City Hall COVID-19 Announcements and Updates – 5/14/2020

Dear Partners:

Today at City Hall, Mayor de Blasio announced the expansion of testing capacity and community testing centers. See below for additional updates on the city’s response to the COVID-19 crisis.

***Please take a few minutes to share these and other announcements/ resources*** below! As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Here’s what you’ll find:

* Share Announcements and Resources
* More New Yorkers Can Get Tested
* Expanding Testing
* Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome
* Protecting Homeless New Yorkers
* Tracking Progress – 3 Indicators
* Additional Resources

**SHARE RESOURCES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **Announcement: More New Yorkers Can Get Tested**
  + **Spread the word with these sample tweets:**

**[1]**

Starting TODAY @NYCMayor announced more New Yorkers can get tested for COVID-19.‬ If you: have symptoms, been in close contact with a COVID-19 patient‬, or work/live in a nursing home, shelter or adult care facility go to nyc.gov/covidtest to find a site near you.

**[2]**

If you have COVID-19 symptoms**,** you’re eligible for COVID-19 testing.‬

If you’ve been in close contact with a patient or spend time in a shelter or any adult care facility, you’re eligible, too — regardless of symptoms. ‬ Go to nyc.gov/covidtest to find a site near you.

* **Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome**
  + NYC families: if your child has persistent fever, rash, abdominal pain, vomiting or other symptoms, call your doctor immediately. If you don’t have a doctor, call 311.
  + Learn more: <https://on.nyc.gov/3fHCFz4>
  + **Share Widely** <https://twitter.com/NYCSchools/status/1260661946589876227>
* **Beginning TODAY (Thursday) we’ll DOUBLE our Open Streets** with 12 more miles for New Yorkers to enjoy safely.
  + Learn more: Nyc.gov/openstreets
  + **Spread the word**: <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1260624294821928961>
* **Pre-K**: 6,000 Pre-K offers have gone out, with 77% of families getting their top choice and 90% receiving one of their top three choices!
  + Seats are still available. It’s not too late. If your child was born in 2016 go to http://myschools.nyc or call 311.
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1260637880847929345>
* **Are you being illegally evicted?** We’re here to help you.
  + Call 311 today for free legal advice and counsel. No citizenship needed. You have rights and we will help you fight for them.
  + **Share the resource:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1260672418298896384>
* **If SCOTUS ends DACA, it'd put ~29k healthcare practitioners nationwide—who are also DACA recipients—at risk of deportation, when hospital systems need them most.** 
  + Need to renew your DACA in NYC? Call 1-800-354-0365 for help renewing your application.
  + **Share the resource:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1260604489842806784>
* **What is recyclable in New York City?** 
  + Check:
    - Our “How to Get Rid of” tool: https://on.nyc.gov/2HIUZcb
    - Our What to Recycle page: <http://on.nyc.gov/what-to-recycle>
    - **Or ask us on Twitter** <https://twitter.com/NYCSanitation/status/1260571081355771904>

**MORE NEW YORKERS CAN GET TESTED**

* **NYC is expanding COVID-19 testing criteria**
* **Seek a COVID-19 test if you:** 
  + Have COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of age, chronic conditions or occupation,
  + Come in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient, regardless of symptoms, or
  + Work in a congregate residential setting (nursing home, shelter, or adult care facility), regardless of symptoms
* **Visit nyc.gov/covidtest to find a community testing site near you**

**EXPANDING TESTING**

* **NYC is Expanding Community Testing**
* Next Week: 2 new site (increasing our total testing capacity to 6,300 per day)
  + New Locations
    - **Manhattan:** Highbridge Recreation Center, Washington Heights
    - **Brooklyn**: 1223 Coney Island Avenue, Midwood
  + Week of May 25: 10 new sites with total testing capacity of 10,700
    - New Locations
      * **Bronx:** 2530 Jerome Avenue, Fordham Manor 778 Forest Avenue, Melrose
      * **Brooklyn** Brooklyn Army Terminal, Sunset Park   
        8511 5th Avenue, Bay Ridge  
        6565 Flatlands Avenue, Canarsie
      * **Manhattan:** 141 East 111th Street, New York, NY 10029,East Harlem
      * **Queens:** 51-30 Northern Boulevard, Woodside
      * **Staten Island :** 100 Luten Avenue, Staten Island, NY, Prince’s Bay  
        57 Cleveland Place, Concord  
        168 Hooker Place, Port Richmond

