

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke: “Staying Home Can Save Lives by Stopping the Spread of This Virus”



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To the Good People of Central and South Brooklyn,

The Coronavirus continues to impact our community of Brooklyn and beyond. As of 4:00 p.m. on March 26th, there have been 83,356 cases of COVID-19 in the United States, reported to CDC including 5,705 positive cases in Brooklyn, and 1,246 deaths across America. I ask that all my constituents follow the instructions of our public health officials by practicing social distancing, staying home, sanitizing surfaces in your surroundings, avoiding touching your face and continuously washing your hands.

Staying home can save lives by stopping the spread of this virus, even if you feel healthy. We must each do our part by staying in so that the heroes going to work

each day at essential businesses is not done in vain. I thank each of you for your selfless sacrifice.

I continue to work with our city and state elected officials as we all fight Coronavirus together. In Congress, I am working tirelessly to ensure that our great state receives the necessary resources to combat this global pandemic. I voted for the CARES Act will provide some relief to those whose health is at risk due to COVID-19. The bill is not perfect, but it provides action now during a critical time for our country.

As many of us are now teleworking, home with kids or home to help with our most vulnerable populations, please, remember the importance of the 2020 Census. Our district is one of the hardest-to-count in the country, so it is vital that everyone in our community is counted. Health care resources (like we are seeing with COVID-19) are tied directly to Census population counts.

Census data is collected once every ten years, so, please do your part today so NY-09 has an accurate and complete count for the next decade. I led a letter to the Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross requesting that in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, that he extends the 2020 Census deadline. Thankfully my request was approved and the April 1 deadline was pushed back by two weeks. You can practice social distancing and fill out the Census online at www.mycesus2020.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020.