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## **April 15, 2021**

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## Restaurant Curfew Extended To Midnight Starting Monday

## **Amid Coronavirus Pandemic**

Indoor and Outdoor Graduations Can Resume Next Month; NYC Launches Free Summer Program for Children Grades K-12; Volcano Relief Drive; and More!

## **VACCINE PROGRESS**

NYS First Doses: 7,705,087 NYS Completed Series: 5,085,215 Brooklyn First Does: 802,078 Brooklyn Completed Series: 488,105

## **COVID-19 CASES & FATALITIES**

NYS Confirmed: 1,951,359 NYS Deaths: 41,257 NYC Confirmed: 876,492 Brooklyn Confirmed: 255,556

**NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO** 



Governor Cuomo Announces New Targeted Effort to Vaccinate Workers at New York State Farms and Food Production Companies. Photo Credit: Governor Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo announced that effective May

   indoor and outdoor graduation and
   commencement ceremonies will be allowed with limited attendee capacity, depending on the event size and the location. Read more here.
- The governor announced that spectators will be allowed at horse and auto races at 20 percent capacity, beginning Thursday, April 22. Read more <a href="here.">here.</a>
- The governor announced that the state will coordinate with local health
   departments and Federally Qualified Health
   Centers to bring pop-up vaccination sites to workers, including migrant workers, at their places of employment.
   Read more here.
- Governor Cuomo announced that the state will extend the 11 p.m. curfew for food and drinks until **midnight**.
  - The new guidelines will go in effect **April 19.**

- For catered events, the curfew goes from midnight to **1 a.m.** Read more here.
- The Governor announced that Northwell Health began vaccinating union workers on the Belmont Park Redevelopment Project. Read more here.

## **NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO**



Photo Credit: Mayor's Office

- Mayor de Blasio announced that over 5 million COVID-19 doses were given so far.
  - Over **550,000** vaccinations were given last week.
- The mayor launched a new initiative called **Summer Rising** program which is a free summer program for children in grades k-12.
  - This combines the Department of Education's academic support and DYCD's programming;
  - student centered comprehensive programming; and
  - social-emotional learning.
  - Applications will open for in-person K-8 programs on Monday, **April 26th.** Read more <u>here.</u>

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

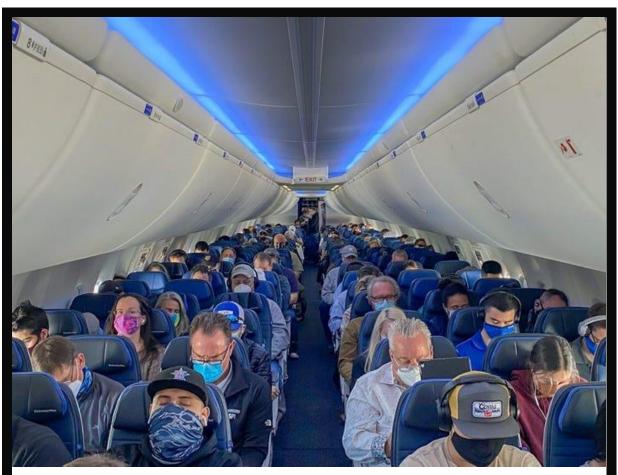


Photo Credit: Thomas Pallini/Insider

- **Moderna** has released the results of its vaccine trial after six months allowing it to seek full FDA approval. Read more here.
- The **U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** has granted Emergency Use Authorization for the Thermo Fisher Scientific Amplitude Solution with the TaqPath COVID-19 High-Throughput Combo Kit.
  - The Amplitude Solution enables clinical and public health laboratories to scale gold standard PCR testing and process up to 8,000 samples in a single day with minimal staffing resources and a secured supply of kits, reagents and consumables to meet their testing needs. Read more <a href="here.">here.</a>
- A U.S. advisory committee wants more data before it decides on the future of the Johnson &
   Johnson vaccine, the use of which was <u>paused</u> after reports of rare and severe blood clots in six of the 7.5 million people who have received the shot. Read more here.
- A <u>study released Wednesday</u> by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** found that blocking the middle seat on planes can reduce COVID-19 risks to passengers anywhere between **23 percent to 57 percent**.

 Most airlines returned to packing flights last year in an attempt to make up for staggering financial losses. Read more here.

KINGSBROOK MEDICAL CENTER COVID-19 VACCINE

# **COVID-19 VACCINES**

at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

## BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- Friday April 16th
- Monday April 19th
- Tuesday April 20th

7:30am - 5:00pm Please call 718-604-5300

from 9am - 5pm to schedule an appointment

585 Schenectady Avenue between Winthrop Street & Rutland Road Please use our Outpatient entry door

Everyone must provide at time of vaccination, NYS residency ID & documentation for whatever category you fall under. Check www.ny.gov for new eligibility requirements.



