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Apply For Emergency Rental Assistance Program Today

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Federal Government Recognizes June As Pride Month; NYC Vaccine Launches Contest; NYC Youth Vax Week; NYS Lifts Indoor Dining Curfew; and More!

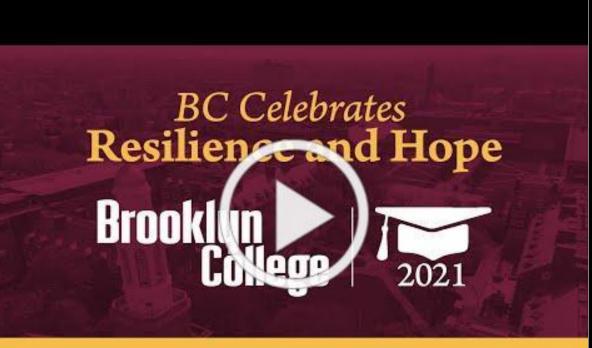
VACCINE PROGRESS

NYS First Doses: 10,783,869 NYS Completed Series: 9,230,352 Brooklyn First Doses: 1,188,418 Brooklyn Completed Series: 995,268

COVID-19 CASES & FATALITIES

NYS Confirmed: 2,086,577 NYS Deaths: 42,745 NYC Confirmed: 934,583 Brooklyn Confirmed: 274,991

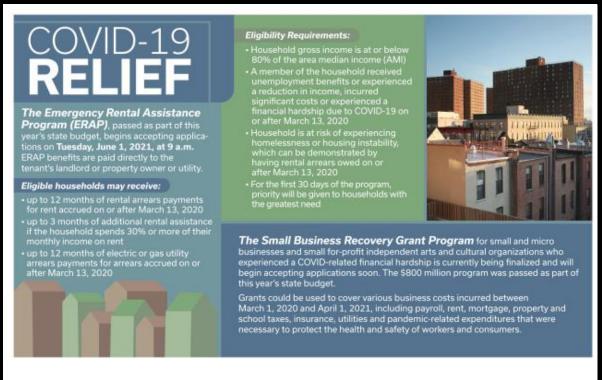
RODNEYSE IN THE NEWS



Thursday, May 27, 2021

• **Patch:** Brooklyn College Recognizes Class Of 2021. Read more <u>here.</u>

NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



• New Yorkers who fell back on their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic can now apply for the **Emergency Rental Assistance Program**.

• You may be eligible for ERAP if you:

- Fell behind in rent since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020; **AND**
- Qualified for unemployment benefits or have lost income and/or have an increase in expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic; AND
- Have a monthly gross (before tax) household income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Apply <u>here.</u>
- The governor announced that NYS will **lift** the midnight curfew on **indoor dining** for **bars** and **restaurants**. Read more <u>here.</u>
- Governor Cuomo announced that the **New York State** of Health's Marketplace reached a record-breaking enrollment total of 6 million New Yorkers. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The governor announced the winners of the first-round winners of the **'Get A Shot to Make Your Future'** incentive for a full scholarship to a SUNY or CUNY school. The winners are listed <u>here.</u>
- The governor launched new **\$40 million** global campaign aimed at revitalizing the state's tourism industry. Read more <u>here.</u>

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: City of New York

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced a New York City Vaccine Contest for anyone 18+ who is newly vaccinated. This week, 20 people who are newly vaccinated will have a chance to win two-day vacation packages at the:
 - Marriott, Hyatt;
 - Highgate Hotels;
 - Fitzpatrick Hotel Group;
 - Triumph Hotels; and
 - IGH Hotels & Resorts and the Pod Hotels. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The mayor announced that **veterans** thinking about becoming a New York City firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker can now take all the **civil service exams** they want for **free**. Read more <u>here</u>.
- The mayor announced an initiative to expand low-cost and free child care for thousands of families across New York City. Read more <u>here.</u>
- Mayor de Blasio announced the start **"NYC Youth Vax Week,"** a week-long initiative to combat misinformation regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and encourage parents and guardians to allow their children 12 years and older to get the authorized Pfizer vaccine. Read more <u>here.</u>
- The mayor announced that outdoor activities at senior centers can resume while indoor and congregate activities can resume on **June 14**. Read more <u>here.</u>

