

# 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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## COVID-19 Updates

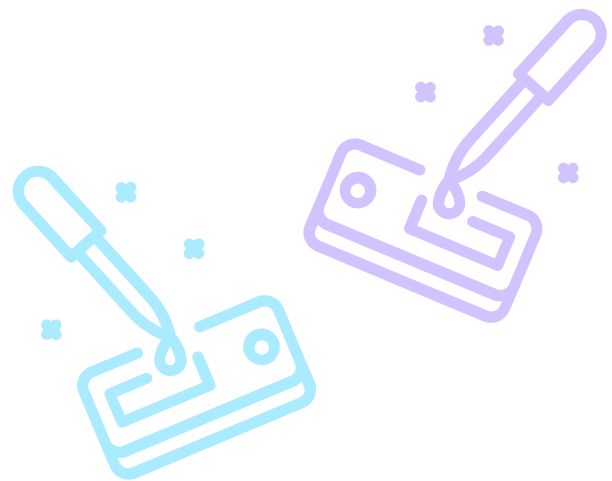
- Starting May 17, 2022, children ages 5 to 11 are eligible for a Pfizer-BioNTech booster dose, at least five months after their primary series.
- The New York State Department of Health and the CDC recommend all eligible adults, adolescents, and children 5 years and older get fully vaccinated and receive a booster or additional dose when eligible: [ny.gov/booster](https://ny.gov/booster).
- Adults ages 50 and older, and people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, should get a 2nd booster at least 4 months after the 1st booster.
- All travelers, domestic and international, should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers).

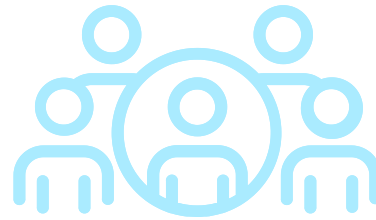
## Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

- Every household in the U.S. is eligible to get up to 12 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://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://cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free)

## 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. Booster doses are available for everyone 5 and older.
- 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://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 [nyscho.org/directory](https://nyscho.org/directory).





## COVID-19 Prevention Tips

- 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.
- Wear a mask
  - Consider wearing a face mask in public indoor settings where vaccine status is not known.
  - Upgrade to higher-quality masks, including KN95, KF94, N95, or a cloth mask on top of a surgical mask.
  - People who are at high risk of severe illness, who are over 65, or are unvaccinated will most benefit from this added layer of protection.
- Get tested
  - Get tested if you have symptoms or were recently exposed. People who are unvaccinated should get tested more often.
- Stay home if sick or recently exposed
  - Follow all isolation and quarantine guidance, including wearing a face mask. COVID-19 is highly contagious. You can spread COVID-19 even if you do not have symptoms.
- Wash your hands
  - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use a hand sanitizer.



## 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.
- All private sector employers and workers are covered.
- On March 17, 2022, the designation of COVID-19 as an airborne infectious disease that presents a serious risk of harm to the public health under the HERO Act ended. Private sector employers are no longer required to implement their workforce safety plans.
- Even if there is no designation by the Commissioner of Health, employers must:
  - Create an airborne infectious disease exposure prevention plan.
  - Give a copy to employees within 30 days after creating one.
  - Give a copy to any new employees when they are hired.
  - Post the plan in each work site so employees can view it.
  - Update the plan as needed.
- Employers with 10 or more employees must permit workers to establish and administer a joint labor-management workplace safety committee.
  - Worker committees can address any workplace health and safety issue policy, not just issues concerning COVID-19.
  - Worker committees can always be created and meet whether or not a designation is in effect.
  - Workers have the right to form these committees without being fired, demoted, or any form of retaliation.
- 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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## Work permits for many immigrants will be automatically extended by 540 days

- Starting May 4, 2022, USCIS will automatically extend the validity of work permits for many immigrants by 540 days while they await processing of their renewals.
- This change will prevent thousands of immigrants, including asylum seekers, from losing work authorization while their renewal applications are stuck in USCIS's backlog.
- Resource from Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) explaining the new policy:
  - English: [help.asylumadvocacy.org/work-permits-extended-540-days](https://help.asylumadvocacy.org/work-permits-extended-540-days)
  - Spanish: [apoyodeasilo.org/permisos-de-trabajo-extendidos-540-dias](https://apoyodeasilo.org/permisos-de-trabajo-extendidos-540-dias)
- For more information and a complete list of the work permit categories who will receive the auto-extension, visit [uscis.gov/eadautoextend](https://uscis.gov/eadautoextend).