**PEDIATRIC MULTI-SYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME**

* **Update: 100 cases detected**
  + 55 tested positive for COVID-19 or antibodies
  + 1 fatality
* **Immediate Actions**
  + Weekly PMIS webinars with up to 700 pediatric providers
  + Webinar, targeted daily outreach to the 23 frontline pediatric ICUs in NYC

**PROTECTING HOMELESS NEW YORKERS**

* **328 people engaged last night**
  + 182 people accepted services
  + 149 to shelter
  + 33 to hospital
* **824 unique individuals accepted services in first week** 
  + 201 accepted placement in shelter
  + 103 remain in shelter

**TRACKING PROGRESS**-**3 INDICATORS**

* **People admitted to hospitals for suspected COVID-19**
  + 59 **DOWN**  (78 as of May 11)
* **People currently in H+H ICUs for suspected COVID-19**
  + 517 **DOWN** (561 as of May 11)
* **Percentage of people tested who are positive for COVID-19**
  + Citywide: 11% **DOWN** (13% as of May 11)

*Data for Tuesday, May 12. Published at nyc.gov/coronavirus*

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **For New Yorkers with symptoms or questions about COVID-19, connect to a medical provider**
  + free of charge 9am to 9pm
  + 1-844-NYC-4NYC
* **Fact Sheet: Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome**  <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/covid-19-pmis.pdf>
* **TLC Launches Resource Center** 
  + Legal, Financial and other Services to Hard Hit Drivers https://portal.driverresourcecenter.tlc.nyc.gov
* **NYC LGBTQ COVID guide.**
  + This mobile-accessible website contains nearly 100 listings of LGBTQ+ affirming services still available citywide, including food programs, legal services, health resources & more.
  + Check it out:nyc.gov/lgbtqcovid
* **Renters have rights in New York City and we will help you fight for those rights.**
  + Call 311 if you're having issues. We will provide free legal help regardless of income or immigration status.
  + Spread the word in multiple languages: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1258467271548252161>
* **STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19! LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS AT HOME**
  + English: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer>
  + [Español](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-sp.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Русский](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-ru.pdf" \t "_blank) | [繁體中文](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-ch.pdf" \t "_blank) | [简体中文](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-sc.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Kreyòl ayisyen](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-cr.pdf" \t "_blank) | [한국어](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-ko.pdf) | [বাংলা](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-be.pdf) | [Italiano](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-it.pdf)| [Polski](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-po.pdf) | [العربية](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-ar.pdf) | [Français](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-fr.pdf) | [ײִדיש"](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-yi.pdf) | [اردو](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-ur.pdf) | [فارسى](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-fa.pdf) | [ελληνικά](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-gr.pdf) | [ગુજરાતી](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-gu.pdf) | [עברית](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-he.pdf) | [हिन्दी](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-hi.pdf) |  
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* **NYC Health + Hospitals (H+H) is making hotel rooms available for New Yorkers who may need to self-isolate because they have COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms, but their homes do not allow for them to stay six feet away from others, or they live with someone who is vulnerable.**
  + Download and share the flyer: [English](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-English.pdf) | [Español](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Spanish.pdf) | [Shqip](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Albanian.pdf) | [االعربية](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Arabic.pdf) | [বাংলা](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Bengali.pdf) | [Français](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-French.pdf) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-HaitianCreole.pdf" \t "_blank)| [हिंदी](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Hindi.pdf" \t "_blank) | [한국어](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Korean.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Polski](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Polish.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Русский](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Russian.pdf" \t "_blank) | [简体中文](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-SimplifiedChinese.pdf" \t "_blank) | [繁體中文](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-TraditionalChinese.pdf" \t "_blank) | [اُردُو](https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/05/hotel-awareness-project-Urdu.pdf" \t "_blank)
