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Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



COVID-19 Updates

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Indoor Dining to Resume Beginning September 30

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

NYC Mayor Announces School Bus Service for First Day of School; President Trump Admits to Playing Down Coronavirus Earlier This Year; Complete the Census; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 441,911
NYS Deaths: 25,377
NYC Confirmed: 236,983
Brooklyn Confirmed: 65,929

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Cuomo

- **Governor Cuomo** announced that **indoor dining** in New York City will be allowed to

resume [beginning September 30th](#) with a **25%** occupancy limit.

- All restaurants that choose to reopen will be subject to strict safety protocols, including temperature checks.
- Bar service will not be permitted, and restaurants will close at **midnight**.
- Guidelines will be reassessed based on the data by **November 1**.
- NYC will provide a team of **400** enforcement personnel to work with the **State Police Task Force** to ensure compliance.
- The governor announced the **New York State Department of Financial Services** has taken action to "extend emergency regulations requiring" New York health insurers to waive cost-sharing associated with:
 - emergency room visits;
 - in-network telehealth visits;
 - in-network outpatient provider office visits;
 - in-network urgent care center visits;
 - in-network laboratory tests when the purpose of the visit or test is to diagnose COVID-19; and
 - in-network telehealth services for any healthcare service covered under a policy, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment until **November 9, 2020**.
- The governor announced that **\$50** fines will be handed out to subway and bus riders who do not wear a mask. Read more [here](#).
- On Tuesday, Governor Cuomo announced that taxes on the rich might be an option if the federal government fails to come through. The state is considering a combination of budget cuts, borrowing and revenue raisers. Read more [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: Barb Anguiano/Wboi

- Mayor de Blasio announced school bus service will be provided for **100,000** students on the first day of school. The service will include:
 - **5,962** special education routes;
 - **2,470** general education routes; and
 - **60** bus company contracts with new safety measures.
- The mayor announced a "hyperlocal effort" by the city's **Test and Trace Corps** in the Soundview section of the Bronx. The effort included:
 - 9,700 door knocks;

- 49,000 calls to residents; and
- 1,600 COVID tests.
- Free rapid-point-of-care testing will be available through **September 15th** at Clason's Point Library at 1215 Morrison Ave.
- There are **20** days left to complete the 2020 census.
 - The mayor announced that the current NYC self response rate is **58.9%** and the national self response rate is **65.5%**.
- The mayor announced the required safety measures that will take place once NYC resumes indoor dining. The measures include:
 - bar tops closed for seating;
 - tables at least 6 feet apart;
 - temperature checks at every front door;
 - test and trace data collected from at least one customer at each table; and
 - PPE for employees.
 - Once the COVID-19 positivity rate reaches **2%** or higher NYC will reassess indoor dining plans.
- The mayor provided guidance for individuals wearing face coverings.
 - Surgical masks can be worn **5** days unless dirty or wet. Then should be discarded.
 - Reusable cloth face coverings should be washed in hot water and detergent or soaked in bleach solution after each full day or **8** hours of use.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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- In a book, journalist **Bob Woodward** states that **President Trump** was aware earlier this year that the coronavirus was “deadly” and vastly more serious than the seasonal flu. Read more [here](#).
- U.S. Senate Republicans unveiled a coronavirus relief plan which Democrats instantly vowed to block since it does not include things they argued in favor for to support American families and businesses. Read more [here](#).
- **AstraZeneca**, a company dedicated to developing a coronavirus vaccine, announced a global pause in its late-stage coronavirus vaccine trials due to unexpected clinical events. Read more [here](#).
- A Boston lab suspended coronavirus testing after an investigation uncovered nearly **400** false positive coronavirus results. Read more [here](#).
- An alarming new study finds that a growing percentage of Americans have uncontrolled **high blood pressure**.

- Fears resulting from the coronavirus pandemic is causing many people to avoid doctor visits which can make the numbers worse. Read more [here](#).

