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1. School Safety Agent Luis Albino **died** Friday from complications of COVID-19, the NYPD announced. "Our hearts **go out** to his family, friends, and colleagues," ...

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NYC is 'Epicenter' of U.S. Epidemic, Mayor Says

Friday, March 20, 6:26 p.m.

A third of known Coronavirus cases in the United States, and two-thirds of the positive viral tests in New York State, are in the five boroughs, Mayor de Blasio said Friday.

“We are now the epicenter of this crisis,” the mayor said, as the case count hit 5,151 and the death toll reached 29. The borough breakdown was:

- The Bronx: 667
- Brooklyn: 1,518
- Manhattan: 1,314
- Queens: 1,406
- Staten Island: 242

NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea said crime and 911 calls had dropped in the past week and that the number of officers calling in sick was climbing but had not reached a level of concern. Reacting to calls for reduced enforcement of low-level crimes, Shea indicated no change in policy was under consideration.

“I’m very comfortable with where we are right now in terms of policing in this city,” he said. “We have no intention of strategically cutting enforcement because of this Coronavirus.”

Coronavirus Hot Spots Emerging Near New York City

Governor Cuomo compared a jump in coronavirus cases on Long Island to “a fire spreading,” and New Jersey announced an additional 200 deaths due to the virus since Friday.

- Published April 4, 2020Updated April 5, 2020, 9:23 a.m. ET

Here’s what you need to know:

- ‘A fire spreading’: Hot spots are emerging near New York City.
- Governor Cuomo said the crisis would peak in New York in the coming days.
- Coronavirus patients were mistakenly admitted to the hospital ship Comfort, the Navy said.
- China is sending 1,000 ventilators to New York State.
- Mayor de Blasio compares the crisis to “many Katrinas.”
- New York City cancels spring break, angering thousands of teachers.
- Rockland County official is “dumbfounded” by the lack of response to his request for a containment area.



Medical personnel transferring bodies to a temporary morgue at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn on Saturday. Credit...Victor J. Blue for The New York Times

‘A fire spreading’: Hot spots are emerging near New York City.

Gov. Philip D. Murphy of New Jersey started a news conference on Saturday with a moment of silence for the lives lost, more than 800 people, in the state’s [coronavirus outbreak](#).

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Hours earlier, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York compared a jump in cases on Long Island to “a fire spreading,” and said that “New Jersey has a serious problem.

Though [New York City remains the nation’s epicenter](#) for the coronavirus outbreak with thousands of new cases every day, officials are increasingly concerned about emerging hot spots near the city.

Citing coastal communities increasingly crowded by those fleeing other hot spots, Mr. Murphy announced that New Jersey would move to make it easier for municipalities or counties to block “rentals to transient guests or seasonal tenants” for the duration of the crisis, including at hotels and motels.

On Long Island, a rapid increase in cases brought New York City’s share of the statewide cases down to 65 percent, from 75 percent. It raised questions about the continuing migration of the city’s residents to second homes in beach communities or areas of the Hudson Valley — though Mr. Cuomo said he did not know if that kind of movement was contributing to the increase in cases on Long Island.

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The challenge of stopping transmission from hot spots is widespread: Rhode Island’s governor tried to enforce a 14-day quarantine for New Yorkers by having law enforcement officers go door to door searching for anyone from the state and pull over those with New York license plates. Florida’s governor mandated a similar quarantine for anyone flying in from New York.

Mr. Murphy announced that there had been 200 more deaths in New Jersey since Friday, bringing that state's total to 846 — which, he noted, was more than the number of New Jersey residents who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Here are some other updates from Mr. Cuomo's and Mr. Murphy's briefings:

Deaths in New York State: 3,565, up from 2,935 on Friday morning.

Confirmed cases in New York State: 113,704, up from 102,863. In New York City, 63,306, up from 57,169.

Hospitalized in New York State: 15,905, up from 14,810.

Deaths in New Jersey: 846, up from 646 on Friday.

Latest Updates: Coronavirus Outbreak in New York

- Death toll in N.Y. climbs to 4,159 as confirmed cases top 122,031.
- President Trump says he is sending 1,000 military medical personnel to New York City.
- Outbreak is now enveloping New Jersey's cities and suburbs.

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Confirmed cases in New Jersey: 34,125, up from 29,895.

Hospitalized in New Jersey: More than 4,000, up from just over 3,000.

Governor Cuomo said the crisis would peak in New York in the coming days.

Image

Scenes from outside of the Montefiore Medical Center Moses Division in the Bronx.Credit...Kirsten Luce for The New York Times

With the coronavirus having claimed more than 3,560 lives in New York, Mr. Cuomo warned on Saturday that the state was still days away from the peak of its outbreak.

“Nobody can tell you the number at the top of the mountain,” Mr. Cuomo said, but he estimated that it would be “in the seven-day range.” He said the state was not prepared for that point.

Mayor de Blasio compares the crisis to “many Katrinas.”

Image

National Guard troops at the temporary morgue set up by the medical examiner’s office in Manhattan on Saturday.Credit...Jonah Markowitz for The New York Times

Mr. de Blasio repeated his calls on Saturday for a national enlistment system to help move doctors and health care workers across the country to areas with high need, saying New York City was heading into “the toughest time” in the weeks ahead.

“This is going to be like having many Katrinas,” Mr. de Blasio said on MSNBC’s “AM Joy.” “This is going to be a reality where you’re going to have many cities simultaneously, many states simultaneously in crisis needing health care professionals, needing ventilators.” The mayor has said that the city would [need 45,000 more medical personnel](#) to fight the pandemic through May.

City-run hospitals in New York desperately need specialized critical-care nurses, said Dr. Sheldon H. Teperman, the director of the trauma center at NYC Health and Hospitals/Jacobi in the Bronx.

