City Hall Announcements Digest – April 19th, 2020

Dear Partners:

See below updates from Mayor de Blasio about the city’s COVID-19 response.

***Please take a few minutes to share the announcements and resources*** below and reach out with any questions or concerns.

Here’s what’s below:

* Share Announcements and Resources
* Medical Staff Support
* Donate Plasma – Help Save Lives
* Social Distancing Enforcement
* Tracking Progress
* Additional Resources

**SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES**

* **April 19th Message from the Mayor:**
  + The COVID-19 crisis is taking a toll on our city — including on our mental health. But remember you're not alone. Help is standing by at 1-888-NYC-Well.
  + Ask your questions using the hashtag #AskMyMayor
  + **Watch:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1251858851198091267>
* NYC asks affordable housing developers to house more homeless New Yorkers
  + Read: <https://ny.curbed.com/2020/4/17/21225180/nyc-affordable-housing-homeless-buildings>
* **No one will go hungry during this crisis.**
  + The Kingsbridge Armory is being used as a temporary food distribution center, with our TLC licensed drivers bringing meals to the New Yorkers who are most at risk
    - **Check it out**: <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1251532805538033665>
* **Statement from the mayor on the proposed stimulus package**
  + Read: <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1251564528749379586>
  + **Share this sample tweet:**

There’s no national recovery without our cities. I join @NYCMayor in calling for the federal government to do its part. We support the Pelosi/Schumer proposals and support getting our cities back to work!

* **Announcement: Mayor de Blasio announced an expansion of testing for essential workers in the hardest-hit communities.**
  + Call 1-888-ONEMED1 OR go to onemedical.com and use code NYCCARE30
  + **Spread the Word with this sample tweet:**

.@NYCMayor announces an expansion of coronavirus testing within low income communities of color. We have to do EVERYTHING we can to combat the inequalities COVID-19 brings to light and this is how you do that. Go to <https://www.onemedical.com/coronavirus/> and use code NYCCARE30

* **No one is to blame for COVID-19.** It’s unacceptable to discriminate against Asian New Yorkers ever and especially not when we all need to support each other.
  + If you experience or witness bigotry, report it: http://nyc.gov/stopcovidhate
  + **Share the message:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1251604811251843073>
* **Mental Health Support:** While we're staying home, all New Yorkers can access a range of free mental health services by phone or online, regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status
  + <https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us/mental_health_support_while_home>
  + **Spread the Word:** <https://twitter.com/MentalHealthNYC/status/1245380724645036038>
* **We're starting a $170 million initiative to make sure NO New Yorker goes hungry**.
  + We're also investing $**50 million into an emergency food reserve** so we can purchase and store 18 million shelf stable meals.
  + We expect to provide **10 million free meals to New Yorkers in April alone.** And for seniors and vulnerable New Yorkers, we’re delivering to their door.
  + **More than 11,000 taxi and for-hire drivers have signed up to deliver free meals** for the
  + Read the plan now: <http://nyc.gov/feedingnyc>
  + **If you need food,** go to [http://nyc.gov/getfood or call 311](http://nyc.gov/getfood%20or%20call%20311).
  + **Spread the word to everyone you know that your city is here to help:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1250495397212172288>
* **Help us serve those most in need!**
  + If you want non-COVID related city services please visit http://NYC.gov/311, text us at 311-692, tweet at us, use our app: http://on.nyc.gov/311MobileApp, call after 7:00 PM, or call weekends.
  + See all the ways to reach us: <http://on.nyc.gov/AboutNYC311>
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/nyc311/status/1251214084281970688>

**MEDICAL STAFF SUPPORT**

* Connected over 1,400 volunteers to over 40 hospitals and over 40 nursing homes across to date
* NEXT: Surge Medical Personnel to Independent Hospitals
  + Along with public hospitals, independent hospitals are on front lines caring for hardest-hit communities
  + Estimated need: at least 600 medical personnel across 11 independent hospitals
  + Prioritized placement of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers
  + City will deploy contracted healthcare personnel to fill any remaining need
* **Military Medical Support for Our Frontline Workers**
* 535 military nurses, respiratory therapists, physicians assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists at H+H
* Elmhurst: Navy and Army
* Queens: Air Force and Army
* Bellevue: Navy
* Woodhull: Navy
* Kings County: Navy
* Lincoln**:** Airy Force and Army
* Jacobi:Air Force and Army
* Harlem:Army
* Coney Island**:** Army
* North Central Bronx: Navy

