

May resources and updates

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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

May 2020.....Rutgers University–New Brunswick

During this time, we will use Campus & Community to share information on **community resources and helpful stories** as we all manage in these unprecedented times. In between editions, you can find updated community information on our [Facebook](#) page.

FEATURED STORIES



Below are just a few of the **stories that Rutgers experts have contributed to** in the fight to combat the coronavirus:

- ['Game-changer' Coronavirus Test from Rutgers](#)
- [U.S. Public Firmly Opposed to Reopening Economy Immediately.](#)
- [Rutgers translates COVID-19 information for New Jersey's diverse population](#)
- [How has the pandemic disrupted the grocery store supply chain](#)

RUTGERS RESOURCES

University Information:

- Check [here](#) for the general operating status of Rutgers

University.

- For the status of the many services provided at **Rutgers-New Brunswick**, please go [here](#).
- Rutgers has established a [website](#) with **University-specific updates** on the COVID-19 situation.



Rutgers will hold a **virtual commencement ceremony** May 31 at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be streamed on the university's [commencement website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels, and will feature [award-winning NBC News anchor Lester Holt's](#) address to the graduates from his home studio.

Registration is open, and Rutgers [summer session](#) will **proceed as scheduled** with remote instruction. The only University-sponsored courses/programs/activities that will take place this summer on campus will be done via **remote technology**. There will be no in-person classes, programs, camps, conferences, or other activities through at least August 14.

Resources available:

Rutgers University is offering **phone and telepsychology services** to help members of the community obtain **short-term supportive therapy or facilitate referrals** to therapists in the university's network. More than 180 volunteer licensed mental health providers are offering mental health and autism services to those with or without insurance through the recently created [Psychological Services Network](#).

View episodes of "[What Happens Next](#)," the new video series from Rutgers–New Brunswick that explores **what the world might look like following the COVID-19 pandemic**. For the premiere installment, hear John J. Farmer, Jr., director, [Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University](#) and Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience, share his **unique perspective on the scientific, political, and personal challenges** ahead.

Did you enjoy [Virtual Rutgers Day](#)? If you want to revisit any of the programs or content, you can find them on the Rutgers Day website, including **cooking tutorials, online activities, cupcake decorating, performances, and arts and craft projects**.

[Cook's Market](#), an **open-air farm market** at Rutgers Gardens, remains open on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offers a variety of **local goods, produce, meats, cheeses, and prepared foods**.

Turn your house into an opera house with a **special livestream performance** from singer Eugenia Forteza, class of 2016, lending her beautiful voice to **classics ranging from Mozart to Lerner & Loewe** as part of Mason Gross School of the Arts [House Music](#) series May 7 at 3 p.m.

Get in touch with the natural world around you by participating in the [Personal Bioblitz](#) aimed at getting people to **learn more about life around them**, collect species data for scientists, and promote conservation in an era of rampant habitat destruction.

Are you **discovering the joys of gardening**? Get your green thumb in shape with a variety of courses and plant sales:

- Online [Home Gardeners - Home Edition](#) courses include classes in **Sustainable Beekeeping, Herbs for a Butterfly Garden, Composting, and more**.
- [Earth Day at Home online series](#)

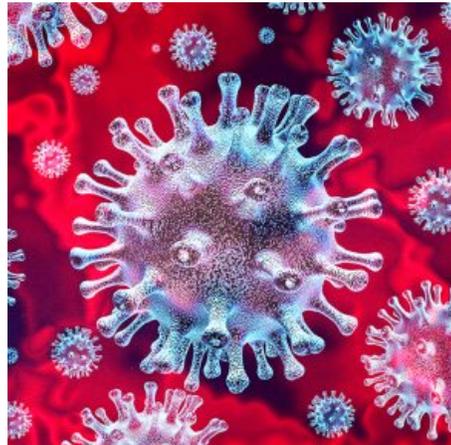
- Now put your skills to the test! [Rutgers Gardens](#) will hold their **annual plant sale** online. Shop from home and then pick up your order in person.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Stay in the know on COVID-19 with updates from our local communities:

- **Middlesex County** COVID-19 [page](#).
- **Piscataway Township** [website](#).
- **The City of New Brunswick** has a [daily podcast](#) on COVID-19 and other topics and has information on their [website](#).

A **by-appointment only, walk-up testing site** for Middlesex County residents has opened at A.C. Redshaw School on Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Those wishing to be tested will be required to [make an appointment](#) beginning **two days before the desired test day**. The site will provide saliva-based test kits.



Looking for work or need to hire workers? The State of New Jersey has launched two new websites to help you in your search. For those looking for work, visit [here](#). For those looking to hire, visit [here](#).

The New Brunswick Free Public Library may be closed for visitors, but it offers many great [online resources](#) available to any Middlesex County library card holder. Check out **books, movies, music, online story time, and more**.

During this unprecedented health crisis, many more Middlesex County residents are in **need of food assistance**. [Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services \(MCFOODS\)](#) is asking for any and all food and financial donations.

A number of **food pantries in New Brunswick** are available for those who are food insecure. The [New Brunswick Community Food Alliance](#) provides a list and hours. Note that this changes frequently in these challenging times, so be sure to contact them to confirm availability.

New Brunswick Tomorrow has established the [New Brunswick Community Response Fund](#). Support of the fund will **help those most vulnerable in our community**, beyond the regular relief programs being offered by the state and federal government, most of which are inaccessible to immigrant community members.

[Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce](#) is offering a **variety of online workshops for managing your business** during the shutdown. Choose from topics such as *Cybersecurity, Virtual Networking, and Covid-19 What Employers Should Know*.

Help the New Jersey community during these difficult times. Consider donating to the [New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund](#).

AROUND TOWN

Local restaurant dining rooms remain closed, but many are offering **take out and delivery options** with special menu items. [New Brunswick City](#)

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Center has a centralized listing for all your take-home dining needs and the **15-minute parking grace period** at metered spots make pick up a breeze!

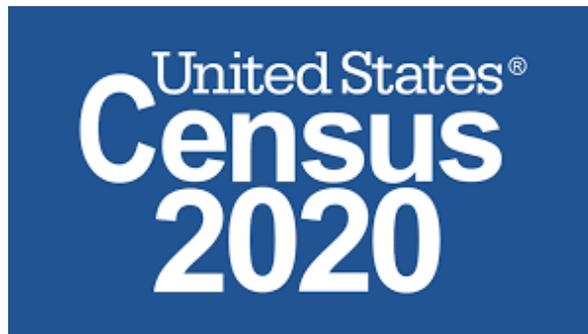
State Theatre New Jersey presents a **Broadway singing contest**. Sing any Broadway song and enter to win two Gold Tickets to all five main Broadway Series shows in the 2020-21 Broadway Series! **Record yourself singing on camera**, put it on YouTube, and submit the link through the theater's website.

Have a story to tell? **coLAB Arts** presents their popular storytelling program, the VOM, in a **series of workshop videos** featuring the theme "Trials and Triumphs."

The **New Brunswick Parking Authority** has a space for you! In anticipation of the reopening of local businesses, purchase a **book of 10 six-hour parking vouchers** for \$49.95. On sale during the month of May and valid for one year.

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Make sure everyone in your residence is counted in the **2020 Census**. Fill it out quickly and easily online, by phone, or by mail.



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