Appeal to landlords continues as April starts and rent is due

Cyril Josh Barker | 4/2/2020, midnight

Apartments/housing IMAGE BY REALSTASH FROM PIXABAY

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues, rent for millions of New Yorkers is due this week. However, due to mass job losses, some renters are coming up empty-handed.

About 65% of New Yorkers rent their homes in the city and tenants, advocates and politicians want to freeze rental payments as thousands throughout the city don't have the money to pay. Even with the upcoming stimulus checks coming from the federal government, many say it isn't enough.

This week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he's leaving it in the hands of individual landlords to make the decision on whether or not their tenants will pay rent for April. He said that halting evictions across the state for the next 90 days is enough.

"We have said that no one can get evicted for non-payment of rent and that, to me, is the fundamental answer," Cuomo said. "That solves all of the above. No evictions for non-payment of rent and then we'll see where we are."

This week, Mayor Bill de Blasio called for a rent freeze for 2.3 million tenants in nearly 1 million rent-stabilized units across the city amid the COVID-19 epidemic.

The city is working with the state to suspend the Rent Guidelines Board process for the upcoming year, which will mean that regulated rents will be maintained at this year's level.

"We are in the midst of a crisis only comparable to the Great Depression," said de Blasio. "The people of our city are struggling and a rent freeze is the lifeline so many will need this year to stay above water."

A chorus of people speaking on behalf of tenants say that's not enough. Two pieces of legislation hope to give relief to those who will have a hard time paying rent. Senate Bill S8125A would suspend rent for 90 days for those who have lost income due to the COVID-19 crisis, including both residential and commercial

tenants. Senate Bill S8140 would establish a COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program.

“If you have lost your job through no fault of your own, how can you be expected to pay rent? If you're a commercial tenant that's been legally ordered to close, where does the rent money come from,” said Brooklyn State Sen. Zelnor Myrie who is co-sponsoring the bills. “And if you're a small property owner whose livelihood depends on that rent, how can you be expected [to] make a mortgage payment? They all need relief now, and this bill, along with relief on property tax and utility bills, is urgently needed.”

A coalition of nearly 25 organizations—including Citizen Action of New York, New York Communities for Change and VOCAL-NY—have started an online petition to suspend rent and mortgage payments. They are calling on Cuomo and U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand and the NYS congressional delegation to halt rent payments

With a goal of getting over 100,000 signatures, as of Tuesday, March 31, the online petition had over 80,000 signatures.

“Housing is healthcare. An eviction moratorium is the first step, but right now it's critical that every New Yorker is safely housed, especially those who are currently without homes or most in danger of losing their homes due to loss of income,” the organizations said in a joint statement. “We are calling on Gov. Cuomo and state legislative leaders to implement an immediate suspension of rent, mortgage, and utility payments, a full moratorium on evictions/foreclosures—for renters and homeowners, and investment in safe, affordable housing for every New York

‘Lean On Me,’ ‘Lovely Day’ singer Bill Withers dies at 81

Posted: 10:12 AM, Apr 03, 2020

Updated: 10:12 AM, Apr 03, 2020

By: Associated Press



Photo by: (AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

NEW YORK — Singer Bill Withers has died at the age of 81.

Withers wrote and sang a string of soulful songs in the 1970s that have stood the test of time, including “Lean On Me,” “Lovely Day” and “Ain’t No Sunshine.” According to a statement released from his family to The Associated Press, the 81-year-old died in Los Angeles from heart complications. “Lean On Me,” was performed at the presidential inaugurations of both Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.

Recently people have been posting videos of their versions of the song as inspiration during the coronavirus pandemic.

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 (“VICTORY OVER COVID”)
 “BLACK SURVIVORS”**

**GUEST(S): COVID-SURVIVORS BRKLYN NYC
COUNCILWOMAN INEZ BARRON/NYS ASSEMBLYMAN
CHARLES BARRON**

:20 SPOT BREAK

Assemblyman Charles Barron released from hospital

AmNews Staff Reports | 3/23/2020, 9:40 a.m.



Assemblyman Charles Barron and Councilwoman Inez Barron OMOWALE
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Brooklyn Councilwoman Inez Barron tells the *AmNews* that her husband, Assemblyman Charles Barron, was released from the hospital following treatment for coronavirus (COVID-19). He is now at home recovering.

"Great news family. Charles was released from the hospital today and is at home recuperating," Councilwoman Barron said in statement. "Thank you all for your prayers. Continue to pray." Assemblyman Barron confirmed on March 14 that he tested positive for the coronavirus and was later hospitalized. Councilwoman Barron later told the *AmNews* that she tested positive for the virus but was not showing any symptoms. She eventually went into self-isolation. The couple says they are relaxing and recovering at home together.

City Leaders Battle Against Coronavirus Becomes Personal



By [Kings County Politics](#)

Posted on April 3, 2020



In Brooklyn, over a dozen zip codes have more than 300 positive COVID-19 cases including the neighborhoods of Williamsburg, Crown Heights, Flatbush, Bushwick, Borough Park, East New York, to name a few. Brooklyn's local elected officials, and their loved ones, have been among those testing or being diagnosed for COVID-19. The COVID-19 realities for these public officials are helping to make this a common cause for all.

Assemblyman Charles Barron (D-East New York) was the first known Brooklyn elected official to test positive for the virus. **Assemblywoman Helen Weinstein (D-Flatlands, Sheepshead Bay)** also tested positive. **Speaker Carl Heastie (D-Bronx)** announced that the two Assemblymembers tested positive for COVID-19 in a [tweet](#). Since then, **Councilwoman Inez Barron (D-East New York)** has also **tested positive**.

On Sunday, in a highly circulated press statement, [U.S. Rep. Nydia Velazquez](#) revealed that her doctor had diagnosed her with COVID-19. And, just yesterday, **Democratic District Leader Josue Pierre**, who is also a candidate for the 40th NYC City Council seat, announced that his father was diagnosed with COVID-19.

