



Assemblymember
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Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



COVID-19 Updates

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**Verdict in Breonna Taylor Case Sparks Protests
Across Nation**

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Governor Cuomo Launches COVID-19 Report Card; NYS to Conduct
its Own Review of Any Future Covid-19 Vaccine; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 452,847
NYS Deaths: 25,439
NYC Confirmed: 241,511
Brooklyn Confirmed: 67,717

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Governor's Office

- **Governor Cuomo** announced that the NYS Department of Health will produce a **Covid-19 report card** for every school in New York State. This data will be available to the public and will include:
 - the number of positive cases by date;
 - the number of students and staff who are on site; and
 - the number of onsite students and staff who are Covid-19 positive.
 - The data will be updated every **24** hours. To access this data visit [here](#).
- The governor shared that a poll indicated **54%** of Americans said that they would not take the a Covid-19 vaccine if it became available before election day.
- The governor stated that NYS will have its own review of vaccines after federal government creates a vaccine.
 - DOH will create an **independent clinical advisory task force** of leading scientists, doctors

and health experts who will review every vaccine authorized by the federal government for distribution.

- DOH will advise NYS on the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine.
- The governor will also put together a **vaccine distribution and implementation committee** that will be responsible for putting together a vaccine distribution plan. The vaccine plan will include:
 - Prioritization based on clinical guidance;
 - Distribution network;
 - Qualified administration;
 - Data and IT infrastructure;
 - Public Education campaign; and
 - Procurement.
- According to the governor, New York State's goal is to have the best vaccination program in the nation and to be the first Covid-free state in the nation.
- The governor announced that **Arizona, Minnesota, Nevada, Rhode Island, and Wyoming** have been added to New York State's Covid-19 travel advisory.
- Governor Cuomo and State University of New York Chancellor Jim Malatras announced that the individual saliva swab diagnostic test for Covid-19 developed by SUNY Upstate Medical University and Quadrant Biosciences has been granted **emergency use authorization** by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- The governor signed an **executive order** which exempts people who receive unemployment benefits from having to report part-time income received from the New York State Board of Elections or local board of election.
 - Income must not exceed **\$504**. Read more [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: NYC Health + Hospitals

- **Mayor de Blasio** released New York City's recovery agenda which focuses on public health and social justice. This announcement will kick off a series of policy proposals, which are focused on **four principles** to make New York City stronger, healthier, and fairer:
 - Continue the city's momentum in fighting Covid-19;
 - Make the city a hub for public health research;
 - Create high-quality jobs; and
 - Continue making New York the fairest city in America.
- Read more [here](#).
- Last week, the **New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)** launched the **Pandemic Response Lab**, a facility dedicated to processing Covid-19 tests within **24-48** hours for NYC Health + Hospitals.

- The lab is scaling up to process **20,000** tests per day by November, guaranteeing dedicated capacity to meet New York City's most pressing needs.
- On Tuesday, the mayor announced an uptick of Covid-19 cases in the following neighborhoods: **Midwood, Borough Park, Kew Gardens, Flatbush, Williamsburg and Far Rockaway.**
 - A hyper local testing effort will be launched in those neighborhoods.
- The mayor said that **9,000** managerial and underrepresented employees at New York City agencies will be furloughed for **five** days.
 - The days would take place between **October and March.**
 - This action will save the city **\$21 million.**
- The NYC 2020 Census team announced that their team has conducted **4 million** calls and over **7 million** texts. They also scheduled **100** events in the **final 10 days.** To volunteer visit [here.](#)
 - The self-response rate by borough is:
 - Staten Island: 65.3 %
 - Manhattan: 61.4%
 - Queens: 61.2
 - Bronx: 61%
 - Brooklyn: 57.3%
- DemocracyNYC and the Public Engagement Unit have launched a **Small Business Voter Registration Ambassadors** program to recruit local businesses to serve as voter registration sites.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: The Wall Street Journal

- **Johnson & Johnson** announced Wednesday that it has entered **stage 3** for an experimental coronavirus vaccine clinical trial that would enroll **60,000** participants. Read more [here](#).
- Protests spark in Louisville and through out the country - including NYC - after a grand jury failed to charge officers for the killing of **Breonna Taylor** in her apartment.
 - Read more [here](#).
- The **Center for Disease Control and Prevention** provided guidance on how individuals should celebrate **Halloween**. Read more [here](#).
 - According to the CDC, "if you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person

Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters."

STATEMENT ON BREONNA TAYLOR VERDICT



Photo Credit: Facebook

Verdict in Breonna Taylor Case Sparks Protests Across Nation

(Brooklyn, NY) – September 24, 2020 – Breonna Taylor was killed by law enforcement officers executing a search warrant nearly **200 days** ago. **Louisville Metro Police Department** officers entered her apartment with a no-knock warrant and did not identify themselves. Fearing they were intruders, Taylor's boyfriend, **Kenneth Walker**, fired at the officers, who then returned over **20 shots**, killing Taylor and injuring Walker.

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte's Statement on Breonna Taylor Verdict

"The verdict issued yesterday by the grand jury in Louisville, Kentucky, ruling on the Breonna Taylor case, is **devastating though unsurprising**. The lack of charges against the officers involved in her killing has sparked rightful outrage across the country.

Today, I am mourning the loss of a woman who served our country as an emergency medical technician during a time that our country faced an unprecedented public health crisis. Taylor was shot and killed by police while she slept in her bed. None of the three officers involved in the case were charged with her death, but one was charged with endangering a neighbor when he sprayed gunfire into the apartment of Taylor's neighbor. Sadly, the verdict is, instead, **emblematic of the two justice systems that prevail in America**.

