



Hello Montague Street Business and Property Owners --

We hope that you and your families are safe and well.

Here are some resources shared with us this morning from New York City Small Business Services and other info that may be of help or interest.

If you have any questions or want to share any updates with us about your business, please email us at hellomontaguebid@gmail.com.

We'll continue to share updates with you and the general public by email and on Instagram [@montaguebid](https://www.instagram.com/montaguebid) and **Facebook** and the **News page** at montaguebid.com.

Stay well.

NEW! RESOURCES AND UPDATES FOR BUSINESSES

March 30

For Businesses

(1) NYC Department of Small Business Services opened applications for the NYC Small Business Continuity Loan Fund. Businesses with fewer than 100 employees who have seen sales decreases of 25% or more are eligible to apply for loans of up to \$75,000 to ensure business continuity. Learn more about this and the Employee Retention Grant for small businesses with four or fewer employees [here](#)

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

(3) Restaurants are still advised to follow NYC Health Code requirements for food preparation. More information [here](#).

(4) The State Liquor Authority released additional guidance for business owners, see [here](#).

(5) NYCEDC is seeking businesses with the ability to quickly source and/or make needed medical supplies (e.g. face shields, gowns, ventilators, masks, and other products as needed) to support the City's COVID-19 response. [Learn more and complete the info form here.](#)

(6) Suppliers or distributors with access to a stock of ready-made supplies to sell or donate (medical or otherwise) should visit nyc.gov/covidsuppliers. Companies or individuals looking to volunteer and/or donate funds, food, and goods to those in need should visit nyc.gov/donate.

(7) Some City agencies have adjusted their operations during this time. Please [see here for updates](#).

(8) WE NYC is hosting a virtual fireside chat on April 2. This event will focus on **emergency financial assistance**. [Learn more and RSVP here](#)

(9) KIVA is offering up to \$15,000 in zero interest loans for small businesses. Apply [here](#)

GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

CLICK FOR FAQ FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

GUIDANCE FOR JOB SEEKERS

OPEN BUSINESSES ON MONTAGUE STREET updated 3/26/2020

Click the business name to visit their website. Be sure to check business websites and/or follow them on social media for their current information, menus, hours, need for appointments, etc.

BANKS and ATM Machines

Brooklyn Trust / Chase
Citibank
Dime
Flushing Bank
HSBC
Santander (ATM at CVS)
TD Bank

CLEANERS / LAUNDRY

Best Cleaners
Brooklyn Heights Laundromat
Plaza Cleaners
Heights Cleaners
Montague Cleaners & Laundry

FAITH BASED

St. Ann and The Holy Trinity. The church is temporarily closed. For pastoral support, contact office@stannaholytrinity.org or call 718-875-6960

FOOD & DRINK --TAKE OUT/DELIVERY/STREETSIDE PICK UP

Caffe Buon Gusto
Chipotle - online orders only
Custom House
Dellarocco's
Grand Canyon Diner
Juice Press
Haagen Dazs
Lantern Thai Kitchen
Lassen and Hennigs
Montague Street Bagels
Montague Wine
Monty Qs
Pinto Bklyn

GROCERS, DELIS, MISC.

Fresh Start Marketplace
Heights Deli & Convenience
Key Food
M & A Candy Store
Variety Mart

MEDICAL

Advantage Care Physicians

Cohen Fashion Optical
Heights Vision
Pearl Vision

PETS

Pets Emporium

PHARMACIES

City Chemist **FREE** delivery on all items
CVS

RETAIL SHOPS

Ann Taylor Loft - online only
Tango - online only

SHIPPING

UPS Store

FOOD & DELIVERY SERVICES

Door Dash
Grub Hub
Seamless

PREVIOUS RESOURCES AND UPDATES

FROM March 26

For Businesses

(1) NYC is seeking businesses with the ability to source or make products to support COVID-19 responses **here**

(2) Help Main Street, a gift card website set up to support local small businesses by buying gift cards. Businesses can sign up **here**. Neighbors can buy your gift cards **here**. Gift cards are redeemable anytime.

(3) Paid Sick Leave and Family Leave Act explanations can be found **here**

(4) WeNYC is offering online advice and workshops for small businesses **here**

(5) Solo Practitioners and Owner Only Owned businesses **click here** for information and exemptions.

