



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 4/6/20

New York City urges all residents to wear face coverings in public!

NYS PAUSE EXTENDED through APRIL 29th: 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](#).

ATTENTION NYCHA FAMILIES: By Executive Order, **ALL PLAYGROUNDS ARE CLOSED** to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Schools will continue with remote learning through the time originally scheduled for Spring Recess for Thursday, April 9 through Friday, April 17, 2020: [Spring Break Announcement](#)

Any students and school staff who individually wish to observe religious holidays on April 9th and 10th may do so. However, these days will not be considered "days off" for the school system, and remote learning activities will continue for students who are not observing the holidays.

Check out fortdefiancebrooklyn.com for more details: They're essentially operating as a grocery store doing in-person pickups on Monday, Weds, and Friday. The marquee item is a \$28 box of fresh CSA produce from Lancaster Farm Fresh Co-op.

NYC Schools will stop using Zoom for remote learning: The DOE has received requests to credential Zoom for use by faculty, students and service providers. The NYS Attorney General as well as the FBI have discovered security and privacy issues with the Zoom platform. Based on the FBI advisory and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Advisory, the lack of encryption at rest, reports of outside parties disrupting conferences, the DOE does not support the use of Zoom at this time. Schools will begin a transition to other formats to host their meetings and will be following up with further guidance next week.

Message from New York City Council Member Brad Lander: For anyone who missed the April 2nd Caring for Our Kids webinar with the Department of Education and the Child Mind Institute, the recording is available [here](#).

Message from New York Governor Andrew Cuomo: The maximum fine for violations of state-mandated social distancing rules from \$500 to \$1000. *This is an enemy we have underestimated since day one. This is not the time to be lax. We need to STAY HOME and stay properly distanced.*

HRA Benefits Recertification: Last week after our call, the State informed us that our recertification waiver request had been granted and clients who would otherwise be required to recertify their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamps or Cash Assistance (CA) cases do not need to do so at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, all clients have no need to call our offices to recertify. Recertifications are postponed and clients will get a letter in the mail when it is time to recertify.

COVID-19 FEMA Public Assistance: What is it, how to apply and what you need to know. Free to attend, April 10th, 2020 from 12:00pm-1:00pm. [Register here!](#)

NYS wants to know: You are not trapped because of Coronavirus. The state will HELP you find safe shelter, please call 1-800-942-6906 if you need help!

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](#).

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: Open Mon-Fri 9-5pm Pharmacy 9-3pm; Saturday 9-2pm Pharmacy Closed.** Call 718-945-7150 - Addabbo telemedicine: <https://www.addabbo.org/> (Please note there is NO testing at this site. Testing ONLY occurs at ER's, if symptomatic AND with permission from DOHMH)
- **ProHEALTH Urgent Care Carroll Gardens:** 330 Court St., Brooklyn, NY 11231 - Call: 718-280-5362
- **Project Street Beat Mobile Health Center:** Non-urgent telehealth visits Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Call 1-855-778-2328

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

Call 911 or go to:

- **NYU Langone at Cobble Hill ER:** 83 Amity St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 (Undocumented/uninsured accepted)
- **NY Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital Hotline:** 506 6th St., Brooklyn, NY 11215 - Call 646-697-9000

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](#)

- Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn all about the **current Red Hook food resources!**
- **The Red Hook Senior center will be closed** Seniors will now receive food deliveries directly to their homes. Please call 311 or 212-244-6469 for more information.

[Schools](#)

March 17th - April 29th Citywide closure: Students, teachers and principals do not report.

New York State Tests: Cancelled

March 23 - Remote learning launches for grades K-12:

- Remote learning portal [here.](#)
- **Request a device for a NYC student in your family** [here](#)

The DoE 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.

- To enroll, fill out the [NYCDOE Regional Enrichment Center Enrollment Form.](#)

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**
- *Supporting Students with Disabilities and MultiLingual Learners:* Family guidance for remote learning on the [DOE website.](#)

[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 | Р У С К И Й | Kreyòl Ayisyen | 한국어를)**
- **Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990**, can provide immediate counseling to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic.

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.**

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](#)*

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.