



Assemblymember
RODNEYSE BICHOTTE
 Brooklyn Democratic County Leader



COVID-19 Updates

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Cuomo Halts Commercial Foreclosures And Evictions

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Students in NYC Start First Day of In-Person Learning; DOJ Designates NYC an 'Anarchist Jurisdiction'; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 450,473
NYS Deaths: 25,428
NYC Confirmed: 240,456
Brooklyn Confirmed: 67,227

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Dennis A. Clark

- **Governor Cuomo** announced he might deploy the **National Guard** to staff polling locations for the **November 3**, general election.
 - This action would ensure that voters can cast in-person ballots.
 - In addition the governor is prepared to have employees at state and local levels ready to help on election day.
 - To read more click [here](#).
- Governor Cuomo halted **foreclosure and eviction** proceedings of commercial tenants and mortgage holders until **October 20**.
 - Evictions and foreclosures for commercial lease and mortgage holders were supposed to begin this month. The governor's executive order will give businesses a small reprieve.
 - This executive order will stop proceedings regarding eviction of commercial tenants for not paying rent, and stop foreclosure of commercial mortgages because of nonpayment. Click here to read [more](#).
 - To learn more read the executive order click [here](#).
- The governor announced that the state will honor Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** with a **statue** in Brooklyn.
 - Artist and location selection process is underway.
 - He also lit state landmarks blue, her favorite color, on Saturday, in recognition of her.

- The landmarks included **One World Trade Center, the Kosciuszko Bridge, Niagara Falls, Mid-Hudson Bridge, Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge** and many others.

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: NYC Mayor's Office

- **Mayor de Blasio** gave an update today on the state of our school system as 3K, Pre-K, and District 75 students began their first day of in-person learning.
 - Upwards of **90,000** students will have in-person class this week.
 - There will be **734** schools opening that will serve District 75 & early childhood students.
 - There will also be **1,050** community-based early childhood programs open.
 - Parents are required to check their children's **temperature** before sending them to school, and if the temperature is too high, to keep them home.
- The **Learning Bridges** childcare program that provides free childcare and supervised learning for kids from **preschool to 8th grade** starts today.
 - **3,600** preschool children, as of today, will have full time care.
 - For **K-8** students services will begin on **September 29**.
 - Families who want to apply can do so by going to **schools.nyc.gov/learningbridges** or by clicking [here](#). To ask questions regarding your application

email LearningBridges@schools.nyc.gov or by clicking [here](#).

- **City employees** at risk of being laid off due to the budget crisis may be receive **early retirement incentives** according to the mayor. Read more [here](#).
- The mayor launched a new initiative, **Mentors Matter**, to help support young men, especially those of black and brown complexion, as they face one of the toughest periods in their lives because of COVID-19.
 - This initiative will help combat the high drop out rate of Black and brown students by providing mentors who look like them that can help guide them.
 - **One Hundred Black Men** through their Junior 100 Program will provide **750** black and brown male students support through:
 - **Mentoring;**
 - **Educational Enrichment;**
 - **Exposure to career opportunities;**
 - and **Scholarships.**
 - **CUNY TUTOR CORPS** will be extended to offer academic tutoring to an additional **3,600** DOE students.
 - Near-to-peer mentoring will be provided.
 - Students in CUNY who are part of the NYC Men Teach pipeline will be given priority to be a paid tutor.
 - **Young Men's Initiative** will provide **\$500,000** in grants to community base organizations (CBOs) that provide tutoring, mentoring, and social emotional support.
 - These grants will provide support for **4,000 students;**
 - Organizations can apply between **September 21** and **October 5.**
 - To learn more go to NYC.gov/YMIFunding or click [here](#).
- Mayor de Blasio reminds us that Wednesday, **September 30**, is the last day to be counted for the 2020 census. The progress-to-date for this year's count in comparison to the 2010 census is below:
 - NYC **60%** (2020)
 - NYC **61.9%** (2010)
 - U.S. **66%** (2020)
 - U.S. **75.8%** (2010)
- On Friday, Mayor de Blasio announced that **indoor pools** will be open at **33 percent capacity** allowing

opportunities for residents to exercise and participate in indoor activities. To learn more click [here](#).

- Also on Friday, Mayor de Blasio appointed **Edward Grayson** as acting Commissioner of New York City's Department of Sanitation (DSNY). For more information read [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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- New York City alongside Seattle, and Portland Oregon are now considered "**anarchist jurisdictions**" by Attorney General **William Barr** and the Justice Department.
 - According to Attorney General Barr's statements, local and state officials have prevented law-enforcement officers and agencies from doing their jobs, therefore endangering the lives of innocent people. To read more click [here](#).
- Guidance by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC), indicating that the coronavirus is transmitted predominantly by air, was removed from their website. The incident brought some attention to the agency because it had only posted the guidance days prior. Officials say the update was made prematurely. Read more [here](#).
- A task force is being formed by an organization of **Black doctors** as there is more news of a potential vaccine.
 - The task force will screen federal decisions made on coronavirus vaccines and treatments.
 - The CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has lost the trust of many in the Black community under the leadership of president

Donald Trump, and this initiative by these doctors is a sign of that lack of trust.

