

# New York State Community Toolkit

A resource guide for immigrant New Yorkers  
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The New York Immigration Coalition developed this toolkit to provide a resource for community members and our partners and allies who work with them. It is updated regularly based on changing laws and policies.

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- If you are a healthcare worker, talk to your employer about whether you can return to work after 5 days.
- If you develop trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in your chest, confusion, inability to stay awake, bluish lips or face, or any other emergency condition, call 911 immediately.

## Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

- Every household in the U.S. is eligible to get 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests, delivered to you by the USPS. The tests are free regardless of insurance or immigration status.
  - Order your free test kits now at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)
- Starting January 15, most people with a health plan can go online, or to a pharmacy or store to purchase at-home COVID-19 tests (up to 8 per month) at no cost, either through reimbursement or free of charge through their insurance.
  - For more information, visit [cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free](https://www.cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free)

## If you have COVID-19

- Whether you took an at-home rapid antigen test or a more reliable molecular (PCR) test, assume that a positive test result means you have COVID-19 and isolate immediately.
- Contact your healthcare provider or local health department to be linked to care:
  - New York City: call 212-COVID19 ([212-268-4319](tel:212-268-4319))
  - Outside NYC: Find contact information for your local health department at [nysacho.org/directory](https://nysacho.org/directory)
- After you talk to a provider:
  - Tell people you have come in contact with so they can get tested and isolate from others.
  - Isolate at home for at least 5 days. After 5 days, most people can leave home if they do not have symptoms, or their symptoms are improving and they have not had a fever in the last 24 hours. They must wear a well-fitting mask around other people for 6 to 10 days.

## Fight the spread

- COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have surged in New York State and nationwide, largely due to the spread of the more contagious Omicron variant.
- Get vaccinated and boosted. Any case of COVID-19 can lead to difficult symptoms, hospitalization and long-term health effects. Unvaccinated people are significantly more likely to have severe illness.
- Avoid crowded indoor spaces and large gatherings, especially if you are an older adult or have a health condition that increases your risk.
- Wear a higher-grade mask or respirator, such as a KN95 or KF94, or a cloth mask over a disposable mask. If you do not have a higher-grade mask, continue to wear whatever mask you can.
- Get tested regularly, especially if you have symptoms or were recently in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, and before and after traveling or gathering with others.

## Get Vaccinated Today

- It has never been easier to get a COVID-19 vaccination in New York State. Anyone 5 and older is eligible for vaccination.
- COVID-19 vaccines are FREE regardless of immigration status or insurance coverage.
- Vaccines are widely available at pharmacies, local health departments, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and other locations across New York State.
  - Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to [438829](tel:438829), or call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY 888-720-7489) to find appointments near you.
  - Find appointments at New York State mass vaccination sites at [ny.gov/vaccine](https://ny.gov/vaccine)
  - Many local health departments are offering walk-in vaccine clinics or at-home vaccinations. Find contact information for your local health department at [nysacho.org/directory](https://nysacho.org/directory).

## COVID-19 vaccines

- Vaccine authorized for children
  - The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children ages 5 to 11. The vaccine dose for this age group is smaller than the dose given to people age 12 and older.
  - Children can get vaccinated at their doctor's office, pharmacies, and vaccine sites across the state.
- Booster Shots
  - Free vaccine booster shots are now available for all fully vaccinated people 12 and older.
  - A booster is recommended for any adult who received the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 5 months ago, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 2 months ago. This will boost your immunity from your initial vaccination.
  - Your booster can be any of the three authorized vaccines. Pfizer or Moderna (mRNA vaccines) are preferred.
  - Teens aged 12-17 who received the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least 5 months ago can get a Pfizer booster.
  - If you were recently sick or tested positive for COVID-19, you can get your booster shot after your isolation period ends.
- Third Doses
  - Separate from booster shots, people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised (meaning they have a weakened immune system) are eligible for a third dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, as part of their initial vaccination series. They can get a third dose 28 days after their second shot.
- You can find FAQs and fact sheets on vaccines for children, booster shots, and third doses at [nyc.gov/covidvaccine](https://nyc.gov/covidvaccine). Information is available in multiple languages.