Thankfully, Assemblyman Barron and Congresswoman Velazquez have announced that they are recovering and in improved health.

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Coronavirus 2020 and Beyond

Donald E. Moore, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Moore earned his M.D. from the Yale School of Medicine and M.P.H. in Hospital Administration from the Yale School of Public Health. **He is currently Clinical Assistant Professor at Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Downstate Medical Center. He is an Attending Physician at New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.** He has had a primary care medical practice in Brooklyn New York for more than 30 years. Dr. Moore is President of Provident Clinical Society (Brooklyn NMA affiliate) and is a board member of Physicians for a National Health Program- Metro (PNHP)

. . Dr Kokayi is a Yale-trained physician in primary care for more than thirty years—who has a background in botanical medicine, homeopathy, physics, and metaphysics—He and Dr Moore have a thriving joint practice in Brooklyn

NEW YORK Amsterdam News

Hospital horrors and hope: Kings County Hospital nurse speaks

out **Nayaba Arinde** | 4/2/2020, midnight



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“Stay home. Stay home. Stay home,” a New York nurse told the Amsterdam News. “They tell you now, if you are not really, really, really sick stay far from the emergency room...because you are going to make yourself even more sick if you go there. It is not the safest place to be.”

The coronavirus horror is real. The home-based solutions are also real.

Edith Johnson is a Critical Care Nurse at Brooklyn’s King’s County Hospital. She spoke with the Amsterdam News only under the guise of a pseudonym. “I want people to know what is really going on,” said the 15-year healthcare giver.

New York is the epicenter of the nation's coronavirus dilemma.

As of Tuesday, March 31, 2020, there were 75,795 confirmed cases in the state; 43,139 in New York City, and 1,550 deaths in the state. The nation has 175,000 cases, and 3,416 deaths.

“It’s very, very bad,” said Johnson. “Half the hospital population is COVID-19 positive, and yet the nurses are working under horrible conditions. They have no protective gear. They are making nurses wear one mask all shift. So, if you have 4 positive patients you are expected to go from room to room with a dusty mask on. Because they don’t have enough, they don’t know when more are going to come. Some of the patients were not even positive they are negative....isn’t that contamination? The number will keep going up until something is done. I would say about 60% of the patient population is positive out of about 500 and something.”

The 40-something mother of three school-aged children opined, “Most of us have families. We have children, we have husbands, we have wives, we have mothers, we have fathers at home. But we leave work to come to be with them, it is so unfair. They have been isolated. The kids are not at school, the husbands and wives are working from home. And you’re coming from work—not well protected, and you have a been exposed to all these positive patients—and you are bringing whatever home to these people. It is not fair.”The career nurse continued, “It was all over the news that Elmhurst hospital had 13 deaths in one day, that was like Kings County. On Thursday [March 26, 2020], I saw people pushing 6 dead bodies—we have a makeshift morgue at the back of the hospital now, because the morgue is full, they have nowhere to put dead bodies. They were taking these corona positive bodies to the trailer, when they were coming back they told me that was the 12th body they had dropped off. It was 4.30 p.m. But, the hospital was still having codes, people were still dying. People don’t even hear about Kings County. On that day, I’m sure we recorded more deaths than Elmhurst.”With unveiled frustration, the Brooklyn mom continued, “There are bodies everywhere. There is no space in Kings County.”

It is dire. What should someone do if they feel like they may have been exposed to the virus, or have symptoms?

Pressure to reveal racial info about COVID-19 impact
Posted: 6:22 PM, Apr 03, 2020

Updated: 6:22 PM, Apr 03, 2020

NEW YORK — The city continues to release data of which neighborhoods are getting hit hardest by COVID-19 and the pattern emerging if one of racial and wealth disparity.

Now there are new calls for more information about and support for neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID-19, particularly communities of color.

“There are stories about people dying in their apartments and not being found until days later,” Public Advocate Jumaane Williams said.

Williams is calling for a racial breakdown of the city data about confirmed cases.

He said firm action was not taken early on to protect communities of color, which make up the majority of city transit workers, grocery store employees and cashiers at businesses now considered “essential.” Williams believes more drastic and painful steps are needed to save lives.

“It’s so unfair that we believe these communities are ‘essential,’ lump them together, have them go out, and they’re the ones on the front lines dying,” Williams said. “We have to reconsider what ‘essential’ is, and lock down the city tighter than we considered before. We may have to some time soon restrict the MTA.” “There needs to be more attention around how we protect those who have to go to work,” Nash said

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a webinar on Elder Care law and COVID-19.

GUEST(S): ATTY MIDWIN CHARLES -IGBEX/MSNBC
CORRESPONDENT

It's a webinar on Elder Care law and COVID-19. I'll discuss how things have changed re hospitals & nursing homes. How to protect the elderly re healthcare & assets, including how to file for guardianship in NYC, healthcare proxies, power of attorney, etc.

It will be a Q&A and documents will be provided. All registrants are eligible for free consultation on this issue with my firm.

The webinar will be on Zoom.com

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- 1) "THE COVID CHALLENGE IN NYC"
- 2) "THE TRUMP DISASTER"
- 3) "THE COMING 2020 ELECTION"

4) National Civil Rights Museum hosts virtual commemoration
of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death
Remembering MLK:
The Man. The Movement. The Moment.

**GUEST: HERB BOYD-HALL OF FAME AWARD WINNING
JOURNALIST/BEST SELLING AUTHOR & AMNEWS REPORTER/
/LATEST BOOK "BLACK DETROIT"**

National Civil Rights Museum hosts virtual commemoration of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death

Remembering MLK: The Man. The Movement. The Moment.
NNPA Newswire | 4/3/2020, 7:37 a.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. WIKIPEDIA

The National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel will present a virtual commemoration in honor of Dr. King's life and legacy on April 4, the 52nd anniversary of his death. Since the pandemic surge, the museum has retooled its original event to produce digital content and a virtual broadcast entitled, "Remembering MLK: The Man. The Movement. The Moment." The program airs at 5:00pm Central Saturday, April 4, on the museum's website, YouTube, Facebook, Livestream platforms.