## Uniting for Ukraine

- On April 21, 2022, President Biden announced a program to welcome Ukrainians fleeing Russia's invasion. Uniting for Ukraine provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the U.S. to come to the U.S. and stay temporarily in a two-year period of parole.
- Ukrainians participating in Uniting for Ukraine must have a supporter in the U.S. who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay.
- For more information on the program and application process, see the DHS webpage: [dhs.gov/ukraine](https://dhs.gov/ukraine).

## DACA updates

- Starting April 12, 2022, individuals who previously received Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) can now file Forms I-821D (DACA renewal application) and I-765 (work permit renewal application) online.
  - This ability is for those who currently have DACA or whose DACA expired less than a year ago.
  - More information about how to renew DACA online: [uscis.gov/humanitarian/renew-your-daca](https://uscis.gov/humanitarian/renew-your-daca)
- 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.



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## Temporary Protected Status updates

- On April 15, 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the designation of Cameroon for TPS for 18 months.
  - The registration process begins on June 7, 2022 and runs through December 7, 2023. To be eligible, individuals must demonstrate their continuous residence in the U.S. since April 14, 2022, and continuous physical presence in the U.S. since June 7, 2022.
- On March 16, 2022, DHS announced the designation of Afghanistan for TPS for 18 months.
  - The registration process begins on May 20, 2022 and runs through November 20, 2023. To be eligible, individuals must demonstrate their continuous residence in the U.S. since March 15, 2022, and continuous physical presence in the U.S. since May 20, 2022.
- On March 3, 2022, DHS announced the designation of Ukraine for TPS for 18 months from April 19, 2022, through October 19, 2023.
- On March 2, 2022, DHS announced the designation of Sudan for TPS for 18 months.
- 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.

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- TPS has been extended for South Sudan through November 3, 2023.
- 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.



## Protections for immigrant youth with Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)

- On March 7, 2022, the Biden administration announced new policies that clarify SIJS eligibility criteria, such as updating an age-out provision to protect petitioners who turn 21 while their petition is pending. The rule is a critical step toward providing security and stability for abused, abandoned, and neglected immigrant youth, many of whom have already been granted SIJS and are waiting to be eligible to apply for a green card and obtain permanent residency. The final rule is available here: [federalregister.gov/d/2022-04698](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2022-04698)
- USCIS has also updated their policies, to provide for consideration of protection from deportation and work permits on a case-by-case basis to youth impacted by the SIJS visa backlog. More information: [uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/uscis-to-offer-deferred-action-for-special-immigrant-juveniles](https://uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/uscis-to-offer-deferred-action-for-special-immigrant-juveniles)



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## New enforcement priorities limit who ICE will target

- On November 29, 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began implementation of new guidelines for immigration enforcement, including for arrests and detention: [dhs.gov/news/2021/11/29/dhs-begins-implementation-immigration-enforcement-priorities](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/11/29/dhs-begins-implementation-immigration-enforcement-priorities)
- 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



## Resources for Afghan refugees and parolees

- 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
- Federal Government resources:
  - USCIS public guidance for Afghans: [uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghans](https://uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghans)
  - “Employment Information Regarding Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holders and Parolees” in English, Dari, and Pashto: [justice.gov/crt/worker-information](https://justice.gov/crt/worker-information)
- Afghan Assistance Resources across the federal government compiled by the Office of Refugee Resettlement: [acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/afghan-assistance-resources](https://acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/afghan-assistance-resources)
  - 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)
- Human Rights First Data Collection Form for identifying persons in need of evacuation from Afghanistan: [humanrightsfirst.org/afghan-evacuation](https://humanrightsfirst.org/afghan-evacuation)