## NY HERO Act

- The New York Health and Essential Rights Act was signed into law on May 5, 2021. It requires the New York State Department of Labor to create Model Airborne Infectious Disease Exposure plans to protect employees from exposure to diseases like COVID-19.
- On September 6, 2021, Governor Hochul announced the designation of COVID-19 as an airborne infectious disease under the HERO Act. This designation requires all employers to implement workplace safety plans.
  - The plans adopted by employers must address a number of safety measures, including but not limited to: employee health screenings, masking and social distancing requirements, workplace hygiene stations, workplace cleaning protocol, quarantine protocol, and building airflow technology.
  - Employers are required to distribute their work safety plan to all employees and post it in a visible and prominent location within each worksite.
  - Additionally, the law protects employees from retaliation for following the requirements of these plans, reporting concerns about their employer's implementation of the law, or refusing to work.
- All private sector employers and workers are covered.
- Starting November 1, 2021, private-sector employees (working in companies with 10 or more employees) must be allowed to create worker committees to address any workplace health and safety issue policy, not just issues concerning COVID-19.
- Model plans and updates on implementation can be found at [dol.ny.gov/ny-hero-act](https://dol.ny.gov/ny-hero-act).



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## Resources for Haitian immigrants

- Haitians have faced heightened political and environmental turmoil in recent months, from the assassination of the Haitian president in July 2021 resulting in a power vacuum and extensive violence, to a 7.2-magnitude earthquake in August 2021 that killed more than 2,000 people and ruined over 137,000 homes.
- While thousands of Haitian immigrants are seeking refuge in the U.S., mass expulsions and abuse of Haitians at the southern border have prompted additional scrutiny of anti-Haitian and anti-Black immigration policies.
- On December 22, the New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Commissioner announced that the City will provide \$1.5 million in funding to help newly arrived Haitians access immigration legal assistance and social services.
- For a support services resource list for the Haitian community in New York City, visit [on.nyc.gov/3y6bo2Z](https://on.nyc.gov/3y6bo2Z)
  - This resource is available in multiple languages at [on.nyc.gov/334dJQx](https://on.nyc.gov/334dJQx)



## Resources for Afghan refugees and parolees

- On December 7, Governor Kathy Hochul allocated \$2 million in additional state funds to help 1,790 Afghan refugees resettle in New York State in the coming months, primarily in upstate cities.
- On September 30, President Biden signed into law a continuing resolution that included provisions to support Afghan refugees and parolees, including:

- Making Afghan “humanitarian parolees” eligible to receive refugee resettlement services and benefits, such as reception and placement support and food assistance
- Requiring the federal government to expedite consideration of Afghan parolees’ asylum applications
- Making Afghan parolees eligible for REAL ID drivers’ licenses and identification cards
- If you have questions about how to apply for a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV), U.S. Refugee Admissions Program Priority 2 Designation for Afghan Nationals, or humanitarian parole, consult an immigration attorney or DOJ accredited representative.
- Resettlement resources:
  - New York State – I-ARC’s Afghan Resettlement Project: [immigrantarc.org/afghanistan](https://immigrantarc.org/afghanistan)
  - New York City – including a roadmap of city services available in Dari and Pashto: [nyc.gov/afghanistanresources](https://nyc.gov/afghanistanresources)
  - Western New York – Buffalo United for Afghan Evacuees: [wnyrac.org](https://wnyrac.org)
  - Albany/Capital region – Resource list: [bit.ly/3kvWRZd](https://bit.ly/3kvWRZd)
  - Ithaca/Finger Lakes region – Cornell Afghanistan Resource List: [bit.ly/3CwfFxy](https://bit.ly/3CwfFxy)

## DACA initial applications paused

- On July 16, 2021, Texas federal court Judge Hanen issued a decision that DACA is not a lawful program. That decision prevents DHS from approving any new first-time DACA applications. For now, DHS may continue to approve DACA renewal applications.
  - If you currently have DACA, your status is still valid.
  - If your DACA expires soon, renew now!
  - If you submitted a first-time initial DACA application to USCIS that has not yet been granted, that application will be frozen. It will not be processed until further notice.
- Litigation is ongoing, so it is possible that there will be additional changes to the program.

