



RED HOOK HUB

RED HOOK CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

Email hubcoordinator@rhicenter.org to add to community updates

DO YOUR PART NYC: STAY HOME! VISIT THE ER ONLY IF YOU ARE SEVERELY ILL, OTHERWISE YOU JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES OF OTHERS WHO ARE ILL!

[NYC Guidelines have been updated](#): **Text COVID to 692-692 for updates**

All outdoor and indoor events with 50 or more people are now banned. For gatherings with 49 people or fewer, we advise facilities to remain at less than 50% capacity in order to better encourage social distancing. For more information about places of public gathering and scheduled events, contact those facilities or visit their websites.

Coronavirus Updates 3/19

Medical Update ****Important Please Read****

There is now **widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in New York City**, meaning **the sources of new infections are unknown**. **Everyone** in New York City should act as if they have been **exposed to COVID-19**. That means monitoring your health closely and staying home from work if you are sick. **New Yorkers who are NOT sick should also stay home as much as possible** and avoid all unnecessary social interactions. Read more [here](#).

ATTN: The DOE is lending internet-enabled iPads to support remote learning for students. If you would like to request a device for a NYC student in your family, please fill out the form [here](#).

Remote learning begins Monday, March 23

Parents and guardians received their children's grab-and-go instructional bags to learn at home today. To take part in Remote Learning, all students must have an [activated NYC Schools Account](#).

Governor Cuomo announced

- NO mortgage payments required in the next 90 days with no late fees or interest;
- NO ATM or bank overdraft fees in the next 90 days with no interest; NO shelter in place rules. Be smart and social distance. Go outside and get fresh air, just DO NOT mingle with other individuals;
- All non essential offices can only have 25% of the workforce starting now for the duration; All rapid transit will continue to operate regardless of the operating authority's ability to pay.

Rep. Velazquez Hosts Telephone Townhall

On March 18, Rep. Nydia M. Velazquez hosted a telephone townhall on the coronavirus pandemic with local, state and federal experts. [This is the archived audio of that conversation.](#)

Above & Beyond Collective Impact Network

You can come pick up everyday items at a discounted price next week, either Tuesday or Thursday from 4-8pm. Email apply@re-gen.exchange to let them know which day is better for you. [Fill out their application form](#) to join for free and rsvp to attend.

Red Hook Coronavirus Resources:

Schools

March 17th - April 20th

Citywide closure: Students, teachers and principals do not report.

- To help students stay connected during emergencies, the DOE is lending internet-enabled iPads to support remote learning for students. **If you would like to request a device for a NYC student in your family, please fill out the form [here](#).**

Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch is available *from 7:30am-1:30 pm* at the entrance of every building. Any student can pick up breakfast and lunch at any school building until further notice.

Tuesday, March 17th - Thursday, March 19th

Teachers and administrators will participate in professional development on remote learning.

- Students will pick up materials for continued instruction, including the technology necessary for remote learning for students who need it. More guidance to families will be sent this week

Monday, March 23 - Remote learning launches for grades K-12

DOE will support schools at all levels of readiness to deliver remote learning, and more information will be provided to families about online platforms.

- Regional Enrichment Centers will be available for the children of first responders, healthcare workers, transit workers, and our most vulnerable student populations, with more details to follow.

Monday, March 16th - Learn at Home

Get DOE-specific **Learn at Home** instructional resources in English for students in grades Pre-K through 12, including for diverse learning and students with disabilities.

Helpful Links for Families

- **Get [Learn at Home](#) activities for all grades**
- **See [Parent Teacher Conference](#) information**
- Other [learning resources](#). [Parent Resources](#).

Additional resource:

Brooklyn Public Library Is offering virtual programming - [View Events Calendar](#); and [Online learning resource](#) - use Barcode: 27777015977087 PW: 2012

Mental Health

Red Hook Initiative's Social Worker Melanie shares a video: [5 ways to cope with this new reality](#)

Please take care of yourself and those around you.

In this time of uncertainty, it is normal to feel scared, sad, and confused. If you are experiencing anxiety, depression, or just need some support please call **1-888-NYC-WELL or Text WELL to 65173**

[Red Hook Cares is here to help](#)

Staying at home is not safe for everyone. For those experiencing emotional physical abuse

- Click [HERE](#) for tips on coping with stress during COVID-19
- Click [HERE](#) for tips on helping children cope during an emergency

Employment

New York state is waiving the seven-day waiting period for unemployment insurance benefits for people who are out of work due to closures or quarantines related to the Coronavirus. More info [here](#).

- Department of Labor has compiled Workplace Safety, Wages, Hours, and Leave, and Uninsurance information relating to Coronavirus [HERE](#)