**Kingsbrook Medical Center** invites eligible community members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from **Friday**, **April 16th-20th**. To schedule an appointment, call 718-604-5300

TENANT PROTECTION WEBINAR

# Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn



Presents a...

**Know Your Housing Rights:** 

# Tenant Protection Webinar

A panel discussion on what tenants should know about the Housing Eviction Moratorium and next steps once the moratorium is lifted.

## PANELISTS:

- Paul Leroux, Staff Attorney
  Brooklyn Legal Services Housing Unit
- Monique Thomas, Senior Attorney
  New York State Homes and Community Renewal
  Tenant Protection Unit
- Jordan Fried, Senior Attorney
  New York State Homes and Community Renewal
  Tenant Protection Unit
- Cynthia Norris, Organizer
  Housing Justice for All Campaign

## TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Registration is Required! Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_UVsBVy12RjubFi0phfM9BA

Questions may be submitted in advance at AD42@nyassembly.gov

Partner:





For more information on this event or any other community concerns, please contact the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn at 718-940-0428 • bichotter@nyassembly.gov • https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte-Hermelyn

Join Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn on Tuesday, April 20th for a Know Your Housing Rights:Tenant Protection

**Webinar.** Register <u>here.</u> Questions may be submitted in advance here.

ST. VINCENT VOLCANO ERUPTION



- Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn is hosting a Saint Vincent and The Grenadines
   Volcano Relief drive to support the residents impacted by the recent volcano eruptions.
  - We will accept donations though April 30<sup>th</sup>, however, would love to receive donations by Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to assist with supporting those currently in urgent need.

 Donations can be dropped off at our district office located at 1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11210 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ST. VINCENT VOLCANO ERUPTION



# MYPI

**New York City Police Department** 

## Police Officer Exam

**STARTING SALARY: \$42,500** 

**SALARY AFTER 5 1/2 YEARS: \$85,292** 

Begin your journey by registering for the NYPD Police Officer Exam at nyc.gov/oasys

Registration period: 4/07/2021- 4/27/2021

The exam will be administered: June 2021

Register early to secure a spot

For more information, Please visit: NYPDRECRUIT.COM, call us at 212-RECRUIT, or scan below with your smart phone:





The NYPD **Police Officer Exam** registration period is open now through **April 27**. Scan the QR code above, call 212-RECRUIT or visit NYPDRECRUIT.COM.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS** 

Today, **Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn** attended the **Pakistani American Youth Organization's** food pantry to celebrate the pantry's oneyear anniversary.



Attendees included Council Member Farah N. Louis, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, District Leader Josue Pierre, and Imam Ahmed Ali.



## **BROOKLYN COVID-19 TESTING SITES**



Here are the dates and times for NYC Health+Hospitals testing sites for the week of **April 12** to **April 18**. To find additional testing sites around NYC, visit <u>here</u>.



## The COVID-19 Vaccine is FREE to individuals.

Do not pay anyone to register you for an appointment or to get the vaccine.

There is NO COST!

Report violations/fraud to 1-833-VAX-SCAM (1-833-829-7226)



## **DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK**

or email STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov

NEW YORK STATE Of Health



MUTUAL AID NYC FOOD RESOURCES

## MUTUAL AID NYC HOTLINE 🗘 🗇

Call the Mutual Aid NYC hotline during the times listed below for information about food resources, grocery delivery and other services in your neighborhood and beyond. The hotline is free, open to everyone and is available in 11 languages, including English.

Monday - Thursday: 2 PM - 8 PM Friday: 2 PM - 5 PM

### **ESPAÑOL**

Llame a la línea telefónica de Ayuda Mútua NYC en los horarios listados más abajo para información relacionada con comida, entrega de la compra a domicilio y otros servicios en su barrio y otros barrios. La línea telefónica es gratuita, abierta a todo el mundo, y disponible en 11 idiomas, incluyendo Inglés y Español.