• **Rev. Joseph Lowery, civil rights icon, is dead at 98**
Herb Boyd | 4/2/2020, midnight

Rev Joseph Lowery PHOTO BY [BILL MOORE](#)

In February 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was in jail, he issued a statement to his associates about plans and strategies to pursue. Only two people were mentioned twice—and one of them was the Rev. Joseph Lowery.

King told him to get in touch with Florida Gov. Leroy Collins and President Lyndon Baines Johnson. Lowery, a trusted colleague, carried out the orders promptly and that helped to bring global attention to the mounting protest in Selma, Alabama.

Often working quietly and effectively behind the scenes was something that characterized Rev. Lowery's work, though he was quite capable of taking his voice to the podium. That influence was never underrated by King and it was stilled Friday in Atlanta. Rev. Joseph Lowery was 98.

His role in the coordination of the famous march from Selma to Montgomery was a crowning achievement for him on a path that began in 1955 when he was at the helm of the Alabama Civic Affairs Association and spearheading the successful 381-day Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Another crest in his significant odyssey was when he delivered the benediction at President Obama's inauguration in 2009 and later was the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Freedom, justice and equality were like a mantra for Lowery who was born on Oct. 6, 1921 in Huntsville, Alabama. His mother, Dora, was a teacher and his father, Leroy, owned a small business. When he was 11 and forcibly accosted by a police officer after he refused to get off the sidewalk, he rushed home to get a gun but his father intervened and convinced him to suppress his anger. Subsequently, he was sent to Chicago to cool out but returned later to Huntsville to graduate from high school.

He attended several colleges, including Alabama A&M before going on to obtain his ministerial training at Payne Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Divinity from the Chicago Ecumenical Institute. In 1950, he married Evelyn Gibson, herself a noted activist, and they had three daughters. He had two sons from an earlier marriage to Agnes Moore.

From 1952 to 1961, Lowery was the pastor of the Warren Street Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama. It was between these two years that he took his place in the Civil Rights Movement and in 1957, along with several other notables, he founded the Southern Christian Leadership Council, serving as its president from 1977 to 1997. He also played a vital role in counseling and consoling Vivian Malone in 1963 when she was one of the first students to integrate the University of Alabama.

On Saturday, the Obamas expressed their gratitude for Lowery's role in the presidential election campaign and his contribution to American life. He was, they said, "a giant who let so many of us stand on his shoulders." To them, he "changed the face of America. He carried the baton longer and surer than almost anybody. It falls to the rest of us now to pick it up and never stop moving forward until we finish what he started—that journey to justice." The Rev. Bernice King, Dr. King's daughter, tweeted that she was "grateful for a life well-lived and for its influence on mine. I'll miss you Uncle Joe." And so will countless other Americans who can exercise their vote, participate in a society that he helped to forge, and reflect again on what true character and integrity is all about.

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COMMUNITY"
3) "THE ELECTION OF 2020"
4) " THE CENSUS OF 2020"

GUEST: CONGRESSMAN GREGORY MEEKS

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**Coronavirus Cases Already Overwhelming Elmhurst Hospital:
Source**

Officials are prepping for a wave of COVID-19 cases that could overwhelm hospitals. At Elmhurst Hospital, the wave may have already arrived.

By Maya Kaufman, Patch Staff

NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst. (Google Maps)

ELMHURST, QUEENS — City and state officials are scrambling to prepare for a tidal wave of COVID-19 cases that threatens to overwhelm local hospitals but, at Elmhurst Hospital Center in Queens, that wave may have already hit the shore.

Elmhurst Hospital, which is part of the city's municipal hospital system, is already running at more than 125-percent capacity compared to its typical 80-percent capacity rate, according to a source who was briefed by a top Health + Hospitals official on the situation.

Twelve coronavirus patients died overnight Monday at Elmhurst Hospital, according to the source, who asked to remain anonymous to speak candidly about a private conversation.

Health + Hospitals Deputy Press Secretary Stephanie Guzmán disputed that number and declined to share specifics about current capacity at Elmhurst Hospital for this article.

But, the next day, shortly after THE CITY also published [an article](#) on the situation at Elmhurst Hospital, the hospital system released an updated statement noting that 13 patients had died in a 24-hour period, which a spokesperson said is "consistent with the number of ICU patients being treated there."

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"Staff are doing everything in our power to save every person who contracts COVID-19, but unfortunately this virus continues to take an especially terrible toll on the elderly and people with preexisting conditions," Guzmán, the hospital spokesperson, said.

"Elmhurst is at the center of this crisis, and it's the number one priority of our public hospital system right now," she said.

Elmhurst Hospital has added 25 staffers since Tuesday and a number of ventilators, according to City Council Member Francisco Moya, who used to work at the hospital.

Mayor Bill de Blasio first drew public attention to the situation at Elmhurst Hospital during an interview Monday on 1010 WINS, when he said the hospital "has had an extraordinary amount of activity."

"It's been very tough for Elmhurst Hospital," de Blasio said. "I want to say that the folks who work there, all the medical personnel, all the staff that work there, they've been extraordinary, keeping up with a really tough situation."

Reached for comment Tuesday, the Health + Hospitals spokesperson noted only that some locations in the city's hospital system are seeing more patients than others.

"Some hospitals are experiencing higher patient volumes than others, but the public health system is working with all local, state, and federal agencies to ensure that space and resources are strategically allocated throughout to accommodate the surge caused by COVID-19," Guzmán said in an emailed statement to Patch.