- The **National Medical Association**, founded by black doctors in 1985 to prevent the exclusion of black doctors from medical societies, will set up the panel. Read more [here](#).
- The World Health Organization (W.H.O.) plans on buying and equitably distributing a vaccine when one is available.
 - The W.H.O. has now garner the support of **156** countries for this effort which constitute to about **64%** of the world population.
 - The organization is building a network to distribute the vaccine globally.
 - To read more click [here](#).

RODNEYSE IN THE NEWS

CITY & STATE



Photo Credit: Guerin Blask

- **City and State** named Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte as one of Brooklyn's **top 10 elected officials**. See the list [here](#).

NEWS 12 BROOKLYN

Video Credit: News 12 Brooklyn

- **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte** appeared on **News 12 Brooklyn** over the weekend, where she memorialized Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** during an interview with Kurt Semder.

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC ADAMS

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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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER
2010 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11233

Dr. Melony Samuels
Email: tcahnyc.org

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
10:00 AM DELIVERY

FRIENDS OF WINGATE PARK INC.
WINGATE PARK
CORNER OF RUTLAND ROAD & BROOKLYN AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NY 11203

Executive Director: Vivia Morgan
Email: www.friendsofwingatepark.org

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
10:00 AM DELIVERY

NYCHA - GOWANUS HOUSES
423 BALTIC STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11217

NYCHA TA Vice President: Theresa Davis
Email: fureousred@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020
1:00 PM DELIVERY

PAKISTANI AMERICAN SKILLED WOMEN ORGANIZATION (PASWO)
1115 CONEY ISLAND AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NY 11230

Executive Director: Atia Shahnaz
Email: paswo955@gmail.com

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
11:00 AM DELIVERY

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
460 MARCUS GARVEY BOULEVARD
BROOKLYN, NY 11216

Executive Director: Rev. Dr. Adolphus C. Lacy
Email: alacey@bethanybklyn.org

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020
9:00 AM DELIVERY

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WILLIAMSBURG
334 SOUTH 55TH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11211

Executive Director: Gleniz Colin
Email: stpaulsbrooklyn.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK FOR THE FRESH DIRECT INITIATIVE, AS THE PROGRAM WILL COME TO A CLOSE.

Join **Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams** and partner **FreshDirect** for their last week of food distribution. Please find the location and times above, and also by clicking [here](#).

FLATBUSH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

Councilmember
Farah Louis



Assemblymember
Rodneyse
Bichotte



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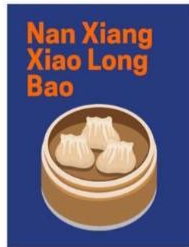
Join Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) at their shredding event.

Date: **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

Time: **2:30pm-6:30pm**


Location: **1616 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226**

NYC CENSUS 2020



FLUSHING CENSUS FRIDAYS!

English 844-330-2020
普通話 844-391-2020
廣東話 844-398-2020
한국어 844-392-2020
Español 844-468-2020

Fill Out the 2020 Census, Win a Gift Card!
 **My2020Census.gov**

4:30 — 7:30 PM

September 11
September 18
September 25

40th Rd. & Prince St.
Near Bland Playground & Flushing Ice Cream Factory



Lippman Plaza, Downtown Flushing
Opposite Macy's on Roosevelt Ave., near Queens County Savings Bank

Prince St. & 39th Ave.
Near One Fulton Square & in front of Nan Xiang Xiao Long Bao, near Prince Tea House



Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

Join **NYC Census 2020** in the effort to get more people to register for the census. To join in on the final days of bringing awareness to people who have not yet registered click [here](#).

For those in the flushing area the census team is having their next **Flushing Census Fridays** on **September 25**. The location is: **Prince St. & 39th Ave** near One Fulton Square & in front of Nan Xiang Xiao Long Bao, near Prince Tea House.

IMPACCT BROOKLYN

IMPACCT Brooklyn is hosting a series of financial literacy webinars which will also include a webinar for first time home

owners. The time for each webinar is 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM on their respective days. You can register by clicking [here](#). For more details look below:

9/22/2020 – DO YOU NEED TO GET YOUR FINANCES IN ORDER?

Learn How To Understanding Credit and It's Benefits To Your Financial Wellness.