## Temporary Protected Status preserved and extended to new countries

- The Biden administration recently announced TPS for nationals of Venezuela, Burma/Myanmar, and Haiti.
  - Individuals may apply for Venezuelan TPS through September 9, 2022.
  - Individuals may apply for Burmese TPS through November 25, 2022.
  - Individuals may apply for Haitian TPS through February 3, 2023
- DHS extended and redesignated TPS for Somalia through March 17, 2023.
- DHS extended and redesignated TPS for Yemen through March 3, 2023.
- TPS has been extended for South Sudan through May 2, 2022.
- DHS is automatically extending the validity of TPS-related documentation for beneficiaries under the TPS designations for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras, and Nepal through December 31, 2022, from the current expiration date of October 4, 2021.
- DHS extended and redesignated TPS for Syria through September 30, 2022.
- All TPS applicants can now file Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, online at [uscis.gov/i-821](https://uscis.gov/i-821).
- Check [uscis.gov/TPS](https://uscis.gov/TPS) for the latest updates.



## New enforcement priorities limit who ICE will target

- On September 30, 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued new guidance for immigration enforcement, including for arrests and detention:  
[ice.gov/doclib/news/guidelines-civilimmigrationlaw.pdf](https://ice.gov/doclib/news/guidelines-civilimmigrationlaw.pdf)
  - This memorandum officially goes into effect on November 29, 2021.
- Who is being prioritized for ICE enforcement?
  - Those the government considers to be a danger to national security or suspects to have committed terrorism or espionage
  - Those the government considers to be a threat to public safety, typically because of “serious criminal conduct”
  - Those the government considers to pose a threat to border security, including those who are apprehended at the border while attempting to unlawfully enter the US, or those who are apprehended in the US after unlawfully entering after November 1, 2020
- If none of the three situations above apply to you, and you are currently in removal proceedings, you may be eligible for a form of relief called prosecutorial discretion.
- You can ask your attorney to explore the possibility of prosecutorial discretion with the government attorney assigned to your case. If you do not have legal representation in your case, you can ask the government attorney at your hearing if you qualify for prosecutorial discretion. To get a legal consult to see if you can get an attorney:
  - NYS Residents: call the Office of New Americans hotline at [1-800-566-7636](tel:1-800-566-7636)
  - NYC Residents: call [311](tel:311) and say “ActionNYC” for City-funded, free, and safe legal help
- On October 12, 2021, DHS released a worksite enforcement strategy that seeks to end worksite raids and ensure that immigrants can challenge unjust treatment and exploitation without fear of employer intimidation, arrest, or deportation: [dhs.gov/publication/memorandum-worksite-enforcement](https://dhs.gov/publication/memorandum-worksite-enforcement)

# Education

## School Year 2021–22

- The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has canceled the January 2022 Regents, and will allow students who were scheduled to take them to graduate without the January exams. Learn more in this FAQ: [bit.ly/3KKuuBy](https://bit.ly/3KKuuBy).

## Summer Arts Opportunity

- The New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) will offer a total of \$150,000 in scholarship opportunities for high school students to attend other regional summer arts programs for summer 2022.
- The goal of the scholarship program is to promote access and equity to arts education by providing need-based grants to low-income students pursuing summer learning opportunities.
- The scholarship application will evaluate financial need and will not include an audition or portfolio component.
- Students can apply online through May 1, 2022. More information is available on the NYSSSA website: [oce.nysed.gov/nysssa](https://oce.nysed.gov/nysssa)

## Resources for families of students learning English

- Being informed is critical to ensuring that English Language Learners (ELLs) are well served. The New York State Education Department has created an English Language Learner Parents' Bill of Rights which summarizes critical rights concerning educational access and programming for ELLs and their parents: [bit.ly/3EJd0Td](https://bit.ly/3EJd0Td)
  - Information is available in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), English, French, Haitian Creole, Karen, Nepali, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Urdu.
  - You can call the ELL Parent Hotline at [800-469-8224](tel:800-469-8224) if you have questions or concerns.