Housing

NYCHA UPDATES

- Housing Court
 - **Effective Monday, March 16, all eviction proceedings and pending eviction orders shall be suspended statewide until further notice by the New York State Unified Court System.**
 - All NYCHA housing court cases at the Red Hook Community Justice Center will be administratively adjourned for 90 days. Tenants will receive a postcard and phone call when a new court date has been scheduled.
 - For any questions regarding unmet NYCHA repairs or housing court questions, please contact Justice Center staff Ross Joy at 347-216-5738 or email joyr@nycourts.gov; or staff Marissa Williams at 646-573-2329 or email mwilliams3@nycourts.gov.
 - Red Hook NYCHA tenants may file essential applications to Judge Calabrese for landlord lockouts, serious housing code violations, and emergency repair orders by going to 120 Schermerhorn Street. Please call Ross Joy 347-216-5738 for further instructions.
- Access for Repairs
 - Tenants should keep open NYCHA repair tickets by calling 718-707-7771 or using the [MyNYCHA app](#).
 - NYCHA staff will ask if anyone in the household has a fever, cough, or shortness of breath or is confirmed to have COVID-19. Any resident that answers "yes" to this question will be asked to reschedule the visit in 14 days or when everyone is feeling better by calling the Customer Contact Center or visiting MyNYCHA.
 - For an emergency repair (e.g., gas/water leaks, stoppages, etc.) NYCHA staff will ask the same question. If any resident answers "yes" to this question, s/he will be asked to: (1) Remain in a separate room (where possible) with the door closed until the emergency repair is completed; or (2) Maintain at least a six-foot distance from staff until the emergency repair is completed if a separate room is not available.
- Rent Hardship
 - As per NYCHA's existing rental hardship policy, households experiencing a loss of income may request an Interim Recertification for any decrease in income that will last more than two months by accessing the [NYCHA Self-Service Portal](#) at or requesting a paper form from your Property Management office.
 - Apply for HRA assistance using the [Access HRA app](#).
- NYCHA Administrative Hearing
 - NYCHA Administrative Hearing Office at 807 Atlantic Avenue is postponing all cases for two weeks, at which time NYCHA will reevaluate the hearing schedule to determine if

the postponement should be extended. Call for more information to the NYCHA Administrative Hearing Office at 718-218-1182.

- [Further updates from NYCHA can be found here](#)

Additional Tenants Resources: [Tenants Rights Hotline](#) - 212-979-0611 (ingles y espanol) or more [info](#)

[Community Events/Centers/ School Closings](#)

Community closings with staff working remotely:

Red Hook Initiative: info@rhicenter.org

PioneerWorks: info@pioneerworks.org

Cora Dance: info@coradance.com

Hook Arts Media: info@hookarts.org

Red Hook Community Justice Center:

Housing related: joyr@nycourts.gov

Red Hook Cares: dscallet@nycourts.gov

[Wifi Access and Utility Information](#)

Access FREE local Wifi - click [HERE](#) for locations

Email redhookwifi@rhicenter.org

[For low cost or free WiFi; resources for children at home.](#)

Free WiFi at home:

- **Comcast** - offering Essentials internet service designed for low-income families free for 60 days for new qualifying customers. Visit <https://www.internetessentials.com/> for more information. Call 1-855-8-INTERNET for set up.
- **Spectrum** - households with K-12 students can get free Spectrum Wifi for 60 days (including free installation for new customers). Call 1-844-488-8395 for set up.

Free public WiFi:

- **Comcast** - Xfinity WiFi hotspots will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi.
- **AT&T** - AT&T is also providing free access to its public WiFi hotspots. Look for "att-wifi" or "attwifi" in the list of available wireless networks from your smartphone or laptop.

Wifi via smartphone:

- *Metro PCS, T-Mobile, Sprint, AT&T and Comcast* are all lifting their unlimited data caps for cell phone subscribers for at least 60 days. Contact your cell phone provider for more information.
- MetroPCS will allow you to add a free 10GB of mobile hotspot per month by adding an add-on service available in the MyMetro app, [MyAccount](#) or by calling Care at 611.
- T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile are providing customers an additional 20GB of mobile hotspot/tethering service for the next 60 days coming soon.

[Medical Care](#)

For **medical emergencies**, call 911

For **testing information** call NYC DEPT OF HEALTH (888) 364-3065

Local Medical Attention:

Addabbo Health Center

Primary care visit, flu shot.

Call 718-945-7150

ProHEALTH Bensonhurst Urgent Care

Will ONLY test if patients are symptomatic.

Call first at 718-621-5933

NYU Langone at Cobble Hill ER

Undocumented and Uninsured accepted

NY Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital Hotline: 646-697-9000

ProHEALTH Urgent Care Carroll Gardens

Call 718-280-5362

Food Resources

Food First Pantry

165 Conover St.

Wed. 10-1pm and Fri. 10-12pm

St. John's Bread and Life

98 Richards St.

Friday 10:30am-11:45am

Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch is available from 7:30am-1:30 pm at the entrance of every building. Any student can pick up breakfast and lunch at any school building until further notice.

- If you need help with food, text your zipcode to **1-800-5-HUNGRY**

Volunteer and Mutual Aid Information

Local Responses: Mutual Aid organizations facilitate exchange of resources and services for mutual benefit.

Corona Couriers

A collective of cyclists willing to courier supplies to people in need for free, using low contact methods. Email coronacourier@protonmail.com

Invisible Hands Delivery

Grocery and supply delivery; delivery is free Website, Tweet and Hills - Volunteer to support home-bound seniors - Google Form, Tweet, Website

NYC Mutual Aid Network

Google document and Formalized Volunteer Webform

- Donate blood - make an appointment
- NYC HELP NOW - Healthcare Provider Surge Staffing signup form
- New York Cares Volunteer Form

Mutual Aid Organizing in the South Brooklyn Community

COVID-19 Neighborhood Volunteers - [Google Spreadsheet](#)

Additional Updates

Alternate Side Parking rules will be suspended

Wednesday, March 18th - Tuesday, March 24th

Meters will remain in effect. Suspension may be extended based on street cleanliness & workforce availability. NYers who have received tickets can appeal to the Dept of Finance.

All bars, nightclubs and restaurants will be closed.

Effective Tuesday March 17th, 2020. Restaurants could continue delivery & pick-up services.

NYC United Against Coronavirus

Resources and Information has compiled a comprehensive list of materials [HERE](#)

Redemption Church

Beginning this Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 11am, members and the online community can catch service on Facebook Livestream.