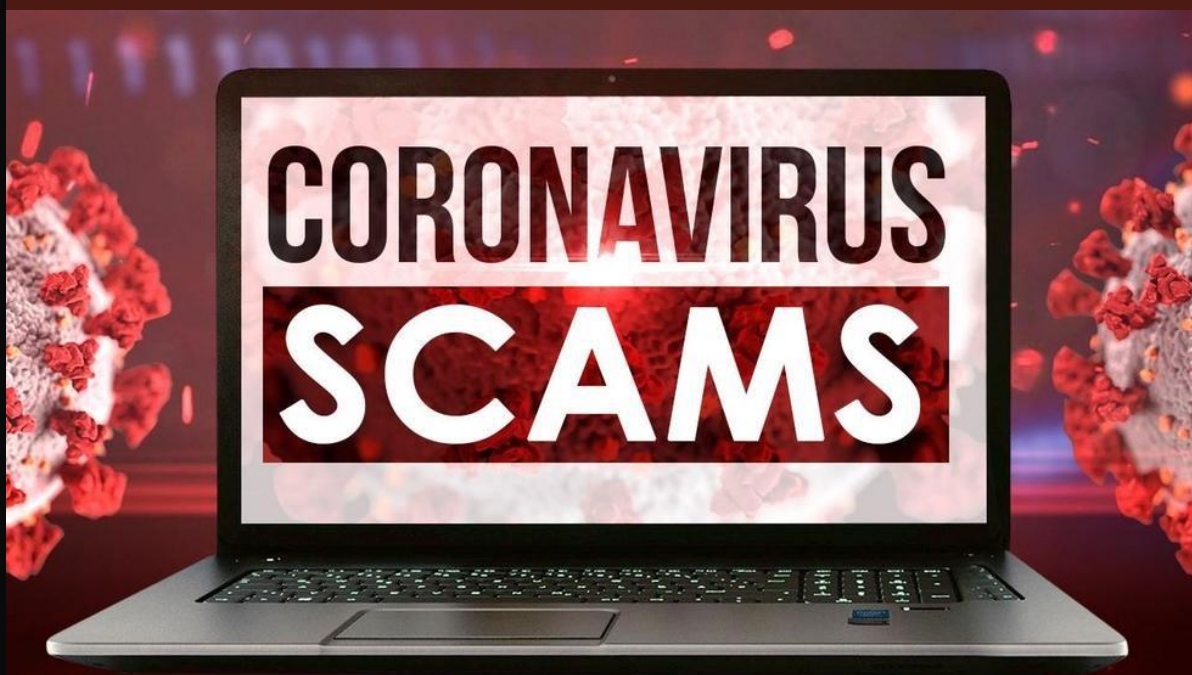


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline:** 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.

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

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

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