* **Get Tested in Your Community**
  + Find Community testing sites operated by NYC Health + Hospitals near you: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/covid-testing.page>
* **New York City Department of Probation:**One week of free groceries are available to all New Yorkers in five boroughs at the Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeON) Nutrition Kitchens, in **partnership with the Food Bank of NYC and the NYC Young Men’s Initiative (YMI)**
  + **https://www1.nyc.gov/site/neon/programs/nutrition-kitchen.page**
* **COVID-19 Jobs:** <https://fphnyc.org/about/careers/>
* **Translated COVID-19 Graphics available on our immigrant resource guide page at nyc.gov/immigrants/coronavirus**
* **Pet owner impact by COVID-19** 
  + Call the Pet Hotline at 1-877-204-8821
  + 8 a.m. to 8 p.m, 7 days a week
* **Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19**
  + https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/Student-Loan-Debt-Tips-During-COVID19.page
* **FAQ for Pandemic Unemployment Benefits**
  + https://access.nyc.gov/faq-for-pandemic-unemployment-benefits/
* **Centralized COVID19 page for resources:**
  + Nyc.gov/coronavirus
* **Real-time COVID updates**
  + Text ‘COVID’ to 692692 (NYC-NYC) for real-time updates from NotifyNYC
  + Text ‘COVIDESP’ for updates in Spanish.
  + **Spread the word:**<https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1246476120687398912>
  + English @notifynyc: https://twitter.com/NotifyNYC
  + Chinese @nnycchinese: https://twitter.com/NNYCChinese
  + Spanish @nnycspanish: <https://twitter.com/NNYCSpanish>
* **Confidentially self-report COVID19 status and symptoms**
  + Go to nyc.gov/cv19engagementportal
* **11,000 hotel rooms to help New Yorkers Quarantine**
  + If you’re a healthcare worker and need a hotel nycgov/covid19hotel
* **Free meals are available to every New Yorker at over 400 locations**
  + text ‘NYC FOOD’ or ‘NYC COMIDA’ to 877-877 for more.
  + Learn more: <http://schools.nyc.gov/freemeals>
  + Share: <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1247499166227533825>
  + View the full Twitter thread for translations in multiple languages: https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1246096131680956417?s=20
* **For DACA Recipients**: For help renewing your application call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 (we may even be able to help you out with the renewal fee.
* Share this resource: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1247633689657454593>
* **Attention immigrant New Yorkers: Seek care without fear.**
  + Use of our health services related to #COVID19 will not be considered under the Public Charge rule and will not impact your ability to apply for a green card or citizenship.
  + More info: http://bit.ly/2ic6qcV
  + **Spread the Word:**<https://twitter.com/NYCHealthSystem/status/1251595115677790209?s=20>
* **Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Hotline**
  + If you have questions about immigration or how to access City services during the #COVID19 crisis
  + Call our hotline at 212-788-7654 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday,
  + Email to [AskMOIA@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:AskMOIA@cityhall.nyc.gov)
  + **Spread the word:**<https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1251196907914960904?s=20>
* **Skip the Trip to Access HRA:**
  + To help stop the spread of COVID-19, many HRA locations are consolidating until further notice. We are asking New Yorkers to do everything they can through #AccessHRA or by calling 311.
  + **Spread the Word**: <https://twitter.com/NYCDHS/status/1244720107365990401>
* **Volunteer, donate or partner with NYC:**nyc.gov/helpnow
* **Assistance for Organizations**
  + Including healthcare facilities, small businesses, non-profits and more
  + <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/get-help/organizations.page>
* **Services for Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Survivors**
  + You are not alone. We understand home is not always safe.
  + For services visit nyc.gov/nychope
  + Call NYC’s 24-hour hotline at 1800-621-HOPE or call 911 for emergencies
  + More Resources: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ocdv/get-help/resources-for-survivors-during-covid-19.page>
* **Freelancers in NYC:** If you're facing nonpayment issues, file a complaint:
  + **Learn more:** https://on.nyc.gov/34hE22g
* **It's ILLEGAL for stores to overcharge you.**
  + If you think a store excessively increased the price of items needed to prevent or limit the spread of or treat COVID19 you can:
    - file a complaint at http://on.nyc.gov/overcharge
    - call 311 and say “Overcharge.”
    - Learn more: <http://on.nyc.gov/39D7Pnj>
    - Share in multiple languages: [https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1247192425061326852?s=20](https://cityhallmail.nyc.gov/owa/redir.aspx?C=0MvkAujzdvD4lejFwd2W0puLQjxb8LS8-amhkUPVMHGYNXs5WdrXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2ftwitter.com%2fNYCImmigrants%2fstatus%2f1247192425061326852%3fs%3d20)
* **New webpage full of resources for New Yorkers with Disabilities during COVID-19.** For information on Food/Supply Delivery, Social Security/Medicaid Benefits, Home Healthcare Services and more
  + visit: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/covid-19-resources-for-people-with-disabilities.page>