**DONATE PLASMA HELP SAVE LIVES**

**New York Blood Center and H+H Needs YOUR Help**

* Plasma from people who have recovered from COVID-19 has been used by H+H to successfully to help patients recover
* H+H participating in trials using plasma to improve COVID-19 care
* Visit nybc.org/covidplasma to schedule an appointment and donate today

**SOCIAL DISTANCING ENFORCEMENT**

**Citywide Social Distancing Enforcement Blitz**

* As weather gets nicer, remember to stay home and do your part
* NYPD and Parks stepping up enforcement citywide, targeting hotspots for complaints and non-compliance
* Fines up to $1,000
* **Text photos to 311-692 or use the 311 app to report social distancing complaints**

**TRACKING PROGRESS**

**3 INDICATORS**

* People admitted to hospitals for suspected COVID-19
  + 317 down (261 as of April 16)
* People currently in H+H ICUs for suspected COVID-19
  + 849 down(880 as of April 16)
* Percentage of people tested who are positive for COVID-19
  + Citywide: 38% down(42% as of April 16)
  + Public Health Lab: 84% up(72% as of April 16)

*Data for Friday April 17. Published at nyc.gov/coronavirus*

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **11,000 hotel rooms to help New Yorkers Quarantine**
  + If you’re a healthcare worker and need a hotel nycgov/covid19hotel
* **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>
* We are faced with an unprecedented crisis in New York City, but we will spare no expense when it comes to the health, safety, food and housing our residents depend on. Here's a look at the
  + **Read our Executive Budget**: <http://on.nyc.gov/executivebudget>
* **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
* **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
* **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
* **Centralized COVID19 page for resources:** 
  + Nyc.gov/coronavirus
* **Assistance for Organizations** 
  + Including healthcare facilities, small businesses, non-profits and more
  + <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/get-help/organizations.page>
  + Small Business Loan info: [https://access.nyc.gov/sba-loan-announcement/](https://cityhallmail.nyc.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=QKHh4Xbl__sKt5OXdvqn6naslOL4tMel-EUxwn3xUjA4LqhG2tvXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2faccess.nyc.gov%2fsba-loan-announcement%2f)
* **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 1800-621-4673 or call 911 for emergencies
* **Immigrant New Yorkers: Seek care without fear.** Use of 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://NYC.gov/PublicCharge>
    - **Spread the word in 24 languages**[https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1248339648478396419?s=20](https://cityhallmail.nyc.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=tXOPADbhPA4yQCoKV9fVKnZJs31deBUkjUQR4-YsZBdWu8QQiN3XCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2ftwitter.com%2fNYCImmigrants%2fstatus%2f1248339648478396419%3fs%3d20)
* **Freelancers in NYC:** If you're facing nonpayment issues, file a complaint:
  + **Learn more:** https://on.nyc.gov/34hE22g
* **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
* **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
* **All New York City playgrounds are closed until further notice.**
  + Share thread in multiple languages: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1245796890131812352>
* **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.
  + Spread the word: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1247554639874097153?s=20>
* **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>
* **We’re more committed than ever to expanding language access and ensuring COVID-19 related information is available to all our communities.**
  + Learn More: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1245789711286833152?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>

* **NYC Mayor’s Office of Media & Entertainment COVID19 Business Impact Survey**

Do you own or have primary responsibility for running a commercial business in media and entertainment (film, television, music, theater, advertising, gaming, or publishing)?

* + please fill this short survey <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDak89L6tXsDHzMu6bHZ44r-45f65ddinKQgz-2Qb033_QfQ/viewform>
* **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>