FACE COVERINGS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

NYC FACE COVERINGS



The **NYC Small Businesses Services** and **Department of Consumer and Worker Protection** are working to provide free face coverings to businesses throughout the five boroughs. If you are a small business looking to secure free face coverings for your employees, information is available [here](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY



**Assemblymember
Rodneyse Bichotte**
in partnership with
Flatbush Development Corporation



Back to School Supply and Mask Giveaway

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

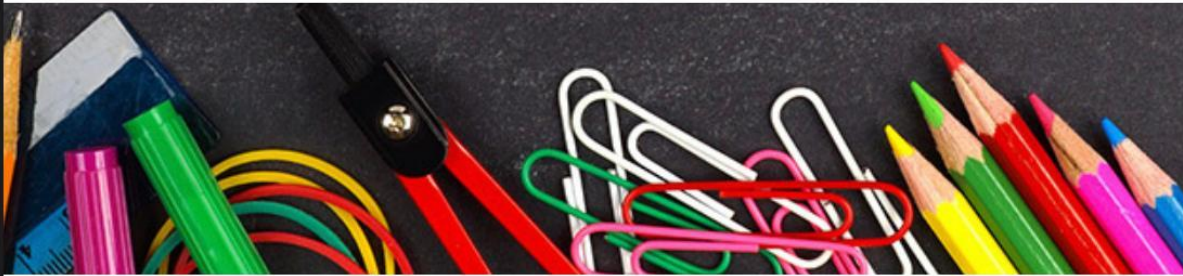
At District Office

1312 Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11210

(Between Foster Ave & East 26th Street)

RSVP Required!

RSVP at bit.ly/2ESnDZu or call (718) 940-0428 by September 14th



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte in partnership with the Flatbush Development Corporation is hosting a **Back to School Giveaway** on Tuesday, **September 15th** from **2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** To RSVP, visit [here](#).

FRESHDIRECT DISTRIBUTIONS

BROOKLYN-USA.ORG



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	



CONNECT WITH BROOKLYN



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DELIVERING TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 -
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER
2010 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11233

Dr. Melony Samuels
Email: tcahnyc.org

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
12:00 PM DELIVERY**

NYCHA - CONEY ISLAND HOUSES (SITE 8)
2950 WEST 35TH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11224

NYCHA TA Member: Araina Hicks
Email: Araina.Hicks19@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
12:00 PM DELIVERY**

GRANDMA'S LOVE INC. /
NYS ASSEMBLYMEMBER MATHYLDE FRONTUS
310 93RD STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11209

Contact: Charlene Batts
Email: grandmasloveinc.org

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
12:00 PM DELIVERY**

LIFE OF HOPE CENTER
710 E. 37TH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11203

Executive Director: Porez Luxama
Email: pluxama@lohnyc.org

PLEASE NOTE FRESH DIRECT
WILL NOT
MAKE ROUTINE DELIVERY'S ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2020
DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adam will provide a FreshDirect delivery distribution **tomorrow, September 11th** at Life of Hope Center.

BRIDGING THE GAP EVENT



IRS Stakeholder Liaison Unit
in conjunction with
The King's County Lawyer Association
presents

Multicultural Listening & Working Together Session “Bridging-the-Gap”

This Zoom webinar will provide a platform for representatives from government agencies and multilingual / underserved assistance organizations, to cross-dialogue and strategize on ways to “bridge-the-gap” to better service the diverse needs of our common customers.

Topics include

- Identifying challenges to successful communication
- Identifying the specific needs of the multilingual and underserved in NY
- Partnering for success – what does this mean?
- Bringing the “right” resources to the table
- Building better relationships for the benefit of all

We NEED to hear from **YOU!** –
Your concerns and suggestions are vital to us
and to the individuals you represent.

Wednesday, September 16 2020
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Please **RSVP** to Brenda Luke - Brenda.E.Stuart-Luke4@irs.gov
no later than Friday, September 11, 2020

The **IRS Stakeholder Liaison Unit** in conjunction with the **King's County Lawyer Association** presents a Multicultural Listening and Working Together Session titled "**Bridging-the Gap**" on **September 16th** at **6:00 p.m.** To RSVP email [here](#).

CENTRAL BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FAIR

YOU'RE INVITED!

CENTRAL BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FAIR

COME TOGETHER. PEOPLE FIRST.

- MASK DISTRIBUTION
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- VENDORS & CENSUS 2020
- HEALTH INFORMATION
- VOTER REGISTRATION
- LIVE MUSIC, OPEN MICS
- AND MUCH MORE...

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2020
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

710 EAST 37TH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11203

ENTRANCE ON
BROOKLYN AVE

***All participants will be required to wear a mask for safety reasons**

INFO: 718.362.3162 | INFO@LOHNYC.ORG



EDspectation



You're invited to a **Central Brooklyn Community Fair** on Saturday, **September 12th** from **12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at **710 East 37th Street, Brooklyn NY 11203**. All participants will be required to wear a mask for safety reasons.