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## School Year 2021–22

- The New York State Education Department (NYSED) announced that Regents exams will be administered in June 2022 & August 2022.
  - On May 4, 2022, NYSED announced that the June 2022 Regents exam for U.S. History and Government has been canceled, because of content in the exam that may cause trauma to students in the wake of the mass shooting in Buffalo.R
- NYSED and the Board of Regents approved COVID-19 exemptions to Regents exams in June 2020, August 2020, January 2021, June 2021, August 2021 and January 2022. If a student received a COVID-19 exam exemption, they do NOT need to take/re-take that exam to graduate. At this point, no COVID-19 exemptions have been approved for June 2022 or August 2022 exams.
  - For more details about COVID-19 exemptions, check out Advocates for Children’s “Summary of Changes to Graduation Requirements due to COVID-19.”
  - For more details about students’ Regents exam rights, see Advocates for Children’s “Regents Exam Rights.”
  - Information is available in multiple languages at [advocatesforchildren.org/get\\_help/guides\\_and\\_resources/transition](https://advocatesforchildren.org/get_help/guides_and_resources/transition)
- New York State has lifted its school mask mandate, allowing local districts to decide to make masks optional.

## New York City Summer 2022 programs

- NYC will offer Summer Rising again for K-8 students who want a summer program option. The program will include an academic component in the morning and enrichment in the afternoon, including field trips, arts activities, and outdoor recreation. The program will run from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m., with the option to extend the day until 6 p.m.
- For high school students, NYC is expanding its Summer Youth Employment program, aiming to provide jobs and internships for about 100,000 New Yorkers ages 14-24.
- Visit [schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/summer](https://schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/summer) for more information. Program enrollment will open in April.

## 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)



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## Resources for families of students learning English

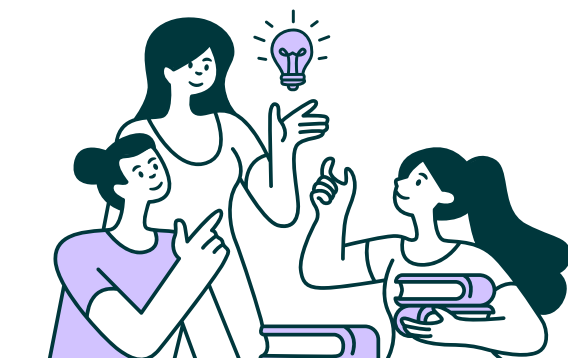
- Being informed is critical to ensuring that English Language Learners (ELLs) are well served. The New York State Education Department has created an English Language Learner Parents' Bill of Rights which summarizes critical rights concerning educational access and programming for ELLs and their parents: [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

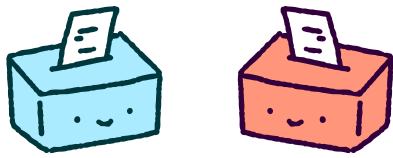
- Need money for college? Your first step is to fill out the federal government's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Now is the time to get started: some federal and state money is first-come, first-served. Apply at [studentaid.gov/FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/FAFSA).
- Get help at [UnderstandingFAFSA.org](https://UnderstandingFAFSA.org), 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



**Due to legal challenges surrounding New York State's redistricting process, there are currently two dates for the Primary Election(s): June 28 and August 23.**

## **Primary Election: June 28, 2022**

- The deadline to register to vote in the Primary Election is June 3, 2022.
- Vote for: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Assembly, U.S. Senate.
- You can request to vote by mail electronically, by mail, by phone, by fax, or in-person. Be sure to postmark or deliver your completed ballot by June 28.
  - Electronically: your request must be received by June 13.
    - Request a ballot online at [absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov](https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov)
  - By mail, phone, or fax: your request must be received by June 13.
    - Find your county's Board of Elections at [www.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoards.html](https://www.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoards.html)
  - In-person: you can go to your county's Board of Elections office to request a ballot by June 27.
    - Find your county's Board of Elections at [www.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoards.html](https://www.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoards.html)
  - Find out more about absentee voting at [www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html](https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html)
- You can vote in-person early from June 18 to June 26, or on Election Day, June 28.
  - Find your poll site at [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov)
  - NYC residents: [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc)

## **Primary Election: August 23, 2022**

- Vote for: State Senate, U.S. Representative.
- You can vote by mail or in person (early or on Election Day).

## **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)

# 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 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.**

# 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 or Text “HATE” to 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 or visit ovs.ny.gov.**

## **For residents of NYC and surrounding counties**

In NYC:

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

Outside NYC:

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