



**Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall**

**April 10, 2020**

**Updates From Albany**

**Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in the 2020-2021 NYS Budget**

Summer Youth Employment Program supports communities across the state by creating summer jobs for youth, particularly youth from low-income families. Approximately 75,000 youth were anticipated to be employed through the program this year.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 health crisis and the uncertainty over how the pandemic will continue to affect social distancing, worksite availability, the city administration has suspended the program for summer 2020 affecting many NYC youth, their families and our local businesses.

One of the many reasons I supported and voted for the overall state budget was due to the 45 million dollars in funding we allocated for this youth program. SYEP not only gives our youth a paycheck but allows them to gain new skills, resulting in improved academic performance and increases their future job prospects when they are ready to enter the workforce full-time.

I will advocate that the funds the state appropriated to SYEP be used to create alternative opportunities for our youth to work in safe environments once the social distancing and stay at home order is lifted. I will work with the city administration and SYEP providers to ensure our youth and their families are not further punished during this crisis.



## District 61 News

### Updates on West Brighton CityMD Urgent Care Facility

Last week I reported on the temporary closing of the CityMD urgent care facility in West Brighton during the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, I sent a letter to the CEO of CityMD with the support of my Staten Island government colleagues. Since then, I have spoken to CityMD President, Richard Park, to discuss potential solutions including the reopening of the West Brighton CityMD on a modified schedule and the outsourcing of staff and resources from the tens of thousands of health professionals across NYS that have signed up to volunteer as part of the state's surge health care force. I anticipate that we will soon reach an outcome that is mindful of the health needs of North Shore residents and considerate of the strains this pandemic has placed on our health care providers.

### Alternative Urgent Care and Community Health Facilities on the North Shore:

- **Progressive Urgent Care**  
Address: 455 Jersey St, Staten Island, NY 10301  
Phone: (718) 524-5611
  
- **Prompt Urgent Care, PLLC**  
Address: 155 Bay St Unit C-2, Staten Island, NY 10301  
Phone: (718) 675-3801
  
- **AdvantageCare Physicians - Clove Road Medical Office**  
Address: 1050 Clove Rd, Staten Island, NY 10301  
Phone: (718) 816-64404
  
- **RUMC Primary Walk-In/Immediate Care Center: Forest Avenue**  
Address: 1058 Forest Ave, Staten Island, NY 10310  
Phone: (718) 818-1058
  
- **Bay Street Medical Clinic**  
Address: 686 Bay St, Staten Island, NY 10304  
Phone: (718) 448-7543
  
- **Community Health Center of Richmond Port Richmond Health Center**  
Address: 235 Port Richmond Ave, Staten Island, NY 10302  
Phone: (718) 876-1732
  
- **Community Health Center of Richmond Stapleton-St George**  
Address: 135 Canal St Suite 300, Staten Island, NY 10304  
Phone: (917) 830-1200

**For any medical emergencies call 911.**

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Our collective effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 through social distancing is working and I encourage you to continue doing your part to keep our community safe. I am working with my colleagues in government to ensure all people, especially communities most impacted by COVID-19 have better access to testing and health resources.

Below you will find updates on efforts being made to support Staten Islanders affected by COVID-19. Also, you will find need-to-know resources that can aid you through these times, as well as opportunities to help support our community.

### **Critical updates, new policies and recommendations to protect yourself and your community from contracting and spreading COVID-19**

1. **NYS on Pause has been extended an additional two weeks until April 29.** All non-essential gatherings remain prohibited, and non-essential businesses should remain closed; continue to practice social distancing and limit all outdoor activity.
2. **The presidential primary election has also been moved from April 28 to June 23, to ensure New Yorkers can vote by absentee ballot in the June 23rd primary elections.** This adjustment aligns the presidential primary with the congressional and legislative primaries in New York.
3. The NY State of Health, The Official Health Plan Marketplace and the NYS Department of Financial Services announced a **one-month extension of the special enrollment period through May 15, 2020, to allow uninsured New Yorkers to apply for coverage through NY State of Health marketplace or directly to insurers.**
  - **If you lost employer coverage, you must apply within 60 days of losing that coverage.** Because of a loss of income, New Yorkers may also be eligible for Medicaid, the Essential Plan, subsidized Qualified Health Plans or Child Health Plus.
  - New Yorkers who are without health insurance can enroll **here** until May 15 or call the Marketplace at **855-355-5777, Mon- Fri, 8am – 8pm or Sat, 9 am - 1 pm.**
4. **Click here for more information about coronavirus and to find a guide on how to stay safe.** You can also text **COVID to 692-692** to receive regular SMS texts with the latest news and developments from Notify NYC.

### **Crucial resources to support and aid your everyday needs during the COVID-19 outbreak**

1. If you have mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19, you should immediately isolate yourself at home. After three to four days, if you still feel sick, contact your health care provider.