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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- President Biden issued a presidential proclamation recognizing **June** as **Pride Month**, vowing to fight for full equality for the L.G.B.T.Q. community to be codified into law. Read more <u>here.</u>
- **Moderna** has asked the **Food and Drug Administration** for full approval of its coronavirus vaccine for people 18 and older.
 - Full approval would allow the company to market the shot directly to consumers.
 - Full approval also makes it easier for schools, employers and the military to require inoculation against COVID-19. Read more <u>here</u>.
- Nearly a half-million foster children in the U.S. and unaccompanied migrant teens at the southern border could be prevented from receiving coronavirus vaccines because of federal and state consent laws that require a parent or guardian's approval. Read more <u>here</u>.
- President Biden announced that the U.S. will donate 75% of its unused COVID-19 vaccines to the U.N.-backed COVAX global vaccine sharing program. Read more <u>here.</u>

HOW TO APPLY FOR NYC HOUSING LOTTERY





Are you searching for an affordable apartment through the NYC housing lottery?

Join us to learn how to get ready, prepare and submit a strong housing application! Live housing counselors and free financial counseling services.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD 6PM-8PM LOCATION: FREE VIRTUAL CLINIC Rsvp Using this link: https://bit.ly/2T0RDtj

This program is run by FDC with support from NVC DCA and HPO

Pepartment of Housing Preservation & Development



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- Join Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) on Thursday, June 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to learn how to get ready, prepare and submit a strong NYC housing lottery application!
- There will be live FDC Housing Ambassador counselors and free financial counseling services that will clearly explain the application process, answer questions live, and be available to schedule one-on-one applicant assistance meetings. Register <u>here.</u>

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

So many precious lives are lost to gun violence each day, but we can't lose hope.

We have to keep working toward a safer tomorrow.

On June 4, wear orange to show support for STRONG GUN SAFETY MEASURES.

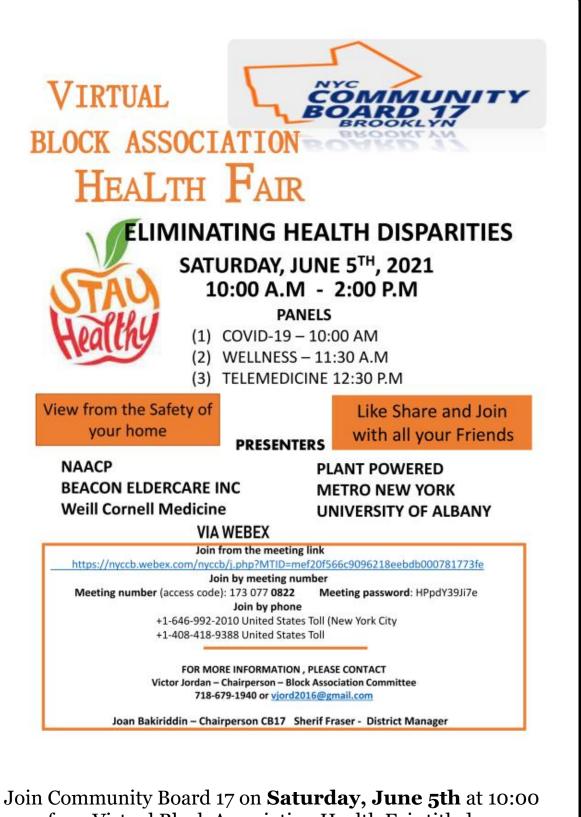
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GUNS DO NOT BELONG RALLY



On **Friday, June 4th**, **Council Member Farah Louis** will host a **Guns Do Not Belong** Rally and Resource Fair at 3:00 p.m. at **1545 Flatbush Avenue**, Brooklyn, NY 11210.

