

October 20, 2023

## Greetings --

My office has received some calls from constituents asking about where to get access to at-home COVID-19 tests. Tests are available for free at your local library. You can find your closest library here.

I was happy to see so many of you at Wednesday's Town Hall at the Central Library by Grand Army Plaza. As always, my office is available to respond to any questions you may have, either in person or over the phone. I look forward to many more upcoming community events.



#### **Coat & Canned Food Drive**

My office is partnering with the YMCA to offer support to people in need throughout our community. Please provide coats or canned goods at the Park Slope Armory or the Prospect Park YMCA. With a large number of asylum seekers coming to our city, the need for help is greater than ever. I urge everyone in my district to come

together as a community to help New Yorkers new and old who require assistance and aid.



# **Brown Bin Giveaway & Leaf Bin Building Workshop**

As of the beginning of this month, curbside composting is now available across all of Brooklyn every week. If you have not yet gotten your brown bin, you have until early January until you are subject to fines. Alongside the Department of Sanitation, my office is organizing a free Brown Bin giveaway at the Cortelyou Library. To reserve your bin, or for any questions, contact my office.



South Midwood Pollinators will also be holding a Leaf Bin Building Workshop at the Library during the Brown Bin Giveaway. Leaf Bins allow you to use the leaves around you to create an excellent compost and garden mulch. You can read more about Leaf Bins here.

### **Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations**

With flu season around the corner, my office is partnering with City Councilmember Rita Joseph and NewYork-Presbyterian to offer free flu vaccinations in October for anyone age 19 or older. While we anticipate having sufficient supply, it is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you know of anyone without health insurance who is

going to need a flu vaccine, please pass this information on to them, and contact my office with any questions.

# ¬ NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital



# Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations | 2023 Ages 19+ | No Appointment Needed

Tuesday, October 24, 2023; 10AM – 1PM Jalsa, 786 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn

- Priority will be given to those without health insurance, regardless of immigration status
- Vaccines are first come, first-served
- Must be 19 years old or older
- Pregnant women not eligible
- Please bring a photo ID for proof of age



## For Your Safety

Please stay home if you have a fever greater than 100 or have been diagnosed with Covid in the last 5 days.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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NYC Councilmember Rita Joseph

### Information from U.S. State Department

If you know of any United States citizens in Israel or Palestine who are having trouble getting back to the United States, here are the current instructions from the State Department:

Complete the Department of State Crisis Intake form at <a href="https://cacms.state.gov/s/crisis-intake">https://cacms.state.gov/s/crisis-intake</a>. The Department of State is exploring contract options to facilitate U.S. citizen travel to nearby countries. They will be contacting people regarding this using the email provided in this form. To get these emails you must sign up using this form. • Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Once people have signed up they will receive the latest updates and travel advisories. You can sign up at <a href="https://step.state.gov/step/">https://step.state.gov/step/</a>

This is a rapidly evolving situation. We will update you with new information as it is made available to us. Contact my office for any questions or issues.

-Bobby

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