## College Financial Aid and NYS DREAM Act

- Need money for college? Your first step is to fill out the federal government's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Now is the time to get started: some federal and state money is first-come, first-served. Apply at [studentaid.gov/FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/FAFSA).
- Get help at [UnderstandingFAFSA.org](https://UnderstandingFAFSA.org), a new website answering the most frequent questions of New York City high school students and families. The free FAFSA Guide for High School Students is available in ten languages.
- The Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act gives undocumented and other students access to NYS-administered grants and scholarships that support their higher education costs.
  - For more information or to apply, visit [hesc.ny.gov/dream](https://hesc.ny.gov/dream)

## College access resources for undocumented students

- Informed Immigrant's new guide provides resources and information for undocumented high school and college students, both with and without DACA, to help them make informed decisions about their futures and get the tools they need to advocate for themselves: [informedimmigrant.com/guides/students](https://informedimmigrant.com/guides/students)
- Best Colleges recently published a college guide for DACA and undocumented students based on the most recent updates to DACA: [bestcolleges.com/resources/undocumented-students/college-guide](https://bestcolleges.com/resources/undocumented-students/college-guide)



# Democracy



## School Board Elections: May 17, 2022

- Vote for: representatives and the budget in your school district (includes K-8, K-12, and central high school systems).
- Elections will be held in all districts except in Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers.
- The deadline to register to vote in School Board Elections is May 10, 2022.
- School or School District Finder: [nces.ed.gov/ccd/schoolmap](https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/schoolmap)
  - Find your school or school district then go to their website or call for more information.

## Primary Election: June 28, 2022

- Vote for: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Senate, State Assembly, US Senate, US Representative.
- You can vote by-mail or vote in-person (early or on Election Day).
- The deadline to register to vote in the Primary Election is June 3, 2022.

## Intro 1867 – Our City Our Vote (New York City)

- The New York City Council has passed legislation to expand voting rights of approximately 900,000 legal permanent residents and those with work authorizations who live in NYC. The bill, known as Intro 1867, was signed into law by Mayor Eric Adams in January 2022.
- Starting in 2023, people will be able to vote in municipal elections for New York City offices (including the City Council, Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller) and ballot initiatives.
- Eligible individuals will be able to register to vote in late 2022.
- This does not apply to state or federal elections.
- For more information, visit [ourcityourvote.org](https://ourcityourvote.org).

## Register to vote

- You can register to vote if you are aged 16+, a US Citizen and a resident of NY for at least 30 days before the election.
  - If you are age 16 or 17, you can pre-register to vote but cannot vote until age 18.
  - You cannot register to vote if you are in prison for a felony conviction or are judged mentally incapable by a court.
- NYS Board of Elections: [elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html](https://elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html)
- NYC Board of Elections: [vote.nyc/page/register-vote](https://vote.nyc/page/register-vote)
- Register online (if you have a NYS Driver License, Permit or Non-Driver ID): [voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter](https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter)
- Request a paper registration form by phone (available in English or Spanish): 1-800-FOR-VOTE (1-800-367-8683)
- Unsure if you are registered to vote? Check your voter registration status at [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov)

## Your rights at the polls

- Voters may visit ANY of the Early Voting Centers in the county where they reside, except in New York City, where voters are assigned by address to ONE early voting site.
- If you believe you are voter eligible and have registered in time to vote, but your name could not be found on the voter rolls, you may request a provisional or affidavit ballot.
- You do not have to present ID at the polls even if you are a first time voter.
- You may still vote if you are experiencing homelessness.
- In some circumstances, you may still be eligible to vote if you have been convicted of a felony.
- For more eligibility requirements: [nycfb.info/nyc-votes/how-to-vote/know-your-rights](https://nycfb.info/nyc-votes/how-to-vote/know-your-rights)
- Some employees in New York State are eligible to receive up to two hours of paid time off in order to vote. Check to see if you qualify: [www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/elections/TimeOffToVoteFAQ.pdf](https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/elections/TimeOffToVoteFAQ.pdf)