(6) Legal help and referrals are available **here** from the New York City Bar

(7) New York State's Department of Financial Services is updating information on their website regularly. **Click here** for more information

(8) Read an interesting article, Business Strategy Through Four Phases Of The Coronavirus Crisis, here

For Our Neighbors

(1) Food and Food Insecurity

- Food Bank - Find the help you need **here**
- **Disaster and Supplemental SNAP here**
- **Disaster SNAP for persons with Disabilities here**
- **WIC here**
- **Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries by Borough here**

(2) Housing

- Tenants Rights Hotline 212-979-0611 (English and Spanish)
- DHCR Advisory Opinion to Landlords **here**

(3) NYC Health & Hospitals list **here**

(4) Mental Wellness Resources

- **Resources for Dealing with Isolation** and Quarantine **here** and **here**
- **Helping Kids Cope** information **here**

(5) Social Services.

- CAMBA can offer assistance and referrals **here**

(6) Free Wi-Fi.

At home

- Comcast: offering Essentials internet service designed for low-income families free for 60 days for new qualifying customers **here**. or call 1-855-8-INTERNET for set up.
- Spectrum: households with K-12 students can get free Spectrum Wifi for 60 days (including free installation for new customers). Call 1-844-488-8395 for set up.

On the go

- Comcast: Xfinity WiFi hotspots will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. Click **here** for a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots,
- AT&T is providing free access to its public WiFi hotspots. Look for "att-wifi" or "attwifi" in the list of available wireless networks from your smartphone or laptop.

(7) Mutual Assistance. Can you give help or do you need help?

- **Brooklyn Coronavirus Neighborhood** Help **here**
- **Brooklyn Service Workers** Coalition **here**

(8) Relief Funds

- **Domestic Workers Alliance** Fund **here**
- **One Fare Wage Tipped and Service Workers** Emergency Fund **here**
- **Dining Bond Initiative** to support restaurants **here**
- **World Central Kitchen**, feeding quarantined and communities in need through chef-prepared meals **here**
- **Center for Disaster Philanthropy** COVID-19 Fund **here**

(9) Volunteer

- **Volunteer** to safely help other New Yorkers **here**

(10) Donate Blood. Blood and platelet donations are critically low. To find out if, how and where you can donate, visit NY Blood Center **here**

(11) Please support local **Montague Street** businesses.

(12) To receive **text updates from the City, Text COVID to 692-692**

ALERTS!!!

(1) **Be Aware of Scams.** The Center for Disease Control (CDC) or World Health Organization (WHO) **DOES NOT:**

- call you to set up testing
- endorse specific products to cure coronavirus at this time
- visit people door to door at this time

If you experience any of the above, call 311 for real information.

(2) **Price Gouging**, taking unfair advantage of consumers by selling goods or services "vital to the health, safety or welfare of consumers for an excessive price" during a state of emergency is illegal in New York State. If you experience

price gouging at any business, call 311.

HELP OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

(1) Call 911 during a real emergency only.

(2) Call 311 for information about city services, to ask questions and anything not life threatening or in a true emergency.

ONLINE LOCAL MEDIA RESOURCES

Here are a few online outlets offering evolving lists of resources and updates.

- **Brooklyn News 12** Coronavirus Resources and updates **here**
- **Bklyner**, local Coronavirus Resources and updates **here**.
- **The City** Coronavirus Resources **here**
- **City Limits**, NYC Coronavirus Crisis Resources **here**

Apologies if we've unintentionally left anyone out of this update. Please email us at hellomontaguebid@gmail.com to let us know.

We'll send more updates as we get them. In the meantime, follow us on **Instagram @montaguebid** and **Facebook at Montague BID**

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS & ASSISTANCE

(1) Staff at New York **Small Business Development Center** is available to help small businesses navigate disaster loan application and answer all questions related to the current COVID-19 situation for small businesses. Contact the Brooklyn branch by phone at 718-797-0187 or by email at **sbdc@citytech.cuny.edu**

(2) The federal government has authorized the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue Economic Injury Disaster Loans for businesses impacted by COVID-19. These loans will be reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis for eligible business in New York State. Click **here** for more information.

(3) SBA is offering assistance with loan applications online **here**, by phone at (800) 659-2955, or by email at **disastercustomerservice@sba.gov**. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing can call (800) 877-8339.

4) Information about Empire State Disaster Recovery loans and resources is available **here**

(5) New York State Entrepreneur Assistance Center is offering guidance and information **here**

GENERAL INFORMATION

(1) Credit Card Relief and Bank Information. Some banks and credit cards are offering relief from payments and interest rates. Click **here** to find out more.