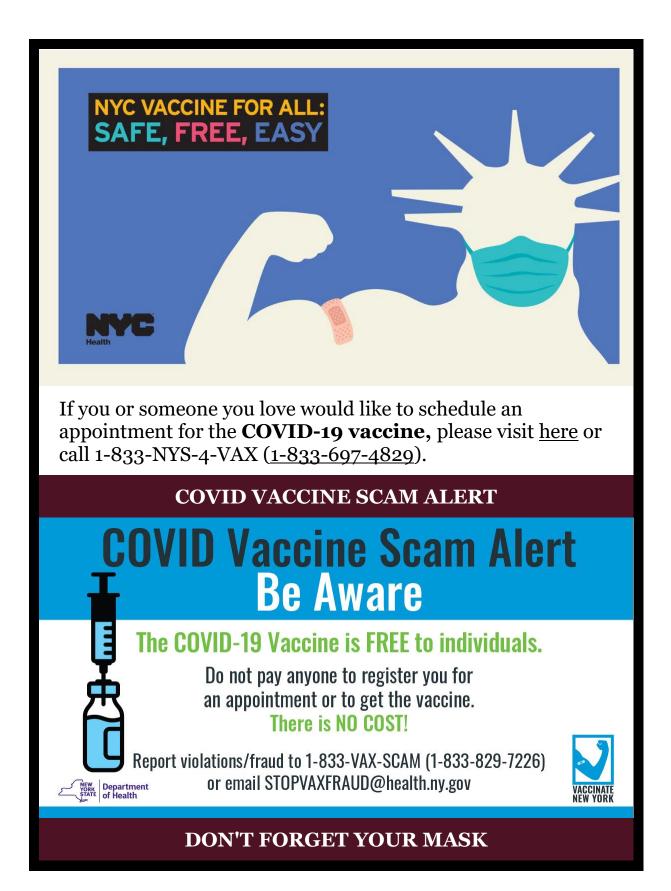
VIRTUAL BLOCK ASSOCIATION HEALTH FAIR



a.m. for a Virtual Block Association Health Fair titled "Eliminating Health Disparities." Join the webinar <u>here</u>.

BROOKLYN COVID-19 TESTING SITES







MUTUAL AID NYC HOTLINE 5

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

晋通话

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 语和中文。 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

العربية

الحربية خلال الساعات المدرجة أدناه لتجد NYC اتّصل بخطّ ساخن ميوتشوال أيد المعلومات عن الموارد الغذائية وخدمات 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

CREOLE

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

हिन्दी

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 सेवा के लिए है और अंग्रेजी और हिंदी के अलावा, 11 और भाषाओं में मौजूद है। सोमवार - गुरूवार: 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.

MUTUAL

AID NYC

مرکس کھانے پینے کے وسائل ، راشن (گروسری) کی فراہمی اور اپنے پڑوس اور اس سے باہر کی دیگر خدمات کے بارےمیں معلومات حاصل کرنے کے لیے نیچے دئے گئے اوقات کے دوران باہمی امداد ہاٹ لائن پر کال کریں باٹ لائن ہر ایک کے لئے مفت ہے اور انگریزی اوراردو سمیت 11 نہ ان میں د تارین مری ہے تی ہر ایو سے سے سے بعد ہے ہو اور اسرین اور کو سیے 11 زبانوں میں دستیاب ہے۔ پیر تا جمعرات: ۲ سے شام ۸ بچے تک، جمعہ: ۲ سے شام ۵ بچے تک