Lunes-Jueves: 2PM - 8PM Viernes: 2PM - 5PM

在下面列出的时间内,拨打纽约互助热线,以获取有关您附 近及其他地区的食物资源,杂货配送和其他服务的信息。该 热线是免费的,向所有人开放,并以11种语言提供,包括英

星期一 - 星期四: 2 PM - 8 PM 星期五: 2 PM - 5 PM

### বাংলা

দয়া করে মিউচুয়াল এইড NYC হটলাইনে ফোন করুন নিম্নলিখিত নির্দিষ্ট সময়গুলোতে আরও জানতে খাদ্য সম্পদ, মুদি সরবরাহ (গ্রোসারি ডেলিভারি) এবং অন্যান্য সেবার বিষয় যেগুলো আপনার পাড়ায় উপলব্ধ ৷এই হটলাইনটি সকলের জন্যে এগারোটি ভাষায় বিনামূল্যে প্রস্তুত (ইংরেজি এবং বাংলায়)।

সোম - বৃহস্পতিবার: ২ - ৮ p.m. শুক্রবার: ২ - ৫ p.m.

### **FRANÇAIS**

Appeler la Mutual Aid NYC directe ligne durant les temps listés en dessous pour les informations concernant les ressources alimentaires, pour la livraison de vos condiments et autres besoins dans votre quartier ou en dehors. La ligne directe est gratuite, ouverte à toute personne et disponible dans 11 différentes langues en plus du français. Lundi - Jeudi: 14h - 20h Vendredi: 14h - 17h

الكورييه خلال الساعات المدرجة أدناه لتجد NYC اتّصل بخطّ ساخن ميوتشوال أيد المعلومات عن الموارد الغذائية وحدد NYC توصيل منتجات البقالة والخدمات الأخرى في حيّك والأحياء الأخرى. هذا الخط الساخن مجّاني ومفتوح للجميع ومتاح ب11 لغة ما في ذلك اللغة الإنجليزية و لغتك الإثنين حتى الخميس: 2م-8م الجمعة: 2م-5م

Rele Mutual Aid NYC liy dirèk pandan tan ki nan lis anba a pou enfòmasyon sou resous manje, livrezon makèt ak lòt sèvis nan katye ou ak apre. Liy dirèk la gratis, louvri pou tout moun epi li disponib nan onz lang, ki gen ladan angle ak kreyòl. Lendi jiska jedi: dezè nan apremidi jiska uitè di swa Vandredi: dezè nan apremidi jiska senkè di swa

अपने इलाके में फ़ूड बैंक या राशन की डेलिवरी जैसी सेवाओं की जानकारी के लिए नीचे दिए गए समय पर म्यूच्यूअल एड NYC को फ़ोन करें। यह हॉटलाइन आपकी करा लिए हैं और अंग्रेजी और हिंदी के अलावा, 11 और भाषाओं में मौजूद है। सोमवार - गुरुवार: 2 - 8 PM शुक्रवार: 2 - 5 PM

## 한국어

생필품 및 기타 서비스에 대한 정보를 원하시는 경우, 하단에 표기 된 시간에 맞추어 Mutual Aid NYC 핫라인에 연락하여 주시길 바랍 니다. 모든 서비스는 무료로 제공되며, 누구나 사용 가능합니다. 서 비스는 영어 및 한국어를 포함하여 11개국 언어로 제공됩니다. 월요일 - 목요일: 오후 2시 - 오후 8시 / 금요일: 오후 2시 - 오후 5시

## РУССКИЙ

Позвоните по телефону горячей линии Mutual Aid NYC в указанное ниже время для получения информации о продовольственных ресурсах, доставке продуктов и других услугах в вашем районе и за его пределами. Горячая линия бесплатна, открыта для всех и доступна на 11 языках, включая английский и русский.

Понедельник - четверг: 14:00 - 20:00 Пятница: 14:00 - 17:00.

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## **<** 646-437-8080

For more information, languages & hours, visit

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MUTUAL **AID NYC** 

**Mutual Aid NYC** is providing food assistance, resources, and other services. To get more information call their hotline at which you can call at **646-437-8080**.

NYC SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE NETWORK



## Are you a small business? We are here to help you.

### YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT

Get access to valuable resources through Small Business Support Specialists in your borough













## SIGN UP — HERE IS HOW IT WORKS









## 5 BOROUGHS. 1 RESOURCE NETWORK.

Our public-private partnership came together to offer meaningful assistance to small business owners through the city's corporate, financial, and professional service sectors, as well as universities, philanthropists, and expert volunteers.







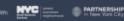








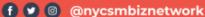






## NYCSmallBusinessResourceNetwork.org







The **NYC Small Business Resource Network** is a unique private/public partnership that provides our local businesses with the free, personalized guidance they need right now to survive the pandemic. If you have a small business, you can sign up for this network today.

Once you fill out the <u>brief intake form</u>, you will be matched with a business support specialist. Through this program, all five borough Chambers of Commerce have specialists offering one-on-one support to businesses in their boroughs.