(2) Meals for Kids. Beginning on Monday, March 23, the New York Public Schools will be distributing meals at more than 400 sites throughout the City. **Click here** for locations and more information.

FROM MARCH 22, 2020

(1) As of today, March 22 at 8pm all businesses must close until further notice unless they are considered an essential businesses. Essential businesses and essential workers may continue to operate as normal, unless a special restriction has been placed on them (e.g. restaurants may only provide take out and delivery. For a list of essential services and essential workers, **click here**

(2) Tips for Small Businesses Owners:

- Talk to your landlord about your situation.
- Call your insurance
- Call your credit card company and see what they are offering
- Keep written records of all of the above emails, calls, texts and conversations, when they happened, next steps and outcomes.

(3) Need free advice? The Brooklyn Small Business Development Center may be able to help. **Click here** for more information.

(4) The IRS/Treasury/Labor have announced help regarding Tax Credits and Paid Leave. It may be worth you chatting with your accountant. **Click here** for the website with more information.

(5) Grantspace has put together a resource page for artists and non-profits to find assistance for financial hardship. Go **here** and the **NYFA** is giving \$5,000 grants to artists.

(6) The Hebrew Free Loan Society is offering interest free loans. Click **here** for more information

(7) New York State's Shared Work Program provides an alternative to laying off workers during business downturns Watch the video which explains how it works and how to apply, **here's the website**

(8) NYC Small Business Services - Employee Retention Grant Program application process is now live. This program is available to New York City businesses with one to four employees that can demonstrate at least a 25% decrease in revenue as a result of COVID-19. Eligible businesses will receive a grant covering up to 40% of their payroll for two months. Businesses can access up to \$27,000. For more information and to apply, **click here**

(9) The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans offers up to \$2 million in low interest loans to help small businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%. For more information, **click here**

(10) Information about deferred mortgage and tax payments along with daily updates from Governor Andrew Cuomo, can be found **here**

(11) File for tax abatements **here**

(12) Information from Mayor deBlasio and the City of New York can be found **here**

(13) For information from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, click **here**

(14) Job Seekers **click here** to keep up to date on available resources

(15) The Montague BID Ambassadors have increased cleaning in public spaces, and are observing strict sanitary protocols such as frequent hand washing and social distancing.

(16) All events remain canceled until further notice. Follow our social media (**Instagram** and **Facebook**) for future event updates.

(17) If you have a need, an idea or something to share with the community, please reach out to us **here**.

(18) New York Police Department has continued normal operations and they are asking the public to call the non-emergency number 311 for any issues that are not life threatening, which will help keep the 911 line and staff available for emergencies.

(19) Stay safe and up-to-date. Follow the CDC **webpage** and WHO **webpage** and New York City's **webpage** for the most up-to-date information.

(20) Need to get out for some exercise? The Parks are still open! Enjoy yourself and practice social distancing

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If you or someone that you know needs personal help beyond what is mentioned above:

(1) Invisible Hands can help with groceries and prescription deliveries for vulnerable people. Visit **www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com** to request assistance.

(2) If you are feeling extremely anxious, depressed or hopeless, text 741741 to be connected to a trained Crisis Text Line counselor. This service is free, confidential and available 24/7. For more information, visit **www.crisistextline.org**

Can you lend a hand?

(1) Restaurants need our help! Order takeout or delivery. Tell Congress restaurants need help. Text RECOVERY to 52886 #restaurantrecovery

(2) Shop local. Shop online. Many of our businesses are offering gift cards. Visit their websites or our Instagram feed @montaguebid to keep up to date on the latest information.

(3) Kindness. We're all in this together.

- Check on neighbors
- Offer to shop for a senior in your building who may be vulnerable
- Report price gouging to 311
- Make eye contact and smile with people on the street while you're social distancing -- it goes along way during times of isolation
- If you have a doorman or maintenance person in your building, think about ordering them a meal or giving them a gift card
- If you can, tip and thank delivery people.

(4) Invisible Hands: If you're healthy and able to, sign up with the nonprofit to help deliver groceries, prescriptions and whatever else they may need to their doorstep. Visit them at **www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com**

Special thanks to all of you who continue to support our neighboring business by purchasing gift cards, shopping online and ordering take out and delivery.

Click here to join Neil Diamond in a little Sweet Caroline handwashing song.

Stay well, stay safe and shop local.

[CDC Planning Process Checklist](#)

[Emergency Planning Process Checklist](#)