But the high-ranking Health + Hospitals official told Patch's source that Elmhurst is the municipal system's number-one priority right now and that officials are working to increase staffing at the overburdened hospital.

New Yorkers who are experiencing mild or moderate symptoms of the new coronavirus are asked to stay home and to not seek emergency care.

Queens had the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases among the five boroughs as of Tuesday morning, with Brooklyn coming in a close second. There were 4,364 coronavirus cases in Queens, compared to 4,237 in Brooklyn and less than 3,000 in each of the other boroughs, city officials said Tuesday.

Yet Queens also has the least hospital beds per capita of any of the five boroughs, with just 1.66 beds per 1,000 residents compared to rates of 2.18 in Brooklyn and 5.67 in Manhattan, according to an [analysis of state health department data](#) by the Queens borough president's office.

Queens has just nine hospitals, including two municipal hospitals, to serve its 2.3 million residents; Brooklyn has 15 hospitals, and Manhattan has 20.

In June 2009, shortly after the closure of the emergency rooms at St. John's Queens Hospital and Mary Immaculate Hospital in Queens, the city's then-comptroller William C. Thompson, Jr., painted a dire — and eerily prescient — picture of the strain the H1N1 influenza virus was putting on Queens emergency rooms.

"With Queens as the epicenter of the illness, hospital emergency rooms in the vicinity of the closures are seeing unprecedented numbers of patients," Thompson wrote in [a policy alert](#) that cited interviews with emergency room workers across Queens.

"To be sure, while the timing of the H1N1 virus itself was not foreseeable, the likelihood of some event of a similar nature causing a sudden surge in demand was both foreseeable and inevitable," Thompson wrote. "In fact, it is one of the core missions of the City and State Departments of Health, as well as other State and municipal agencies, to prepare for and respond to this type of healthcare emergency."

- **House Democrats, not Trump, to oversee coronavirus funds**
Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C. listens to Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speak at a primary night election rally in Columbia, S.C., Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke) [more >](#)

The Majority Whip batted down suggestions that House Democrats were launching the committee to investigate how President Trump has handled the pandemic.

"This committee will be forward-looking. We are not going to be looking back at what this president may or may not have done," Mr. Clyburn said.

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8:25 TOPIC: "COVID #19 NYC/HARLEM & THE USA"

Coronavirus and efforts to inform and support the community in this time.

**GUESTS: GHCC PRESIDENT LLOYD WILLIAMS/
Talya Schwartz, President, Metroplus Health Plan**

Lloyd will focus on a couple of the programs the Chamber is initiating including:

- Meals for those in need at Salem United Methodist Church in Harlem in partnership with RethinkFood NYC, Salem United Church and Assemblywoman Inez Dickens each week from Tuesday through Saturday from 11AM to 3PM
- Working with organizations to provide laptops and tablets for children who need to assist in distance & virtual learning and hospital patients to be able to stay connected with family and friends
- Serving as an information for members and Uptown Community - includes appearing on Open Line, Express Yourself and other programs in partnership with WBLS/WLIB
- Playing a leadership role in bringing Uptown partners/stakeholders together to address this pandemic
Talya Schwartz will focus on Health Care Coverage - What is available at this time, how can care be accessed
- What are the medical issues that people should be aware of to be safe
 - What are those underlying things that we are not thinking about?

Closing statements should include what the public can do/how can they help support the community in these difficult times (SEE BELOW)

1. Go to the website, www.greaterharlemchamber.com and click Membership to join the Chamber, be informed and support the efforts.
2. Send an email and ask any questions at info@greaterharlemchamber.com. Or call at 212-862-7200.
3. If anyone wishes to make a donation to assist in providing meals to those who need, providing tablets or laptops to schoolchildren or hospital patients, supporting small businesses, etc. donations can be made to the harlem community relief fund accessible on the home page of the Chamber website, greaterharlemchamber.com

State of Emergency declared for Black America as

public health experts reveal coronavirus is airborne

Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent | 4/4/2020, 8:25 a.m.

Coronavirus/COVID-19/man wearing mask PHOTO BY COTTONBRO FROM PEXELS

While many medical doctors maintain that the novel coronavirus is transmitted through droplets from coughs or sneezes, more and more medical experts and officials who work primarily with infectious respiratory illnesses and aerosols are convinced that the disease is airborne.

Today, as a result of recent medical research and data, The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. has issued a solemn national public warning and alert to nearly 50 million African Americans. “Black America is now in a state of emergency as a result of the disproportionately deadly impact of the coronavirus pandemic on our families and communities across the United States,” Chavis stated. “The coronavirus is now airborne. That means that the coronavirus can be in air that we breath.”

“Black Americans should stay at home and only leave home for critical life-essential reasons,” Chavis emphasized. “In fact, all Americans should stay at home to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. But I must emphasize that because before the spread of the coronavirus, Black Americans were already disproportionately burdened with multiple preexisting health conditions, including asthma, diabetes, and heart disease, our communities are more vulnerable to the impact of the coronavirus, including higher rates of fatalities.”

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:40 SPOT BREAK

:45 TOPICS: GBEVENTS: COVID#19/ "WORD FROM BYRD"

GUEST: IGBE /BILL WITHERS (MENTION)

'Lean On Me,' 'Lovely Day' singer Bill Withers dies at 81
Posted: 10:12 AM, Apr 03, 2020

NEW YORK — Singer Bill Withers has died at the age of 81.

Withers wrote and sang a string of soulful songs in the 1970s that have stood the test of time, including "Lean On Me," "Lovely Day" and "Ain't No Sunshine." According to a statement released from his family to The Associated Press, the 81-year-old died in Los Angeles from heart complications. "Lean On Me," was performed at the presidential inaugurations of both Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.

Recently people have been posting videos of their versions of the song as inspiration during the coronavirus pandemic.

