

RESTORATION

The Board of Directors and Management of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation take seriously the health risks posed by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). As we move forward, Restoration's guiding principle is to prioritize the health and safety of Restoration's employees and the members of the Central Brooklyn community, while continuing to serve as a community resource. Restoration's goal is to serve our many constituents as fully as possible, keeping your safety and well-being at the forefront. In doing so, we will comply with the precautionary measures announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo for all of New York State and regional areas.

Governor Cuomo today announced he is signing the "New York State on PAUSE" executive order, a 10-point policy to assure uniform safety for everyone. It includes a new directive that all non-essential businesses statewide must close in-office personnel functions effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, and temporarily bans all non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason. [More here.](#)

In lieu of this announcement, our services will be provided remotely under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation of social distancing. Community members will be encouraged to call-in for services and/or any questions about Restoration Plaza. Please contact the department/service listed below or you may contact 718-636-6900 where you can be directed to the program or person that you are looking for.

Important COVID-19 Informational Links:

- [Office of the Brooklyn Borough President](#)
- [New York City Health](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [New York State Department of Health](#)
- [NYC Text Updates](#)

Restoration Plaza: Restoration Plaza will remain open until further notice. Many of Restoration's commercial tenants provide essential services, such as the supermarket, financial services and postal service, and are likely to remain open. Restoration Plaza's maintenance staff will intensify cleaning and disinfecting based on CDC recommendations.

RestorationArt and The Billie Holiday Theatre: All arts and culture events and educational programming, including theater productions, Skylight Open, Youth Arts Academy and Black Arts Institute, run by The Billie Holiday Theatre at Restoration or in partnership with neighborhood non-profits and other organizations are temporarily suspended until further notice or, where possible, conducted online. Tickets purchased for upcoming productions through this time frame will be refunded.

Restoration Economic Solutions Center: Whether you are looking to access public benefits or anxious about your finances and family or just need someone to speak to, we are here for you. In the coming days, we will be rolling out an online portal to complete intake forms and schedule appointments. In the meantime, please take a minute to complete our [brief survey](#) so we can see how we might help and support you. Or you may call 718-636-6994, or email services@restorationplaza.org.

- Free Tax Prep Services will be suspended until further notice. We are committed to processing all of the tax returns that have been submitted to date. You will be contacted by phone when it is completed and instructed on how to sign up on your phone to complete the process. Please stay tuned at our website Restorationplaza.org for updates on when we will reopen.

- Financial Empowerment Center will be offered by phone. Please go to the website: nyc.gov/talkmoney to make an appointment, and select Bed Stuy Restoration Corporation as the service provider.

- Our Job Training and Placement team can help you with updating your resume or interview coaching through remote offerings, including telephone appointments, videoconferencing and training sessions. We are also actively working with employers to fill immediate needs for: Maintenance and Environmental Services; Medical staff - all levels and specialties; Security; Dietary Aides and Food Services; Warehouse and Delivery Services. The hiring process for many of these roles have been expedited in light of the urgent situation. For resume/interview consultation and training, please contact fdody@restorationplaza.org; and/or reach Nadine Mullings, Assistant Director, Training and Placement at nmullings@restorationplaza.org or (917) 275-0418 about immediate employment opportunities.

Restoration Brooklyn Business Center: BBC will provide services on a remote basis. Brooklyn Business Center will be working with New York City and New York State to provide emergency services to Brooklyn small businesses. To contact the Brooklyn Business Center please email: Bishara J. Handal at bhandal@restorationplaza.org or Kevin Edwards at kedwards@restorationplaza.org.

Census 2020: Restoration's 2020 Census Project will continue its outreach activities during the coronavirus crisis, but will shift its activities from in-person Teach-ins to activities that can be performed remotely, consistent with the direction of NYS. We will be conducting outreach via phone-banking and text-banking.

Weatherization Assistance Program: Going forward, our work may be impacted by coronavirus constraints. We will keep you updated as NYCHA and other stakeholders provide guidance. WAP is dedicated to completing our WAP work, while providing maximum safety for our workers, contractors and of course - the residents we serve.

Please stay tuned on our website for our current and future slate of online programming. We are committing to being there as Restoration deepens its resolve to be a source of service, normalcy, and resiliency during this time of uncertainty and challenge.

Continue to stay safe and well,

Colvin W. Grannum
President and CEO
Restoration