By: Daune Harrison, Financial Counselor

9/23/2020 – WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND RETIREMENT PLANS?

Investing For Your Long Term Goals: Confidence, Simplicity and Success.

By: Phillip Howe, Financial Advisor.

9/24/2020 – ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING YOUR FIRST HOME, CONDO OR CO-OP?

Learn how to become an educated home buyer and how your credit plays a part.

By: Luis Hernandez, Home-ownership Counselor.

NHS BROOKLYN



**Attention,
Homeowners!**

Avoiding Foreclosure

Your rights & options during COVID
A Mortgage Education & Assistance Webinar

FREE

If you are:

- **Behind or struggling** to pay your mortgage
- Receiving **mail about your mortgage** you don't understand
- Confused about the **"Mortgage Moratorium"**
- Receiving **offers of help** that sound too good to be true

Join Us & Get Answers!

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020
1:00-2:30pm**

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/yy8ctf3c>



NHS Brooklyn is a nonprofit counseling agency certified by HUD.
www.nhsbrooklyn.org

NHS Brooklyn is hosting a webinar on how to avoid foreclosure. The event information and registration page is below.

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020
Time: 1pm - 2:30pm.

To register click [here](#).

SCHOOL REOPENING SCHEDULE

New Schedule for School Reopening

Public school students will be able to return to school for in-person learning on a gradual basis in relation to students' grade level.

Monday, September 21, 2020

**3-K Schools
Pre-K Schools
District 75 Schools**

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

**Schools with Grades K - 5
Schools with Grades K - 8**

Thursday, October 1, 2020

**Middle Schools
High Schools
Secondary Schools**

For more information visit NYC Department of Education [website](#)

Please find the in-person learning schedule for New York City's school reopening. For more information click [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NYC DOT

- Alternate Side Parking (ASP) is in effect tomorrow, **Tuesday, September 22, 2020.**

AVOID SCAMS

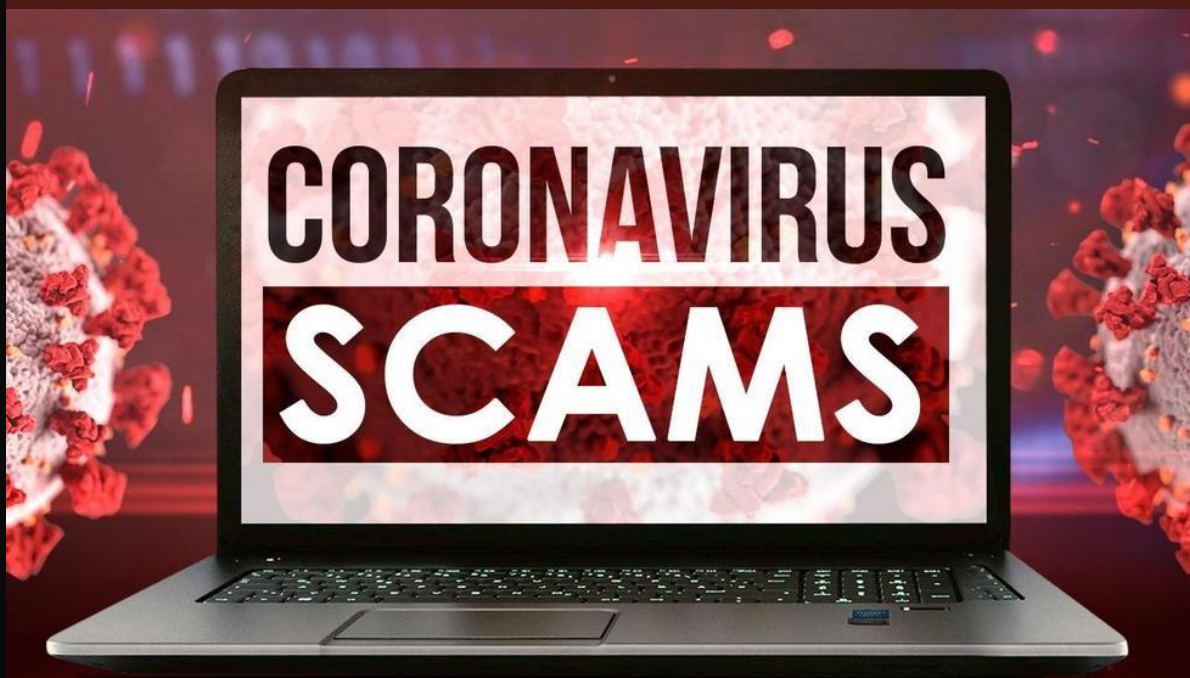


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- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dcwp](https://www.nyc.gov/dcwp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline:**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