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:00 GREETINGS!

**:05 BYRDS EYE VIEWS/NEWS/PREVIEW
(CYRIL JOSH BARKER/AMSTERDAM NEWS)**

**SHOW OPEN: BYRDS EYE VIEWS/GBE BLACK PRESS
NEWSSTAND**

**" GREETINGS BROS & SISTAS FROM THE GLOBAL EPICENTER OF
THE COVID 19 VIRUS NYC & NJ -WITH AN EVENING GREETING TO
OUR MEIGHBORS IN CONN/PENN/NEW ENGLAND AND ACROSS THE
USA...**

**WE SEND OUT THE SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE RADIO
GBE BAND TO THOSE FACING THE CORONA CRISIS IN THE GREAT
LAKES FROM MY HOME TOWN IN UPSTATE NY BUFFALO TO
/CLEVELAND.DETROIT AND THE WINDY CITY CHICAGO.**

**THIS EVENING AGAIN OFFERING SOLIDARITY DEALING WITH THE
COVID 19 CRISIS IN NEW ORLEANS/THE REST OF THE USA ND ON
INTO THE CARIBBEAN/SOUTH AMERICA/AFRICA AND ACROSS
EUROPE AND ASIA AS WELL**

**WE OPEN TONITE WITH GREETINGS TO THE FRONTLINE
SOLDIERS IN THE CRISIS;THE MEDICAL WORKERS /DOCTORS/
NURSES/EMTS/FDNY/NYPD AND THE VAROUS VOLUNTEERS WHO
HAVE PUT THEMSELES AT RISK TO SAVE LIVES**

**AND SADLY TONITE WE ARE SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES TO
THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO THE CORONA VIRUS AND
THE FAMILIES WHO AFRE GRIEVING AS WE SPEAK,SOME WITH
BODIES WAITING TO BE PICKED UP IN HOMES AND NURSING
HOMES ACROSS THE TRI STATE AND BEYOND !**

**WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE SEE YOU AND WE FEEL YOU
AS WELL... TRI STATE HOMELAND NY NJ CONN**

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU AND PLEADING WITH YOU TO HANG
IN THERE TONITE AND BELIEVE THAT WE WILL MAKE IT THRU
THIS/AND TO HELP EA OTHER IN ANY WAY YOU CAN/IN A
MOMENT IN WHICH WE ARE TRULY FACING ONE OF THE
GREATEST CHALLENGES OF OUR LIFETIME/BUT TO RECOGNIZE
THAT WE HAVE FACED MANY AND WE
HAVE SURVIVED THEM ALL AND WE WILL SURVIVE THIS....AS
ONE OF OUR GREAT ANCESTORS REC CONG ADAM CLAYTON
POWELL USED TO SAY “KEEP THE FAITH...BABY**

**AND AS WE HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND “THIS TOO SHALL
PASS”**

BYRDS EYE VIEWS

New York Gov. Cuomo extends stay-at-home order until at least May 15

By Elizabeth Joseph and [Eric Levenson](#), CNN

Updated 1:00 PM ET, Thu April 16, 2020

Covid-19 explained: How it spreads and how to stay safe

(CNN) New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Thursday the state's stay-at-home order will be extended until at least May 15 as he warned that any change in behavior could reignite the spread of coronavirus.

"New York State on Pause," the [state's social distancing plan](#), will be extended in coordination with other states. New York is part of a [regional pact of northeastern states that have banded together](#) to map out a plan for loosening these restrictions in the coming months while minimizing infections and deaths.

The stark limits on non-essential activities could extend beyond May 15, Cuomo said.

"What happens after then, I don't know. We will see depending on what the data shows," he said.

The rates of hospitalization, ICU admission and intubation in the state are all decreasing, Cuomo said. The total number of people hospitalized also declined, an indication that New York may have passed the peak of its outbreak.

"The good news is we can control the virus ... we can control the spread," he said.\

Still, more than 600 people died in the state on Wednesday, pushing New York's total to over 12,000 deaths from coronavirus. He warned that the virus's spread could again increase if people do not follow stay-at-home policies that ban non-essential activities and have closed much of public life.

- **Black Americans Face Alarming Rates of Coronavirus Infection ...**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/us/coronavirus-race.html>

Apr 7, 2020 ... Desiree Rios for The **New York Times** ... In Louisiana, about 70 percent of the people who have **died** are **black**, though only a third of that state's population is. ... Trump says governors **can** reopen sooner than May 1. ... when they visit a clinic with symptoms of **Covid-19**, the disease caused by the virus

- **Coronavirus New York: Black, Hispanic people at higher COVID-19**

Apr 3, 2020 ... Note: If you develop emergency warning signs for **COVID-19**, such as ... The CDC **did** not respond to ProPublica's request for race data related to the ... In places like **New York City**, the virus' epicenter, **black** people are among ...

<https://www.vox.com/identities/2020/4/7/21211849/coronavirus-black-americans>

Apr 8, 2020 ... In Illinois, **black** people made up 42 percent of **fatalities** but make up only 14.6 percent of the ... On Wednesday, **New York**, deemed the country's epicenter of ... if the coronavirus pandemic **will** ultimately become a **black** pandemic. ... **Covid-19**, and on Sunday, **New York City's** first inmate died at Rikers Island ...

How To Check The Status Of Your Coronavirus Stimulus Payment Online

NEWS 1 DAY AGO BGR — JACOB SIEGAL

- On Wednesday, the IRS launched an online “Get My Payment” tool that allows American tax filers to track the status of their coronavirus stimulus payment.
- The “Get My Payment” tool also allows users to confirm how they will be receiving their payment and provide bank details so that the IRS knows where to deposit the money.
- The status of your coronavirus stimulus payment will be updated no more than once a day.

