

(3.23.20 - Update from Brown & Weinraub) While doing everything NYS can to respond to the COVID-19, and continuing to request needed federal help, Governor Cuomo is beginning to look beyond the crisis.

Budget - The Governor and Legislature are continuing to negotiate the SFY2020 budget and hope to move toward an on-time or early budget as soon as later this week.

Economic Stimulus – NY FORWARD - Recognizing the negative economic impact of business and other restrictions, the Governor wants NY to be positioned for economic growth post-crisis.

Brown & Weinraub is encouraging clients to think about economic stimulus projects that are shovel-ready and could provide a much-needed economic boost to the state in the coming months. Ideas that engage members of the workforce currently facing unemployment will be particularly helpful. We will share information about NY FORWARD when it is published.

HOW TO HELP: NYS has developed a system to handle offers of donated goods, services, and space; interested donors may use the [New York State COVID-19 Volunteer and Donation Assistance](#) form.

Offers submitted through the form will be reviewed, referred, vetted, accepted, and distributed on a rolling-basis by a multi-agency team. This form will replace the COVID-19 Assistance e-mail address <COVID19Assistance@exec.ny.gov> which served as an interim measure to receive these offers.

While a permanent public health emergency charitable gifts trust fund is being established, direct financial donations can be submitted through HRI using [this form](#). For more information on other assistance efforts, please visit the “[Get Involved: How You Can Help](#)” page.

INFORMATION RESOURCES: According to the Governor’s press release:

New Yorkers can sign up to receive daily email updates on the evolving COVID-19 situation [here](#) and can ask questions about COVID-19 [here](#). New Yorkers can also find more information about the new COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [here](#).

New York State Department of Health's COVID-19 Webpage
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention Webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

Local health department contact information can be found at:
https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/index.htm

Business Council of NYS: <https://www.bcnys.org/managing-coronavirus>