Dear Partners:

See below updates from Mayor de Blasio on the city’s response to the COVID-19 crisis. Please take a minute to look at latest announcements for safe streets, a fair recovery, and plans to hire 1,000 contact tracers.

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

Here’s what you’ll find:

* Share announcements and resources
* Testing Updates
* Self-Swab Testing
* Contact Tracing Jobs (go to fphnyc.org)
* Alternate-Side Parking
* Citywide Safe Streets for Social Distancing
* Additional Resources

**SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES**

* **Announcement: City-Wide Safe Streets for Social Distancing**
	+ **Read more:**<https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1254793900008583169>
	+ **Spread the word with these sample tweets:**

**[1]**
.@NYCMayor’s announced the Pedestrian Relief Streets plan! Together we can keep our city safe and our neighbors healthy. I applaud him working with @NYCSpeakerCoJo and the @NYCouncil to get this done

**[2]**

.@NYCMayor is working with @NYCouncil on a COVID19 Safe Streets Plan. Together they'll keep us safe by prioritizing hardest-hit communities, expand streets within and adjacent to parks and more!

* **Announcement: Mayor de Blasio announced the Fair Recovery For All plan**
	+ **Read more:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1254475670287237121>
	+ **Spread the word with these Sample Tweets**

**[1]**

With the Fair Recovery for All plan @NYCMayor is ensuring recovery is fair for ALL New Yorkers by addressing structural economic and racial inequality head on. THIS is how you combat the disparities COVID-19 has brought to light.

**[2]**

Recovery won't be possible without addressing the structural economic and racial inequalities brought to light by COVID-19. That's what @NYCMayor is doing in New York City.

* **Announcement: the City of New York plans to hire 1,000 contact tracers immediately.**
	+ Learn more at <http://fphnyc.org>.
	+ **Spread the word**: <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1254773473714401281>
* **Fight fear of COVID-19 with facts. We must not stigmatize people based on race, national origin, age, or disability.**
	+ Call 311 to report harassment or discrimination. Call 911 if you are a victim of or witness a hate crime.
	+ **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1247559624951300097?s=20>
* **The Mayors Fund is raising money to make sure there is always #FoodForHeroes.**
	+ Go to http://nyc.gov/fund to donate to our heroes!
	+ **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1254499822595387394>
* **Social distancing is working. Stay six feet away from others wherever you go, and we’ll save lives.**
	+ **Share the message:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1254472058114904064>
* **Yemini American Merchants Association Virtual Town Hall**
	+ Learn More: https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1254785566878560258?s=20
	+ Streaming live at 5 PM: http://facebook.com/OfficialYAMAUSA

* **APA Task Force: Let's talk about anti-Asian racism in NYC. Tonight at 8pm,**
	+ Learn More https://twitter.com/ApaTaskforce/status/1254752162606956544?s=20
	+ Join to ask them questions! http://bit.ly/weeklytownhall

**TESTING UPDATES**

* **Community Testing: 8 Sites Now Open**
	+ 5,054 people tested since April 17
* **One Medical: 5 Sites Now Open**
	+ 2,621 people tested since April 20

**SELF-SWAB TESTING**

* New method allows patients to administer samples themselves at testing sites, supervised by medical personnel
* It’s SAFER and FASTER
* BEFORE Self-Swab Testing
	+ Required direct exposure between health care worker and patient, putting both at higher-risk
* NOW With Self-Swab Testing
	+ Healthcare worker handles sample indirectly, at a safe distance from patient
* Implementing at H+H sites over next few days
* Self-Swab method will help the City expand capacity
* New method will increase capacity of tests at sites from up to 15 per hour to up to 20 per hour
* We need private labs to step up and process self-swab tests

**CONTACT TRACING JOBS**

* NYC hiring 1,000 Contact Tracers Immediately
	+ Help trace, isolate and support all New Yorkers with confirmed COVID-19
	+ Requires background in health
	+ Interview and identify contacts, connect them to isolation and support
* Jobs posted at fphnyc.org

**ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING**

* Alternate Side Parking Suspended for the Next Two Weeks
	+ Suspension extended through Tuesday, May 12

**CITYWIDE SAFE STREETS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING**

* Goal: Minimum 40 miles over next month, up to 100 miles during COVID-19 crisis
* Working with Speaker and Council to identify locations
	+ Prioritize hardest-hit communities
	+ Streets within and adjacent to parks
* Expanded sidewalks
* Community relief streets
* Early action bike lanes

**TRACKING PROGRESS - 3 INDICATORS**

* People admitted to hospitals for suspected COVID-19
	+ 122 **DOWN** (144 as of April 24)
* People currently in H+H ICUs for suspected COVID-19
	+ 766 **DOWN**  (768 as of April 24)
* Percentage of people tested who are positive for COVID-19
	+ Citywide: 29% = (29% as of April 24)
	+ Public Health Lab: 55% **UP**(46% as of April 24)

*Data for Saturday, April 25. Published at nyc.gov/coronavirus*

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **Testing Sites Citywide for people most at risk**
	+ Open to 1199 workers, health care workers, and residents over 65
	+ Call 1-888-OneMED1 or go to onemedical.com and use the code NYCCARE30
* **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
	+ **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 1800-621-4673 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/NYCImmigrants/status/1247554639874097153?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.