* **Donate money, medical supplies or Personal Protective Equipment  for front line workers**
  + <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/give-help/donate.page>
* **Affected by COVID19? Find out what benefits you may qualify for and more**
  + English <https://access.nyc.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>
  + More resources are here as well: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/get-help/individuals.page>
* **Has your financial situation changed due to #COVID19**?
  + NYC Financial Empowerment Center counselors are available to support you over the phone with free financial counseling – it’s secure and confidential.
  + Book an appointment at http://nyc.gov/TalkMoney
* **Mental Health Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home**
  + Resources and a 24/7 hotline at nyc.gov/nycwell
  + A free resource guide for all New Yorkers as well as services tailored to the needs of aging New Yorkers, veterans, students and young people, and people harmed by violence, crime or abuse : <https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us/mental_health_support_while_home>
* **Stop the spread of misinformation about COVID19 and stand against stigma.**
  + If you have been harassed or discriminated against due to race, national origin, age, or disability, contact NYC Commission on Human Rights by calling 311.
  + Call 911 if you are a victim of or witness a hate crime.
  + Head to http://nyc.gov/stopcovidhate
  + Spread the word: https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1247559624951300097?s=20
* **Many city services are available to all New Yorkers no matter what your immigration status is and regardless of your ability to pay.**
  + Visit the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs’ COVID-19 resource guide for immigrant communities during the COVID-19 pandemic
  + Information is available in multiple languages: nyc.gov/immigrants/coronavirus
* **To access SNAP online ordering**
  + Go to<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/snap-online-shopping.page>
* **COVID-19 Resources for NYCHA residents**
  + Go to [http://on.nyc.gov/nycha-covid-19-resources](https://cityhallmail.nyc.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=eHtcYPghJyNKhdZaNz8hE0p7GIJVxigEEnXoVdAdTWx-uceg0NvXCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fon.nyc.gov%2fnycha-covid-19-resources)
* **If you believe an employer is violating either existing labor laws or recently issued executive orders:**
  + Contact 311 or the New York State Attorney General at (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov to report them.
  + Learn more: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/workers/worker-rights.page>
* **Learn more about COVID-19, or coronavirus, in American Sign Language**.
  + Share this video to remind New Yorkers to make a plan, gather supplies, and stay informed with @NotifyNYC: <https://twitter.com/nycemergencymgt/status/1245797559572062210?s=20>
* **NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal**  
  The City of New York is hiring licensed TLC drivers to deliver food to New Yorkers in need during the COVID-19 crisis.
  + Learn more or Sign up:  
    <https://cv19engagementportal.cityofnewyork.us/#/display/5e7634997ad67502161607c2>
* **We've released a Work from Home Toolkit to help New Yorkers make the most of working from home**.
  + **Check it out**<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/cto/#/toolkit/working-from-home>
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYC_CTO/status/1251138741906915329>
* **DOE Graphics Library**
  + A collection of graphics on the DOE's recent announcements that can be shared with families and educators, in all 9 DOE languages.
  + <https://infohub.nyced.org/in-our-schools/translations/graphics-library>
* **Remote Learning:**
  + You can request to have an internet-enabled device delivered to your home
  + Fill out a device request form at coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices or call 311 for support
  + For more information about remote learning, activities for students, and technical support go to schools.nyc.gov/LearnAtHome
  + Take our remote learning survey: <https://twitter.com/NYCSchools/status/1252597483575939074?s=20>
* **Housing Court**
  + is closed for most non-essential matters and that all pending proceedings are being administratively adjourned
  + New York City Housing Court are now only open for essential cases permitted by the court, such as landlord lockouts, serious housing code violations, and requests for emergency repairs orders. Other Housing Court cases are on hold.
    - Know that since March 16, 2020, all eviction proceedings in New York City are suspended indefinitely. For more information, please visit the NYC Department of Investigation (DOI).
    - Anyone with knowledge of City marshals attempting to execute on warrants of eviction can report this activity by calling DOI's Bureau of City Marshals at 212-825-5953.
    - Call 311 or fill out the Mayor’s Office to Protect Tenants Contact Us form if you are being threatened with eviction, harassment or need emergency help.
* **COVID-19 and Poison Prevention: Staying Safe While Staying Home**
  + You can find guidance with translations here: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/poison-control.page