While I mourn, I am reminded that this ruling must propel us forward in the fight for **police reform**. We need elected officials who will change the laws that shield officers from accountability. I stand with the people of Louisville, and the people of Brooklyn on this sobering day. Don't let feelings of disappointment fade; channel them into **voting this November**."

RODNEYSE IN THE NEWS

FOX NEWS



Photo Credit: Fox News

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte appeared on **Fox News** where she discussed the new layout for absentee ballot envelopes which includes her suggestion of a big red "X" to indicate where voters must sign. This change will work to ensure that every absentee ballot vote is counted. Watch video [here](#).

PLASTIC BAG BAN



Photo Credit: Reuters/Jeenah Moon)

The **Department of Environmental Conservation** will start requiring stores to comply with the **plastic bag ban** starting on **October 19th**. Read more [here](#).

ANIMAL CARE CENTERS SENIORS FOR SENIORS

Animal Care Centers of NYC

Seniors for Seniors

There is nothing quite like the love of a pet. They inspire us each, improve our health, and can change how we see the world.

The ACC Seniors For Seniors program can help bring a wonderful pet and companion into your home. Ask about our fee-waived adoptions for senior adopters and available senior animals.

- Open to all senior adopters 60 years or older
- Adopted dog or cat must be at least 6-years old

Find your boroughbred
at nycacc.org



Animal Care Centers of NYC is providing pets to seniors through their fee-waived adoption program for senior adopters. For more information visit [here](#).

MASK DISTRIBUTION



Assemblymember

Rodneyse Bichotte

in partnership with

Tennis Court Association



Saturday, September 26, 2020

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 PM

In front of Knickerbocker Field Club
114 East 18th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226

Sponsored by:



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte is hosting a **mask distribution** event on **Saturday, September 26th** from **12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** in front of Knickerbocker Field Club at 114 East 18th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226 (off of Church Ave).

SHREDZILLA EVENT

SHREDZILLA IS BACK!



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT PRIVACY WHEN DISPOSING
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS?

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

+ YOUR LAST CHANCE TO
FILL OUT THE
2020 CENSUS



#GETCOUNTED TO MAKE SURE OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS GET THE FUNDING &
REPRESENTATION WE NEED

JOIN US!
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30

2:30-6:30
1616 NEWKIRK AVENUE

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Join Flatbush Development Corporation for a shredding event on **Wednesday, September 30th** from **2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** at **1616 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226.**

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 17 TOWN HALL



With Superintendent Clarence Ellis
PARENTS, TEACHERS, CAREGIVERS, FAMILIES &
FRIENDS

PLEASE JOIN US ON

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

TIME: 6:00-7:30 PM

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2060264752>

Meeting ID: 206 026 4752

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For Spanish Translation & Interpretation, please dial: **[1 347-966-4114](tel:13479664114)** ID: 484 457 498

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Join Community School District 17 for a **Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 30th** from **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** via zoom. To join the meeting visit [here](#).

BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVENTS

**BROOKLYN
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**



Rooftop Music!

Saturday, September 26, 2020

11am, 1pm, 3pm

Recommended for Ages 4-8

Pre-registered tickets required for admission, limited to 20 families per session.

To register for your free tickets:

<https://bit.ly/33yNyhW>

District 17 families are invited to BCM's rooftop for a free musical workshop presented by The Little Orchestra Society.

Meet other families from your school network, and explore the music of the rainforest through storytelling, movement, and song. Create a drum of your own to make rhythms and beats to take home!

All exhibits will be closed for this special event. For more information about BCM's programs and Covid-19 safety protocols, please visit www.brooklynkids.org.

Rooftop music workshops at Brooklyn Children's Museum are made possible by a grant from the Tiger Baron Foundation and through support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the New York City Council.



NYC
Cultural
Affairs

The Brooklyn Children's Museum is hosting free musical workshops presented by **The Little Orchestra Society**. The first event will be for Community School District 17 families and will take place on **Saturday, September 26**. There will be three sessions at **11am, 1pm and 3pm**. There is a second free music program on **Sunday, October 4**, also with three sessions at **11am, 1pm and 3pm**. To **RSVP** for the September 26th event, visit [here](#). To RSVP for the October 4th event visit [here](#). The October 4th event is open to all.

COMPLETE THE CENSUS

COUNTDOWN TO OUR FUTURE

NYC CENSUS 
2020

6
DAYS LEFT

THE CENSUS ENDS SEPT 30TH
MY2020CENSUS.GOV

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).

REGISTER TO VOTE!

**NYC NEEDS
YOUR VOICE**

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YOUR VOICE, YOUR POWER

VOTE EARLY

(SAT., OCTOBER 24 - SUN., NOVEMBER 1)

VOTE-BY-MAIL

WWW.NYCABSENTEE.COM

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

(TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3)

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**NYC
NEEDS YOU
TO BE COUNTED**

Tuesday was **National Voter's Registration day!** We are less than two months away from the November General Election. To register to vote visit [here](#). Create a voting plan for the upcoming election. You can vote early, via absentee ballot or on election day. For more information visit [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING

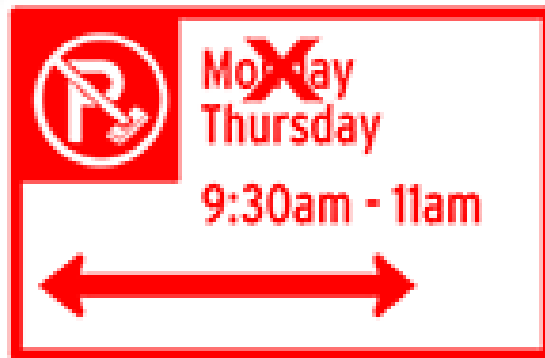


Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- Alternate Side Parking is suspended on **Monday, September 28th** for Yom Kippur.

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](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.

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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