



"The COVID-19 pandemic has uprooted our daily lives. My staff and I are working remotely, but we are still here for you. If you need any assistance or information, contact us by phone or email. Please stay safe and healthy."

– **Assemblyman
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Stay home, save lives.

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**We're all
in this together**

Look inside
for important
COVID-19
updates and
resources



COVID-19 Information and Resources

Stay informed and learn about resources available during the COVID-19 crisis:

- **New York State Department of Health:**
888-364-3065 | www.ny.gov/coronavirus
Visit now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates to sign up for email updates from the state Department of Health.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html
- **New York City Resources:**
access.nyc.gov
www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/index.page
- **Mental Health Hotline:** For free and confidential emotional support, consultation and referral to a local provider, call: 1-844-863-9314
- **New York State Domestic Violence Hotline:**
1-800-942-6906 | NYC: 1-800-621-HOPE
- **Child Care Resources for Parents and Providers:**
www.ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare
- **NYC Food Delivery Assistance:**
The City of New York is providing assistance to New Yorkers during the COVID-19 crisis by delivering meals to those who cannot access food themselves. Learn more at: NYC.gov/getFood

Be Alert for Scams

While we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the unfortunate reality is that many people are taking advantage of the situation through scams that target vulnerable populations.

- **Fake Testing Sites:** There have been reports from across the country that criminals have set up fake testing locations where patients are tricked into giving cash or personal information away. These fake testing locations are unhygienic and can spread the virus themselves.
- **Unemployment Benefit Scams:** According to the state Department of Labor, there have been several scam attempts made targeting individuals that are filing for unemployment benefits. The ONLY forms of information that N.Y.S. Department of Labor agents will ask for are:
 1. Claimant's Full Name
 2. The Date of Filing their Claim
 3. The Method Used to File the Claim (Online/Web vs. Telephone)If you think you are a victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 720-5721 or disaster@leo.gov, or the FBI (visit ic3.gov, tips.fbi.gov, or call 1-800-CALL-FBI).

State and Federal COVID-19 Resources

Unemployment Insurance

If you've lost employment because of the COVID-19 crisis and need help paying your bills, call 1-888-209-8124 or visit labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm. The federal CARES Act provides enhanced UI benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers. Visit labor.ny.gov/ui/cares-act.shtm to learn more.

Federal CARES Act

- Authorizes recovery checks for U.S. taxpayers, which are being sent out now. If you have not received your check, visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments.
- New York small businesses are eligible for \$33.8 billion in emergency loans to help retain employees. Go here for more info: www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources.
- All private insurance plans are required to cover COVID-19 treatments and vaccines and all coronavirus tests are free.
- Funding is provided for hospitals, community centers and food banks.

Sick and Paid Leave Benefits Are Available

New state law provides sick leave and benefits to isolated or quarantined workers. To learn how much you qualify for, visit paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/COVID19.

SNAP Benefits

To help New Yorkers provide for their families, the state made \$200 million in emergency funding available to expand SNAP benefits, enabling all eligible recipients to receive the maximum benefit amount in April. Visit otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19 for more information.



While folks are staying home to Flatten the Curve, Assemblymember Cusick is encouraging young people to remain physically and mentally active through the Total Fitness Challenge "Stay Fit At Home." Learn more at: <https://www.facebook.com/TotalFitnessChallengeByMikeCusick>

Vital COVID-19 Updates



Tax Day

The deadline for filing both your state and federal taxes has been moved from **April 15** to **July 15**.

Be Counted in the Census!

New York needs a complete census count so we get our fair share of federal funding for everything from hospitals to public schools. The national deadline to complete the census is **August 14**. Respond by mail, by phone or online. Visit my2020census.gov to fill out the questionnaire online or learn more.



Blood Donation

The Red Cross is calling on eligible donors to do their part and help prevent blood shortages. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767.



June Regents Canceled

To protect the health and safety of students and teachers, all June Regents exams are canceled. Graduation requirements have also been adjusted to ensure students aren't adversely impacted by this necessary change.



New York's essential workers are working hard every day to provide critical services and keep our state moving forward. We'll always have their backs.



Feeding Our Frontline

Staten Islanders can help support the hospital staff who are working to keep us all safe through the "Feeding the Frontline" program. "Feeding the Frontline" will provide grab & go meals to hospital staff at Staten Island University Hospital and Richmond University Medical Center during this critical time. To donate, visit: <https://statenilandnycoc.wliinc19.com/mc-forms/feeding-our-front-line.aspx>