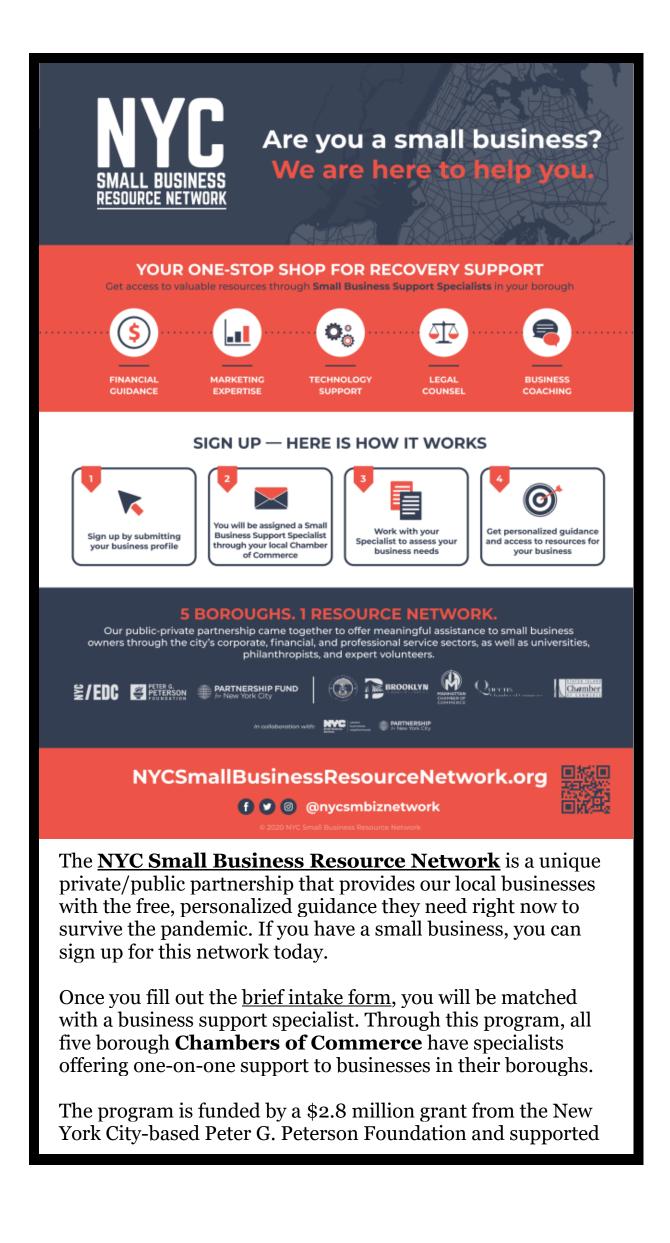


For more information, languages & hours, visit

MUTUALAID.NYC/I-NEED-HELP

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



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.

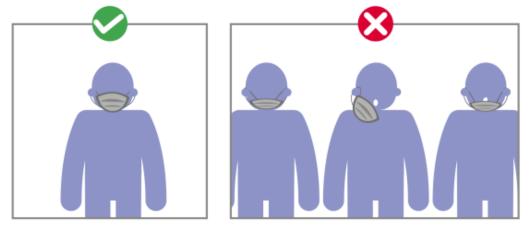
Results are communicated back to patient by ACPNY provider.

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 Symptoms may appear 2-14 days has COVID-19, here's what to do: after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: Do not leave your home, except to get medical Fever or chills care. Avoid taking buses, subways, and taxis. Cough Separate from other people in your home as · Shortness of breath or much as possible. You should stay in a specific difficulty breathing "sick room" if possible. Fatigue · Do not share household items. Muscle or body aches • Use a separate bathroom, if possible. Headache If you share a bathroom, clean and disinfect New loss of taste or smell after using it. Sore throat · Don't touch pets. Congestion or runny nose Don't cook food and serve it to others. Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Avoid caring for children and older adults, if possible. *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 NEW YORK STATE Of Health

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.

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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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AVOID SCAMS



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- 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



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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 <u>website</u> 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:

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

<u>Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi</u> <u>access</u> for **60 days to household with K-12 and/or college students** who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call** <u>844-488-8395</u>. Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit <u>here.</u>

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

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**.