



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.

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](#).

Coronavirus Updates 4/1/20

The State has tested **220,880** individuals, with **15,694** new people tested on March 31.

Positive cases in New York State soared over **83,717**, the total death toll rose to **1,941**.

****NY State on PAUSE through April 15th****

All non-essential workers are directed to work from home, and everyone is required to maintain a 6-foot distance in public. [Here's what you need to know](#)

The Red Hook Senior center will be closed

Seniors will now receive food deliveries directly to their homes beginning Wednesday April 1st. Please call 311 or 212-244-6469 for more information.

Did you fill out the 2020 Census?

A complete tally of all New Yorkers is crucial in determining how the state receives federal funds for infrastructure, education, public health and more. You can fill it out without having to leave your house, click [here](#).

Coronavirus in NY: Schools ordered to continue remote learning during spring break

Public and charter schools in New York City and across the state have been ordered to cancel the scheduled April spring break and instead **continue to provide remote instruction** to students **amid the coronavirus pandemic**.. [Read about it in the New York Post](#)

Good Shepherd Services providing Grab and Go Meals!

At the Miccio Cornerstone Community Center (110 West 9th Street, Brooklyn NY 11231) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Caring for your kids during COVID-19: Thursday, April 2 at 7PM

A webinar for parents of school children on navigating remote learning with a focus on social and emotional health. Join Councilmember Brad Lander, representatives from the NYC DoE, and a child psychologist from the Child Mind Institute. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/parent-support-call>

Quaran-Teens Call: Monday, April 6 from 5-7 PM

This meeting is an open forum for Brooklyn youth to check-in, vent, and share COVID-19 reflections. Organizers hope to incorporate civic engagement opportunities and creative activities down the road. Hosted by PB Youth Committee Leaders Anastasia, Jess, Max, Sadie. [Register here.](#)

WE NYC is hosting a virtual fireside chat on April 2

This event will focus on emergency financial assistance. [Learn more and RSVP.](#)

Congress passed and the President signed into law the legislative package known as the CARES Act:

The relief package developed to respond to the economic calamity created by the COVID-19 pandemic promises to deliver \$2 trillion in federal funds. When implemented, it will include \$377 billion for small businesses, including loans to small businesses, which offer loan forgiveness for funds spent on payroll, rent, mortgage interest, and utilities. [Learn more about the SBA loans and programs.](#)

NYC Department of Small Business Services opened applications for the NYC Small Business

Continuity Loan Fund: Businesses with fewer than 100 employees who have seen sales decreases of 25% or more are eligible to apply for loans of up to \$75,000 to ensure business continuity. Learn more about this and the Employee Retention Grant for small businesses with four or fewer employees here: nyc.gov/covid19biz

From Governor Andrew Cuomo

- Governor Cuomo announced that amid a nationwide shortage of test kits and swabs, New York-based Regeneron Pharmaceuticals is creating 500,000 test kits for the state at no charge.
- All New York City playgrounds closed after he said many young people continued to flout rules designed to prevent the spread of the deadly virus. Parks will stay open for now.
- The governor put out an executive order saying that he wants schools to remain in the remote learning process throughout spring break.
- **Due to circumstances from the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline to get a "Real ID" has been extended to October 1, 2021.** For more information on whether the Real ID is right for you, visit the [NY DMV webpage](#).

From Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

- The Congresswoman has introduced legislation providing grants to nonprofits who partner with restaurants to meet community nutrition needs. [More information is here.](#)
- The Congresswoman has introduced legislation to suspend rent contributions for tenants who live in public housing or who are in the Section 8 program during the duration of the pandemic. [More information here.](#)

Red Hook Coronavirus Resources:

Medical Care

For **medical emergencies**, call 911

For **testing information** call the NYC Department of Health: (888) 364-3065

The NYC DOH released: [Sex and Coronavirus Disease 2019](#), a comprehensive guide for safe sex during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Local Medical Attention if you feel stable:

Addabbo Health Center (Please note there is NO testing at this site. Testing ONLY occurs at ER's, if symptomatic AND with permission from DOHMH)

Open Mon-Fri 9-5pm Pharmacy 9-3pm;

Saturday 9-2pm Pharmacy Closed.

Primary care visit or Call 718-945-7150

Addabbo telemedicine:

<https://www.addabbo.org/>

ProHEALTH Urgent Care Carroll Gardens:

Call 718-280-5362

330 Court St., Brooklyn, NY 11231

Project Street Beat Mobile Health Center:

Non-urgent telehealth visits

Call 1-855-778-2328

Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Medical Attention if you're in respiratory distress have a medical emergency:

Call 911 or go to:

NYU Langone at Cobble Hill ER:

Undocumented and uninsured accepted

83 Amity St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

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

506 6th St., Brooklyn, NY 11215

Update on Testing: You will only be tested if you are **admitted** to the hospital. Please only go to the ER if you are in distress. [The CDC has a good symptom checker](#) to figure out if you should stay home or go to the ER.