The program is funded by a \$2.8 million grant from the New York City-based Peter G. Peterson Foundation and supported by in-kind contributions from other partners, this collaboration, led by the **Partnership for New York City**, the **NYC Economic Development Corporation** and all five **Chambers of Commerce**, leverages the city's corporate, financial and professional services sectors, as well as universities, philanthropies and expert volunteers to help small business owners gain access to a range of programs and services.

## **COVID-19 RAPID TESTING BROOKLYN LOCATIONS**

# ACPNY HOT SPOT RAPID TESTING: BROOKLYN APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

Location	Hours
Kings Highway	Monday-Friday
3245 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229	9am - 4pm
Bay Ridge	Wednesday/Friday
740 64th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220	9am - 4pm
Flatbush	Monday-Friday
1000 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11218	9am - 4pm

## Schedule Virtual Visit Screenings in Two Ways:

Option 1 (Existing and All New Patients): Patient calls dedicated COVID-19 screening and testing hotline (866) 749-2660

Option 2 (Existing patients only): Patient schedules COVID-19 virtual visit screening on myACPNY patient portal.

After a virtual screening, patient is scheduled for a testing appointment at their convenience at testing location.

Results are communicated back to patient by ACPNY provider.

## STOP THE SPREAD

# Protect your community from COVID-19



## Everyone must do their part.

- · Stay home if you do not feel well.
- Participate in temperature checks and symptom screenings when entering public spaces.
- · Wear face coverings when not at home.
- When with people who do not live in your household, keep 6 feet between you and others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds each time.

If you or a loved one have been near someone who has COVID-19, here's what to do:

- Do not leave your home, except to get medical care. Avoid taking buses, subways, and taxis.
- Separate from other people in your home as much as possible. You should stay in a specific "sick room" if possible.
- · Do not share household items.
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible.
   If you share a bathroom, clean and disinfect after using it.
- · Don't touch pets.
- Don't cook food and serve it to others.
- Avoid caring for children and older adults, if possible.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- · Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

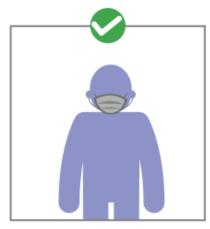
\*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

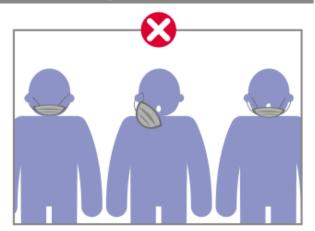
Stay up to date www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus



WEARING FACE COVERINGS

## Face Masks and Coverings for COVID-19





- You must wear a face mask or face covering in public when social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) is not possible, unless a face covering is not medically tolerated. This includes on public transport, in stores and on crowded sidewalks.
- Children over 2 years of age should wear a face mask in public, too. Children under 2 years of age should NOT wear face coverings for safety reasons.
- Cloth face coverings should be made from fabric you can't see through when held up to the light. They must be cleaned before reusing.
- . Disposable paper face masks should be used for one outing outside the home. They cannot be properly cleaned.
- The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to continue social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from others), even when wearing a face covering.

## **Putting On Face Covering**

- DO clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before putting on your face covering.
- Make sure the face covering covers both your nose and mouth
- DON'T wear your mask hanging under your nose or mouth or around your neck. You won't get the protection you need.
- DON'T wear the face covering on top of your head, or take it off and on repeatedly. Once it is in place, leave the covering in place until you are no longer in public.

## **Taking Off Face Covering**

- DO clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before taking off your face covering.
- Remove your mask only touching the straps.
- Discard the face covering if it is disposable. If you are reusing (cloth), place it in a paper bag or plastic bag for later.
- Wash your hands again.
- When cleaning a cloth face covering, DO put in the washer (preferably on the hot water setting).
- Dry in dryer at high heat. When it is clean and dry, place in a clean paper or plastic bag for later use. If you live in a household with many people, you might want to label the bags with names so the face coverings are not mixed up.



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Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or <u>NYC.gov/dcwp</u>. You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a <u>complaint form</u>.
- 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). NYC residents should call (844-692-4692).

## **Volunteer to Support**

**Others:** <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c</a> <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c">ovid-19-relief.page#healthcare</a> <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/c">workers</a>.

## **Free Internet Services:**

<u>Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFiaccess</u> 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.

The **Hebrew Educational Societ**y in partnership with MET Council has a food pantry that is open to all. To reserve a spot, visit here.

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**.