NYC GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESPONSE DAY



Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke

NYC Gun Violence Prevention Response Day

Join us for the walk and a **Day of Action** starting with walk and caravan (see back)

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

WALK & CARAVAN TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

MEET TIME: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: PARKSIDE AVE & ST. PAUL'S PLACE

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED

FOLLOW US ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES

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#ITSGONNATAKEALLOFUS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 718-287-1142
OR EMAIL SHANA.MELIUS@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV

[HTTPS://NYCGUNVIOLENCEPREVENTIONRESPONSEDAY.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://nycgunviolencepreventionresponseday.eventbrite.com)



Congresswoman Yvette Clarke is hosting a **NYC Gun Violence Prevention Response Day** on **Saturday, September 12th**. The Walk and Caravan time is from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and the Meet time is 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The location of the event is Parkside Avenue and St. Paul's place. To RSVP visit [here](#).

COMPLETE THE CENSUS

NYC
CENSUS
2020

FILL OUT THE 2020 CENSUS
AND ENTER TO WIN

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\$1000

Meals from Seamless
(6 winners)

MoMA

MoMA
PS1

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)

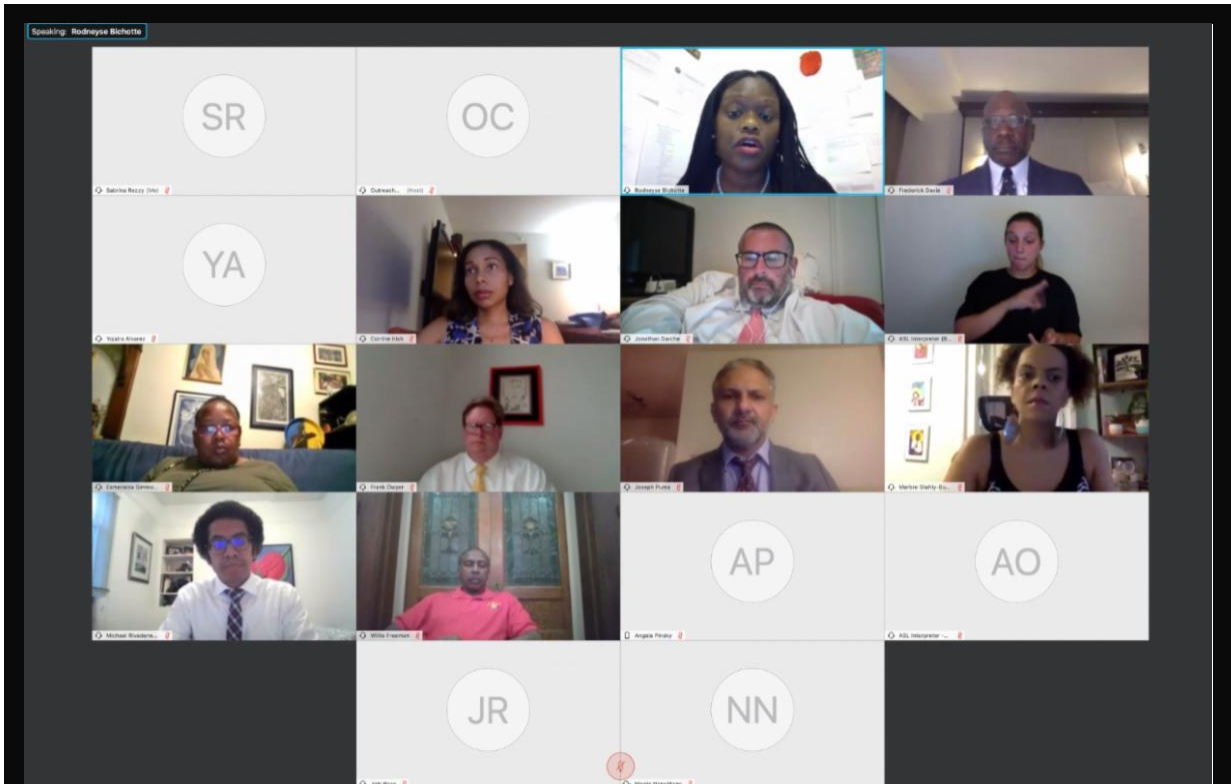
Contest Ends **September 21st**

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](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte attended the September CCRB meeting which focused on the relationship between LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers and the NYPD.

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is in effect through **September 18**.
- The ASP rules will be suspended again on **September 19** for Rosh Hashanah.

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

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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