Allergies, Asthma, and Covid 19: We are getting into allergy season. If you suffer from allergies or from asthma induced from allergies, monitor your health. Allergies will trigger asthma confusing some asthma symptoms for Coronavirus symptoms. ONLY be concerned IF you have a new cough, that you can't explain with a good reason. Talk to your healthcare provider through online portals and have antihistamine and inhalers on hand.

Food Resources

Food First Pantry

165 Conover St.

St. John's Bread and Life

98 Richards St.

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

Friday 10:30am-11:45am

Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch is available *from 7:30am-1:30 pm*. Students can pick up 3 meals for the day from:

- **P.S.15 Patrick F. Daly** located at [71 Sullivan St., Brooklyn, NY 11231](#)
- **Red Hook Neighborhood School** located at [27 Huntington St., Brooklyn, NY 11231](#)
- Other local schools in District 15: **PS 124, PS 38, PS 10, PS 1**

#GetFoodNYC The delivery program can provide food for coronavirus (COVID-19)-vulnerable and food- insecure individuals. Find out if you qualify: nyc.gov/getfood

Schools

March 17th - April 20th Citywide closure: Students, teachers and principals do not report.

New York State Tests: Cancelled

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. Remote learning portal [here](#).

- **Request a device for a NYC student in your family** [here](#) to support remote learning.

The DoE has created Regional Enrichment Centers—places where the children of front-line workers can be safely cared for while their parents continue to serve the city in this time of need.

- **Regional Enrichment Centers** are available for the children of first responders, healthcare workers, transit workers, and our most vulnerable student populations. To enroll, fill out the [NYCDOE Regional Enrichment Center Enrollment Form](#).
- District 15 REC for Pre-K students is the **Bishop Ford Pre K Center**: [500 19 Street, Brooklyn](#). For students in grades K through 12, the site is **PS 130 The Parkside School** at [70 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn](#).

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 and see Parent Teacher Conference information**
- Other [learning resources](#). [Parent resources](#).
- *Supporting Students with Disabilities and MultiLingual Learners*: Family guidance for remote learning on the [DOE website](#).
- Additional resource: **Brooklyn Public Library** Is offering virtual programming: [View Events Calendar](#) and [Online learning resource](#) - use Barcode: 27777015977087 PW: 2012

Mental Health

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 also here to help](#). Red Hook Initiative's Social Worker, Melanie Berkowitz, shares [5 ways to cope with this new reality](#). Staying at home is not safe for everyone.

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

- **OMH Emotional Support Line: 1-844-863-9314** * The Emotional Support Line provides free and confidential support, helping callers experiencing increased anxiety due to the coronavirus emergency.
- **Tips for Mental Wellness** ([Español](#) | [বাংলা](#) | [中文](#) | [РУССКИЙ](#) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#) | [한국어](#))

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](#). The US Department of Labor has compiled Workplace Safety, Wages, Hours, and Leave, and Uninsurance information relating to Coronavirus [here](#).

Unemployment Resources - Click the Link

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: on.nyc.gov/covid-19-services-resources.

- **If you filed for unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic, you do not need to prove you are searching for employment to make a claim.**

Community Events/Centers/School Closings

Community organization 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

Public Benefits

- Skip the in-person interview and apply for SNAP benefits and cash assistance from HRA using the [Access HRA app](#). More information in Spanish and English available [here](#).
- Ms. Shakeena Culler, the MAP Outreach Specialist for HRA in Red Hook is available to assist applicants. Please text her at 646-584-6560 for assistance Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

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 141 Livingston 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**

NYCHA TENANCY ADMINISTRATION: See COVID-19 State of Emergency – [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 .
- **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 16th, 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.

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](#)

- [Click here](#) for guidance on volunteer safety from Help Now NYC.

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.](#)

- *Learn more information about accessing FREE WiFi here: [Link](#)*

Additional Updates

Income tax filing deadline moved to July 15th from April 15th.

[Read more about filing your income taxes here.](#)

All bars, nightclubs and restaurants will be closed

Restaurants continue delivery & take-out services.

NYC United Against Coronavirus

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

Coronavirus Financial Impact Loan Program

The Coronavirus Financial Impact Loan Program provides interest-free loans of \$2,000-\$5,000 to residents of New York City's five boroughs, Westchester, or Long Island who are facing financial challenges caused by the Coronavirus outbreak. [Find out more!](#)

Alternate Side Parking will remain suspended for two weeks

Starting April 1st through April 14th, 2020.

Attention voters!

The Presidential Primary and Special Elections scheduled for April 28th, 2020 have been rescheduled for June 23, 2020.

Resources for Undocumented Immigrants and their Families During COVID-19

[Click here to learn more information!](#)