



Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

March 19, 2020

Dear Neighbors,

I know many of you are receiving a great deal of information related to COVID-19. Here are ten quick facts and resources to know:

1. Information related to COVID-19 is changing every hour. For the latest updates, please follow my **Twitter at @Charlesdfall, watch my Facebook story at Charles D. Fall, or email falld@nyassembly.gov.**
2. You are encouraged to stay home and distance socially from others to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Those that may be exposed to COVID-19 may not feel any symptoms. **Find more information on the NYS Department of Health website.**
3. Public and private schools are closed until further notice; all **NYC schools are providing grab and go breakfast and lunch for all youth under 18 on weekdays from 7:30am-1:30pm.** Bars and restaurants will only accept take-out or delivery orders. As a good gesture and support for our local businesses, please take advantage of the take-out option.
4. RUMC and SIUH are working hard to prepare for the worst-case scenario. Please keep in mind that both hospitals are taking the proper precautions regarding COVID-19, do not be discouraged to go to the hospital if you have an unrelated emergency. **You will be safe.**

5. My staff and I are participating in daily calls with 1- All Staten Island elected officials. 2- The Governor's office. 3- The Mayor's office. We are also in touch with the hospitals and both the City and State Department of Health.



6. Just this week, my colleagues and I voted to pass paid sick leave and other benefits for New York employees impacted by COVID-19. [Click here for more information.](#) Additionally, at the beginning of the month the New York State Legislature voted and passed a \$40 million dollar emergency authorization to fight COVID-19.



[Watch here as I speak on the floor in support of the Paid Sick Leave legislation \(A.10153\)](#)

7. Remember, this is an unprecedented period of time we are witnessing. Although our kids are learning from home, you as a parent or guardian and we as a community need to ensure our kids do not fall behind. Let's make sure that they are on top of their studies. To lessen their anxiety, communicate to them the information you are receiving. [Also, find remote learning resources from the NYC Department of Education here.](#)

8. Staten Island is the first borough to have a COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site. Testing is available at **777 Seaview Avenue between 11am -7pm beginning today, March 19. Testing is open to all New Yorkers but will take place by appointment only.** To schedule an appointment if you have symptoms call the New York State Department of Health at **888-364-3065.**

9. Please remember our seniors during this time. [If you know an elderly family member or neighbor, that is in need, reach out to them and make sure they are okay.](#)

10. While many of you are at home in self-containment, kindly remember to fill out the **US 2020 Census!** Keep in mind that if our community is undercounted, we will lose billions of dollars from the federal government. Information about the 2020 Census was mailed to most addresses early this week. Residents will be able to respond online, by mail or by phone.

Keep in mind that my staff and I are accessible around the clock. **Click here to submit any questions, concerns or suggestions that you have and we will respond as soon as possible.**

Wishing you all health and safety during these times,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "F".

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