



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 3/20/20

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](#).

NY Governor Cuomo **issues mandatory coronavirus shutdown**

"This is not voluntary. There will be civil fines and there could be mandatory closure for businesses that don't comply," [Cuomo warned](#). The "pause" goes into effect this Sunday evening.

Assembly member Felix W. Ortiz protects employees during COVID-19 crisis

[Watch](#) Assembly member Ortiz speak in the Assembly chamber yesterday about the importance of paid time off for New York's families.

Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association

BREASTFEEDING & PREGNANCY IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC*

To date, the coronavirus has not been detected in breast milk. However, we do not know whether mothers with COVID-19 can transmit the virus via breast milk.

[Learn the impacts of COVID 19 on Breastfeeding & Pregnancy](#)

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC HOUSING TENANCY ADMINISTRATION

See COVID-19 State of Emergency – [Rent Hardship](#)

Income tax filing deadline moved to July 15 from April 15

[Read More](#)

NYC Employee Retention Grant Program

To help small businesses deal with the impact of COVID-19, the City has launched the Employment Retention Grant Program to help retrain employees as businesses face decreased revenue. [Click here to learn more](#)

Monday, March 23 **CENSUS 2020 TEXT OUT THE COUNT**

Spread the word about the Census so that all of us can get funding and representation that are rightfully ours!

RSVP now: on.nyc.gov/TextOutTheCount

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 have been 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, please contact Justice Center staff Ross Joy at 347-216-5738/joyr@nycourts.gov; or Marissa Williams at 646-573-2329/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
 - **Effective Friday, March 20th all NYCHA maintenance and skilled trade work is suspended unless it's an emergency** (this includes no heat and hot water conditions, water leaks, gas leaks, stoppages, electrical issues, other hazardous conditions).
 - Tenants may continue to open NYCHA repair tickets by calling 718-707-7771 or using the [MyNYCHA app](#).
 - For all repair work, 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.
 - Households that experience a complete loss of income may qualify for NYCHA's zero Income policy. If a household reports zero income, they will participate in an interview

with a NYCHA Housing Assistant and will complete a Zero Income Questionnaire, which can be held over the phone. Contact your local property management office (Red Hook East 718-852-6771 and Red Hook West 718-522-3880) or the Customer Contact Center at 718-707-7771.

- There will be no in-person rent collection at the management offices. Rent may be paid via one of the other available methods .
- Apply for SNAP benefits and cash assistance from 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](#)

Public Safety

- Criminal Courts
 - As of March 16, 2020, the Red Hook Community Justice Center will be temporarily closed in light of the city's measures to address COVID-19. The New York State Courts postponed all non-essential court functions until further notice. All criminal court cases will be administratively adjourned for 90 days and anyone with an upcoming court date will receive a letter with their new court date in the mail.
 - If you have questions about a criminal court case, please call 646-386-4900. If you have questions about a housing court case, please call the Clerk's Office at 718-923-8270.
 - OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
 - Defense Attorneys:
 - Legal Aid Society: 718-237-2000
 - Brooklyn Defender Services: 917-426-5616
 - District Attorney's Office: 718-250-2001 or 718-250-4782
 - Red Hook Community Justice Center Community Service/Social Services: 347-813-0318 or 917-860-7494
 - Effective March 18th, Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez announced his office would immediately decline to prosecute low-level offenses that don't jeopardize public safety. In addition, his office will consider releasing clients in pre-trial detention who are vulnerable to infection.

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 Resource Center: 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

NYU Langone at Cobble Hill ER

Undocumented and Uninsured accepted

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

ProHEALTH Bensonhurst Urgent Care

Will ONLY test if patients are symptomatic.

Call first at 718-621-5933

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](#)

Share Your Space

If you own or manage a large space, then take the Share Your Space Survey. The survey identifies spaces in your community that could potentially support the City's emergency operations, such as our response to COVID-19.

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.

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.

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

Avoiding public spaces and working remotely can help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but for many survivors, staying home may not be the safest option. We know that any external factors that add stress and financial strain can negatively impact survivors and create circumstances where their safety is further compromised. [Staying safe during COVID-19](#)