## Key to NYC

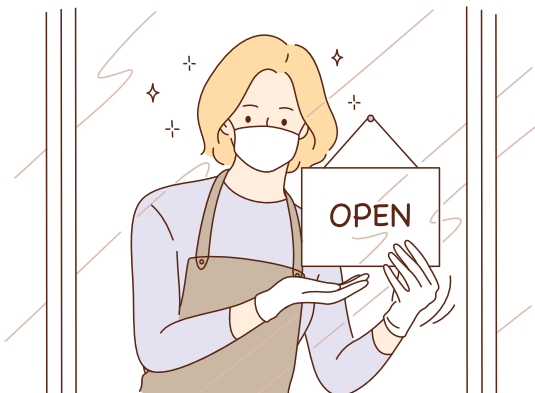
- New York City requires COVID-19 vaccination proof for public indoor activities such as dining, fitness, and entertainment and meeting spaces:
  - People 12 and older are required to show proof they have received two vaccine doses, except for those who have received the one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
  - Children ages 5 to 11 are required to show proof they have received at least one dose of a vaccine.
  - Starting January 29, 2022, children ages 5 to 11 must also show proof of full vaccination.
- If your business is covered by this requirement, you are required to check the vaccination status of all staff and customers 5 and older. This also means employees working at these locations must be vaccinated.
  - People 18 and older are also required to show identification along with their proof of vaccination.
- For more information and translated posters and guides for small businesses, visit [nyc.gov/keytonyc](https://nyc.gov/keytonyc).

## COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan updates

- As of January 1, 2022, COVID EIDL is no longer accepting new applications but will continue to accept requests for increases, reconsideration, and appeals.
- More information at [covid19relief.sba.gov](https://covid19relief.sba.gov).

## PPP Loan Forgiveness

- The Small Business Administration has launched a streamlined application portal to allow borrowers with Paycheck Protection Program loans of \$150,000 or less through participating lenders to apply for forgiveness directly through the SBA.
- Business owners can access the portal at [directforgiveness.sba.gov](https://directforgiveness.sba.gov) or call SBA's customer service line at [877-552-2692](tel:877-552-2692).



## **NYS Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant**

- New York State has announced a grant program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and that were operating on or before March 1, 2019. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 depending on 2019 gross receipts.
- Applications are now open! Apply at [nysmallbusinessrecovery.com](https://nysmallbusinessrecovery.com)
- The grant must be used for COVID-19 related losses or expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021.
- To find an organization in your area to help you with your application for free: [nysmallbusinessrecovery.com/partners/county](https://nysmallbusinessrecovery.com/partners/county)

## **Restaurant Return-to-Work Tax Credit**

- For small, independently owned restaurants within New York City or any area in New York State designated by the NYS Department of Health as either an Orange or a Red zone for at least 30 consecutive days.
- This \$35 million program provides an incentive to COVID-impacted restaurants to bring restaurant staff back-to-work, and to increase hiring at NYS restaurants.
- Qualifying businesses are eligible for a tax credit of \$5,000 per new worker hired, up to \$50,000 per business.
- For more details visit: [esd.ny.gov/restaurant-return-work-tax-credit](https://esd.ny.gov/restaurant-return-work-tax-credit)

## **Excluded Workers Fund**

- New York State's historic Excluded Workers Fund has been completely allocated. While more than 120,000 New Yorkers have received relief totaling over \$2 billion, there is no more funding available for all submitted applications.
- Starting on December 6, 2021, unsuccessful applicants will receive a notification that their claim has been denied due to a lack of funding. Applicants will not be able to appeal this decision.
- The EWF application website and portal will be closed at 7pm on December 30, 2021. After this date and time, users will no longer be able to sign in and access their accounts.
- If a person or organization tries to charge you money or collect your personal information to help you apply, report it to the New York State Attorney General at [800-771-7755](tel:800-771-7755).