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**:10 TOPIC(S) "A Grim Moment In Time: A
Hope For The Future"**

GUEST: :Brklyn Boro President Eric L Adams

New York's Min. Abdul Hafeez Muhammad transitions due to
coronavirus

Nayaba Arinde | 4/11/2020, 10:20 a.m.



Minister Abdul Hafeez Muhammad BILL

New York City and the Nation of Islam were rocked just after dawn on Saturday April 11, 2020, when it was announced that Student Minister Abdul Hafeez Muhammad, 56, had succumbed to his battle with the coronavirus. This gentle giant of a man was Nation of Islam's Min. Louis Farrakhan's popular and beloved Eastern Regional Minister and Representative.

Known as a "Man's Man" and a "Brother's Brother," he was a man of the community, a mentor, a man of faith, an activist, a supporter of the oppressed and disenfranchised, and a practicing counselor to the people.

"I mourn with all who knew and loved him," said Min. Louis Farrakhan in a statement. The head of the Nation of Islam added, "Words are inadequate to express the pain, the shock, the turbulent thought processes that the passing of Brother Abdul Hafeez Muhammad has stirred in me, in my family, in his family and the members of Mosque No. 7 and in the Nation in general."

Whatever this coronavirus pandemic really is, it is cited as his cause of death. The breaking news on Saturday morning seemed to cause a social media avalanche. The responses expressed sorrow, pain, gratitude and heartbroken tributes flowed across social media platforms.

Hundreds of posts encapsulating fond memories, condolences and remembrances talked about Muhammad being a man who lived a life of generosity, humility, and yet such a greatness of spirit that news of his passing on April 11, 2020 sent shockwaves across this nation, and of course the Nation of Islam.

The December 12th Movement's Omowale Clay told the Amsterdam News, "OUR nation was fortunate indeed to have such a brother among us, whose words and service to our people will be forever remembered."

As well as Farrakhan's East Coast representative, Muhammad also held positions such as the Assistant East Coast Regional Minister encompassing the tri-state region as well as Canada through South Carolina from 1998 to 2000. In 1993, he lead the launching of Muhammad Mosque No. 7C in Brooklyn, and serving six years there as the minister.

Muhammad supported and spoke at thousands of events, forums, rallies, protests, services, marriages and memorial service over the decades. He had a radio show, he had relationship and community counseling meetings. A father of five, Muhammad was very much community minded and motivated.

A brilliant mind, and a true believer in Black folks' self-determination and independence. Whether a guest or keynote on TV, radio, or at community organization forums listed by groups such as CEMOTAP, or (the old) United African Movement, December 12th Movement, Muhammad's impact was palatable.

"The death of Brother Abdul Hafeez has affected me like no other; like the passing of Kobe Bryant, that the shock of his passing sent me to Allah to try to grasp the meaning of his life, the meaning of his death and how it directly affects me and the Nation of Islam," said Farrakhan.

Saying that he was struggling to comprehend "more clearly God's purpose for taking His servant at this time in this manner from this virus," the 85-year-old head of the NOI, said that his Fruit of Islam soldier "was not an ordinary man. His service in the Nation and to our people was not ordinary. His commitment to the total liberation of our people here and wherever they are on this planet, was not ordinary."

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:25 TOPIC(S) "GOLDEN LADY" (SAVE THE BABIES)

**GUEST: Dr. Kecia Gaither, Director, Perinatal Services NYC
HEALTH+HOSPITALS/LINCOLN Hospital in the Bronx**

Let's bring in our Dr. on the panel, **Dr. Kecia Gaither is the Director of Perinatal Services at LINCOLN Hospital in the Bronx.** Dr. Gaither we have heard so much about those at risk of catching the Coronavirus being our Seniors and those with underlying conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, etc. How is this virus affecting our pregnant mothers and newborns? It would seem that that population is at risk as well?

Dr. Gaither responds (5 min) -

- What are the risks to pregnant Mothers?
- What additional risks are there to mothers in the hospital as there are so many patients coming in to be treated for COVID-19?

**7:45 PM TOPIC(S): COVID 19 / GBEVENTS-COVID#19
HIGHLIGHTS/NEW JERSEY**

**GUEST: LARRY HAMM CHAIRMAN PEOPLES ORGANIZATION
FOR PROGRESS/NEW JERSEY**
HEALTH

COVID-19 impacting communities of color hardest

BY [David Cruz, NJ Senior Correspondent](#) | April 10, 2020, 4PM EST
You will sometimes hear people say how the coronavirus crisis — and crises like it — show how we are “all in this together,” but the fact remains that some of us are getting hit harder by this crisis than others. As COVID-19 tightens its grip on the world's psyche, it is now becoming

more clear that people of color and the poor are suffering most from its ill effects.

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:00 TOPIC(S): **"WHATS GOIN ON!"**

GUEST(S) **HERB BOYD-HALL OF FAME AWARD
WINNING AMNEWS JOURNALIST/AUTHOR /LATEST BOOK "BLACK
DETROIT:A PEOPLES HISTORY OF SELF DETERMINATION" &"THE
MALCOLM X DIARIES**

:10 **GUEST: CONGRESSMAN GREGORY MEEKS D-QNS**

Meeks proudly serves the constituents of New York's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives./QUEENS NY

OPINION

Column: The shaming of Anthony Fauci at Trump's news conference from help President Trump listens as Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, speaks during a coronavirus briefing at the White House earlier this month. In recent days, their relationship has been fraught.

(Associated Press)

By [ROBIN ABCARIAN](#) COLUMNIST

APRIL 14, 2020

1:04 PM One of the first signs that Monday's White House coronavirus task force briefing was going further off the rails than usual was the early appearance of Anthony Fauci at the microphone.

Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has been among the few trustworthy voices in that room, taking care, day after day, to stick to the facts.

