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**MAYOR DE BLASIO SENDS STATE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE SCHOOLS AND NON-  
ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES IN NINE NEW YORK CITY ZIP CODES**

*Proposed Plan to Take Effect Wednesday, October 7*

**NEW YORK**—Mayor Bill de Blasio today sent a proposal to New York State government to close non-essential businesses, including public and private schools, in nine New York City zip codes where COVID-19 rates have remained over 3% for the past seven days. This plan, which will begin on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, also includes closing down high-risk activities in 11 additional New York City zip codes of concern.

While indoor and outdoor dining will be closed in these nine zip codes, restaurants will be allowed to continue serving customers for pickup and to-go meals. If successful, schools and non-essential businesses in the nine ZIP codes should be allowed to reopen after two weeks if rates are under 3%. If difficulties remain and cases continue to rise, all should remain closed for four weeks.

“New Yorkers have worked hard to fight back COVID-19, and we don’t make this recommendation lightly. But science guides our decision-making in this city – and we go where the facts take us,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Once again, it’s time for our city to dig deep and fight this virus the best way we know how: by wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, and looking after our seniors and most vulnerable neighbors.”

The nine zip codes include:

Neighborhood	ZIP	14-day positivity (as of 10/4)	# days > 3%
Edgemere/Far Rockaway	11691	5.63%	14+
Borough Park	11219	8.31%	14+
Gravesend/Homecrest	11223	7.59%	14+
Midwood	11230	6.98%	14+
Bensonhurst/Mapleton	11204	6.47%	14
Flatlands/Midwood	11210	5.94%	14+
Gerritsen Beach/Homecrest/ Sheepshead Bay	11229	4.36%	11
Kew Gardens	11415	3.81%	14+
Kew Gardens Hills/Pomonok	11367	3.86%	7

The proposal also includes actions in ZIP codes where rates have remained between two and three percent. In these neighborhoods, high-risk activities – like indoor dining, gyms, and indoor and outdoor pools – will be closed starting on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. These areas include:

Neighborhood	ZIP	14-day positivity (as of 10/4)	# days > 3%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (West)/Clinton Hill/Fort Greene	11205	1.94%	0
East Williamsburg/ Williamsburg	11211; 11249	2.18%	0
Brighton Beach/Manhattan Beach/Sheepshead Bay	11235	3.95%	4
Bergen Beach/Flatlands/Marine Park/Mill Basin	11234	2.22%	0
Crown Heights (East)	11213	2.06%	0
Kensington/Windsor Terrace	11218	2.61%	0
Rego Park	11374	3.62%	4
Fresh Meadows/Hillcrest	11366	2.90%	0
Hillcrest/Jamaica Estates/Jamaica Hills	11432	2.25%	0
Auburndale/Fresh Meadows/Pomonok/Utopia	11365	2.04%	0

New York City will continue to distribute thousands of face masks every day. The City will also dedicate over 1,000 city personnel to outreach, education, and inspections of local businesses. Over 2,000 inspections have been conducted to date; 26 violations and 883 warnings have been issued.

The City also announced expanded testing in cluster areas. On Friday, the City conducted nearly 1,900 tests at more than 20 new locations.

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