# Know Your Rights



**Community members and allies should be aware of their rights whenever dealing with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Border Patrol, or other law enforcement.**

**If you are stopped by immigration or other law enforcement, remember:**

- Stay calm. Do not run. Do not resist or obstruct the officer.
- Do not lie or provide false documents.
- You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you.
- If an agent asks if they can search you or your belongings, you have the right to say no.
  - However, you may not physically resist.
  - Police may pat down your clothing if they suspect a weapon.
- If you are not a US citizen and an immigration agent requests your immigration papers, you must show them if you have them with you.
- If you are stopped, detained, or harassed by law enforcement, try to get the agent(s)' name, number, and any other identifying information.
- You or someone else in the community can take video or audio recordings of interactions with law enforcement. You can also write down what happened after they leave.
- It is illegal for law enforcement officers to perform any stops, searches, detentions, or deportations based on your race, national origin, religion, sex, or ethnicity.

**You can report interactions with federal agents to the Immigrant Defense Project (IDP).**

**IDP also provides legal information and referrals to immigrants who have been arrested, ticketed, or convicted of a crime. Call [212-725-6422](tel:212-725-6422) or email [info@immdefense.org](mailto:info@immdefense.org).**

## **Private Spaces**

- Your home and other “private spaces” (such as employee-only areas of a workplace) carry special protections that public spaces do not. Officers can only enter private spaces if they have your consent or they show you a judicial warrant (signed by a judge).

## **Protected Areas**

- On October 27, 2021, the Department of Homeland Security issued a new policy that restricts ICE and CBP enforcement actions in or near “protected areas.”
- Examples of protected areas include, but are not limited to: schools and other educational institutions or events, healthcare facilities, places of worship, places where children gather, social services locations, disaster or emergency response centers, ceremonies such as weddings and funerals, and public demonstrations such as parades and rallies.
- In New York State, federal immigration agents cannot arrest people at, or going to or leaving from, state, city, and municipal courthouses, without a judicial warrant.

## **Be aware of immigration fraud**

- You should only speak to a lawyer or Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited representative for legal advice on your situation.
- Never get immigration help from a “notario,” travel agent, tax preparer, forms preparer, or notary. In the US, a “notario” is NOT a lawyer!

**If you need help with your case or have general immigration questions, call the Office for New Americans hotline at [1-800-566-7636](tel:1-800-566-7636).**

# Hate Crimes

**In recent months, there have been increased reports of hate crimes against members of the immigrant community.**

## What is a hate crime?

- A hate crime is an offense that is motivated by bias.
- A person commits a hate crime when one of a specified set of crimes is committed targeting a victim because of a perception or belief about their race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation, or when such an act is committed as a result of that type of perception or belief.
- Governor Cuomo created the Hate Crimes Task Force to fight the increase in reports of bias motivated threats, harassment and violence throughout New York State.
- When hate crimes are reported, all information regarding your experience, identity, and others remains confidential.

**If you see something or are a victim of a hate crime, report it to the police and call the NYS Division of Human Rights. Call [1-888-392-3644](tel:1-888-392-3644) or Text “HATE” to [81336](tel:81336).**

**If you or someone you know has been a victim of a crime, the NYS Office of Victim Services may be able to help with medical bills and counseling expenses, burial and funeral costs, lost wages, and other types of assistance. Call [1-800-247-8035](tel:1-800-247-8035) or visit [ovs.ny.gov](http://ovs.ny.gov).**

## For residents of NYC and surrounding counties

In NYC:

- Public Advocate
  - [212-669-7250](tel:212-669-7250)
- Manhattan District Attorney
  - [212-335-3100](tel:212-335-3100)
  - [manhattanda.org/victim-resources/hate-crimes](http://manhattanda.org/victim-resources/hate-crimes)
- Brooklyn District Attorney
  - [718-250-4949](tel:718-250-4949)
  - [brooklynda.org/hate-crimes-bureau](http://brooklynda.org/hate-crimes-bureau)
- Queens District Attorney
  - [718-286-6000](tel:718-286-6000)
- NYC Commission on Human Rights
  - [718-722-3131](tel:718-722-3131)
  - [nyc.gov/cchr](http://nyc.gov/cchr)
- Safe Horizon Victim Assistance
  - [1-866-689-4357](tel:1-866-689-4357)