#### **How to get tested:**

- I. To make an appointment at the South Beach drive-thru facility call the **NYS Health Hotline at 888-364-3065.** Only those with an appointment can be tested at this site. Results are provided via phone, fax, or the **online patient portal.**
- II. **NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health Vanderbilt, located at 165 Vanderbilt Ave, has established a COVID-19 assessment tent to serve residents that may have been exposed to COVID-19.** Physicians are available to evaluate walk-up patients and provide information on how to manage their condition for those demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19. Testing is available if deemed necessary.

- **This facility operates Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm, with the last patient seen at 4pm and a break from 12-1pm.**

III. **Beacon Christian Community Health Center is also offering offer services to patients and evaluating people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Call 718-815-6560 to speak with a professional.**

IV. **If you have any of the following symptoms, go to an emergency room or call 911:**

- Trouble breathing
  - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
  - New confusion or inability to stay awake
  - Blue lips or face
2. **Grab and Go for All New Yorkers:** Community members of all ages may pick up three meals a day at specific DOE schools. **To find a location, text “NYCFOOD” or “COMIDA” to 877-877.** Hours of operation:
    - 7:30am - 11:30am for families and children
    - 11:40am - 1:30pm for adults
  3. **Meals for seniors:** The Department for the Aging (DFTA) has transitioned to 100% meal delivery for senior center users. Seniors should call their local senior center for more information if they haven't already received meals. **Those in need can call DFTA's Aging Connect at 212-AGING-NYC (212-244-6469) or 311.**
  4. **Tax Day is July 15:** a reminder that this year's **Tax Day has been moved from April 15th to July 15th.**
  5. **Resources for Employees:** If your work schedule was reduced as a result of the coronavirus and you are unable to pay your rent, you can apply for **Cash Assistance Special grants.** NYS provided **Unemployment Benefits and Health Insurance FAQ** for New Yorkers who are out of work due to COVID-19 closures or quarantines. **Click here to apply for Paid Family Leave and/or disability benefits if you are under a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation.**
  6. Applications for the **Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** is open for businesses and non-profits under 500 people. These are forgivable loans that may assist with payroll up to \$100,000/employee, interest on mortgages, rent, and utility payments. **Click here for more information.** **The City is still providing the Small Business Continuity Fund,** loans for businesses with up to \$75,000 to businesses with up to 99 employees.
  7. **NYS Domestic Violence Hotline: It is 1-800-942-6906.**
    - During this time of isolation at home it's important for people to know that if they're faced with a domestic violence situation, **they don't have to stay in those situations.**
    - The state will **help those in need to relocate and help find safe shelter.**
    - If there is an issue where someone is in immediate danger, call 911 immediately. Otherwise, call the hotline for help at **1-800-942-6906.**

## How to Help

1. Licensed health professionals that are willing and able to staff the NYS South Beach Hospital facility for COVID-19 patients, please call **718-442-9932** or email **Agosas@nyassembly.gov** to submit your name, phone number, and email address!

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#### HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NEEDED!

If you are a licensed healthcare professional willing and able to staff the New York State South Beach Hospital Facility for COVID-19 patients, please call 718-442-9932 or email [Agosas@nyassembly.gov](mailto:Agosas@nyassembly.gov) to submit your name, phone number, and email address!



2. All New Yorkers who have recovered from COVID-19 are asked to contact the state and donate blood.
  - **Individuals who have recovered from the virus may have convalescent plasma in their blood, which has antibodies against the virus and could help with the development of a treatment for the virus.**
  - **[Find more information about how to donate blood here](#)**
3. NYS will invest in private companies to bring rapid COVID-19 testing to scale and accelerate testing capacity.
  - **Businesses interested in working with the state to manufacture these rapid tests on a large scale should contact Empire State Development at 212-803-3100 or [COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov](mailto:COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov).**
4. **The First Responders Fund is a state initiative to assist COVID-19 health care workers and first responders with expenses and costs, including child care.** The State Department of Health is accepting donations for the fund, and Blackstone is making an initial \$10 million contribution to the fund. **[Donations can be made electronically here.](#)**
5. **[Complete your US Census today! It is quick and easy and will determine how more than \\$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities!](#)**



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**#CensusCompletedChallenge**

Three Methods to Respond:

- **Online:** <https://my2020census.gov/>
- **Mail:** Mail back the paper questionnaire sent to your home.
- **Call:** 844-330-2020 to complete via phone.

Challenge 5 family members and friends!

Everyone counts, infants, the elderly and everyone in-between.



My staff and I are accessible to help with your needs. **If there are any questions that were not answered above please submit your COVID-19 related questions, concerns or suggestions here and we will respond as soon as possible.**

Wishing you all health and safety,



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