

SAVE ESSENTIAL SERVICES AT KINGSBROOK IN CENTRAL BROOKLYN!

Since June 2021, most inpatient services at Kingsbrook in East Flatbush have closed and some clinics, too. Now the "One Brooklyn Health" safety-net hospital system (Brookdale Hospital, Interfaith and Kingsbrook) wants to close more.

The hospital plans to close the Emergency Room, acute rehabilitation unit and most surviving Kingsbrook services except the nursing home and maybe clinics. But this largely immigrant and Black low-income community has lost too much.

If Kingsbrook's acute rehabilitation unit and wheelchair clinic close, many poorer Brooklyn seniors who have strokes, heart attacks, and more will have to travel to other boros to get intensive rehab and help for complex wheelchair needs, or settle for MUCH less appropriate help nearby.

NY officials say that when hospitals propose service cuts and other changes, a new Health Equity Impact Assessment law means the plans' impact on underserved people will be examined. It gives communities a new tool for input.

Yet none of that review is happening for patients who depend on Kingsbrook.

Please make 2 phone calls to help save valuable services at Kingsbrook + push NY to enforce its new Health Equity law + get community input on hospital plans.

- Call Gov. Hochul's office -- 518-474-8390. Press 1 to leave a message, press 2 to speak to staff.

Call NY State Health Commissioner McDonald's office -- 518-474-2011.

- Give both officials this simple 2-part message:
 - ✓ **DON'T CLOSE the inpatient acute rehab unit + wheelchair clinic at Kingsbrook Hospital.** SAVE them or move them to Brookdale Hospital. (Acute rehab that serves low-income patients is scarce in Brooklyn.)
 - ✓ **There has been no community input or equity assessment.** Don't allow services at Kingsbrook in East Flatbush to be cut or closed without review and input as required in the new state Health Equity Impact law!