Outside NYC:

- Nassau County District Attorney
  - [526-571-3505](tel:526-571-3505)
  - [nassauda.org](http://nassauda.org)
- Nassau County District Attorney, Office of Immigrant Affairs
  - [516-571-7756](tel:516-571-7756)
- Nassau County Executive Laura Curran
  - [516-571-3131](tel:516-571-3131)
- Suffolk County District Attorney
  - [631-853-4161](tel:631-853-4161)
  - [suffolkcountyny.gov/da](http://suffolkcountyny.gov/da)
- Suffolk County Police Department, Hate Crimes Unit
  - [631-852-6323](tel:631-852-6323)
- Suffolk County, Department of Minority Affairs
  - [631-853-4738](tel:631-853-4738)
- Westchester County, Human Rights Commission
  - [914-995-7710](tel:914-995-7710)
  - [humanrights.westchestergov.com](http://humanrights.westchestergov.com)



# Resources at-a-glance



## NYS Office for New Americans

- If you or someone you know is in need of free legal assistance, call the hotline at [1-800-566-7636](tel:1-800-566-7636). All call information is confidential. Assistance is available in 200+ languages.

## NYS Department of Health

- For the latest information on the COVID-19 pandemic, call the hotline at [1-888-364-3065](tel:1-888-364-3065) or visit [ny.gov/coronavirus](https://ny.gov/coronavirus).
- Get the facts on the COVID-19 vaccine in New York at [ny.gov/vaccine](https://ny.gov/vaccine).
- Apply for health coverage: call [1-855-355-5777](tel:1-855-355-5777) or visit [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov).

## NYS Office of Mental Health

- For questions about mental health services or to find a mental health service provider, call [1-800-597-8481](tel:1-800-597-8481) or visit [omh.ny.gov](https://omh.ny.gov).
- If you are experiencing anxiety due to the coronavirus emergency, call [1-844-863-9314](tel:1-844-863-9314).
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: If your life or someone else's is in imminent danger, call [911](tel:911). If you are in crisis and need immediate help, call [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) or Text "GOT5" to [741-741](tel:741-741).
- Domestic Violence: If you or someone else is in a relationship is being controlled by another individual through verbal, physical, or sexual abuse, or other tactics, call the NYS Domestic Violence Hotline at [1-800-942-6906](tel:1-800-942-6906).

## NYS Department of Labor

- The Department of Labor is committed to protecting and promoting workers' safety and health, wages, and working conditions.
- For information about wage and hour laws, workplace health and safety, or to file a complaint, call [1-888-469-7365](tel:1-888-469-7365) or visit [dol.ny.gov/safety-and-health](https://dol.ny.gov/safety-and-health)
- For help with Unemployment Insurance, call [1-888-209-8124](tel:1-888-209-8124) or visit [dol.ny.gov/unemployment/unemployment-insurance-assistance](https://dol.ny.gov/unemployment/unemployment-insurance-assistance).

## NYS Division of Human Rights

- The Human Rights Law in New York prohibits discrimination in areas like employment, housing, credit, education, and places of public accommodations, based on age, race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, disability, military status, and other classes.
- If you feel you have been discriminated against, file a complaint at [1-888-392-3644](tel:1-888-392-3644) or visit [dhr.ny.gov](https://dhr.ny.gov).

## New York City COVID-19 resources

- NYC residents looking for service providers or other resources can find directories below:
  - Education: [nyc.org/covid-education-resources](https://nyc.org/covid-education-resources)
  - Employment: [nyc.org/covid-employment-resources](https://nyc.org/covid-employment-resources)
  - Financial: [nyc.org/covid-financial-resources](https://nyc.org/covid-financial-resources)
  - Food: [nyc.org/covid-food-resources](https://nyc.org/covid-food-resources)
  - Healthcare: [nyc.org/covid-healthcare-resources](https://nyc.org/covid-healthcare-resources)
  - Small business: [nyc.org/covid-small-business-resources](https://nyc.org/covid-small-business-resources)

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