But the doctor is only human, and every once in a while we have gotten brief glimpses of how hard it must be for him to cope with the president's incessant

need to politicize everything. Remember when, a few weeks ago, he rubbed his forehead as President Trump spoke dismissively of the “deep state”?

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**TOPIC(S): COVID #19: “THE CORONA VIRUS CHALLENGE
TO OUR COMMUNITY THE USA AND THE GLOBAL VILLAGE”**

**GUESTS: LLOYD WILLIAMS PRESIDENT GREATER HARLEM
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ / DR JOHN PALMER/HIGHLY
ACCOMPLISHED PHYSICIAN AND MEDICAL EXECUTIVE WITH
STRONG ROOTS IN THE HARLEM COMMUNITY/WHERE HE IS A
LONG TIME BOARD MEMBER/AND MEMBER OF THE GHCC
HEALTH CMTE/**

**SAT MORNINGS AT 7AM WE Welcomed NYC/& THE TRI STATE
TO THE SECOND COVID-19 Radio Roundtable presented in
partnership with the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce.
JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 7-8AM AT WBLS**

- Upper Manhattan Leaders
- Meeting of Culture Stakeholders
- Source of information for members and Uptown Community
- Meal program at Salem United Methodist Church in partnership with RethinkFoodNYC, Salem and Assemblywoman Inez Dickens

We invite everyone to join us as we continue to work to bring everyone together and support our community and our city during this crisis. Become a Member of the Chamber - **Go to our website, www.greaterharlemchamber.com and click Membership. You may also send us an email and ask any questions at info@greaterharlemchamber.com. Or you can call us at 212-862-7200.**

Finally if you wish to make a donation to assist and support the Chamber in our efforts to support our community in these difficult times by providing business support, contribute to the free meals program, support for our cultural institutions, etc. Go to www.greaterharlemchamber.com and click the image "Support harlem now" which will take you to a gofundme campaign and you can make a donation of any amount

GHCC Leadership Role SAVING OURSELVES/ HELPING OURSELVES”

Quick Restart the Economy is Dangerous to the Most Vulnerable

DR JOHN PALMER <jpforesthills@aol.com>

If we continue strategic moves that don't differentiate the most vulnerable from the least vulnerable, the pandemic will continue to wreak havoc where it can stay entrenched.

Social distancing and self quarantining strategies will suffer a debilitating interruption if the economy is reopened before the infection and death rates of people of color are calibrated into the timing of the economic restart.

The national strategy for economic restart needs to be transparent before implementation.

WAKE UP EVERYBODY/EXPRESS YOURSELF
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DATE: APRIL 26TH 2020

HOURL: 7-8PM

10:00 - 10:05am - Open

It's time for another edition of the GHCC Spotlight. This edition, like last month's GHCC Spotlight will focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in and on Harlem and the Harlems of the World. I am joined by President of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce Lloyd Williams along with special guests Donna Walker Kuhne, founder of Walker International Communications Group to discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the business of arts & culture and the arts & culture community; and We'll be joined later in the show by Kellie Bryant, Executive Director of Simulation, Columbia University School of Nursing to talk about how our prospective nurses are being prepared to start their careers in the midst of this pandemic. Lloyd, welcome.

10:05 - 10:20am

Since our last GHCC Spotlight there have been many things that the Chamber has been doing in conjunction with a number of partners to support our communities during this time. Update our audience on some of the activities.

- Partnership with Emmis Broadcasting to communicate information
 - series of vignettes from representatives of GHCC Health committee
 - weekly radio roundtable
 - segments on Open Line & Express Yourself in addition to this monthly program here on Express Yourself

- Expansion of Meal program at Salem United Methodist Church in partnership with RethinkFoodNYC, Salem and Assemblywoman Inez Dickens + Additional site at 135th Street
- Formation of 2nd Harlem Renaissance task force
- Providing Meals and PPE equipment to Harlem Hospital

We invite everyone to join us as we continue to work to bring everyone together and support our community and our city during this crisis. Become a Member of the Chamber - **Go to our website, www.greaterharlemchamber.com and click Membership. You may also send us an email and ask any questions at info@greaterharlemchamber.com. Or you can call us at 212-862-7200.**

Finally if you wish to make a donation to assist and support the Chamber in our efforts to support our community in these difficult times by providing business support, free meals to those in need, support for our cultural institutions, etc. **Go to our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/HarlemChamber](https://www.facebook.com/HarlemChamber) and click the fundraiser listed at the top of the page.**

10:25- 10:40am

(Donna Walker Kuhne, founder of Walker International Communications Group - 718-757-6206. Joins the show at this point)

Donna Walker Kuhne is founder of Walker International Communications Group. Acknowledged as the nation's foremost expert in Audience Development by the Arts & Business Council, Ms. Walker-Kuhne has devoted her professional career to increasing access to the arts. She has raised over \$20 million in earned income promoting the arts to multicultural communities. She joins us now to discuss the impact on this crisis on Arts & Culture .

- Impact on COVID-19 pandemic on the business of Arts & Culture.
 - How are institutions coping in this time
 - How do our cultural institutions move forward
 - The use of technology to engage the audience and how can the audience continue to support our institutions during this time.

10:45- 10:57am

(Kellie Bryant, Executive Director of Simulation, Columbia University School of Nursing joins the show at this point. She can be reached at 516-902-4701.)

Kellie Bryant is the Executive Director of Simulation, Columbia University School of Nursing. In her role she oversees the day to day operations of Columbia University's state of the art Helene Fuld Health Trust Simulation Center. Responsibilities include integration of simulation activities into the curriculum, scenario development, evaluation of simulation activities, managing simulation staff and the center's budget.

- Educating future Nurses during this pandemic
- How does teaching students to become Nurses change in a time like this
- Properly preparing Nurses to manage in this crisis
- Have nursing students been graduated early during this crisis.

Closing comments