City Hall Announcements Digest – April 20th, 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
* PPE and Supply Update
* Emergency Medical Services Rebound
* FEMA Ambulances
* Event Cancellations
* Tracking Progress – 3 Indicators
* Additional Resources

**SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES**

* **April 20th Message from the Mayor:** 
  + Congress could vote on the next stimulus package this week. Guess how much direct aid Donald Trump and the Senate Republicans have put aside for NYC, the epicenter of this crisis? Nothing.
  + **Listen to the Mayor’s message:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1252220472407851009>
  + Ask your questions using the hastag #AskMyMayor
* **Support our EMTs on the front lines of our crises:**
  + **Share these sample tweets:**

**[1]**

Our EMTs are on the front lines of this crisis — we have to stand with them. Thank you @NYCMayor for securing 790 additional paramedics and personnel to back up our hometown heroes.

**[2]**

New York’s Best are proving their name every single day. We’re standing with our EMTs and paramedics in this crisis.

* **BIG NEWS: HPD is asking our affordable housing partners to dedicate more units to homeless New Yorkers.** New Yorkers need a stable roof over their heads now more than ever.
  + Read about it: <https://ny.curbed.com/2020/4/17/21225180/nyc-affordable-housing-homeless-buildings>
  + **Share the news:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1251956231331143680>
* **Food is available for ALL who need it in New York City.**
  + 3 Meals a day, Monday-Friday
  + 7:30am-11:30pm for kids
  + 11:30am-1:30pm for adults
  + Find a location near you: <http://schools.nyc.gov/freemeals>
  + **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1251932524634411010>
* **All Essential City Workers Must Wear Face Coverings; Apply for a Job: No Medical Background Required**
  + **Read and spread the word in multiple languages:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1251610140157120517>
* **We are expanding COVID-19 testing within low income communities of color.** 
  + Go to [https://on.nyc.gov/3biGjgn and use code NYCCARE30](https://on.nyc.gov/3biGjgn%20and%20use%20code%20NYCCARE30)
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCDHS/status/1252260087281975298>
* **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>
* **Help your Neighbors and Make Money too. Calling drivers: we need your help in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens!**
  + Pay is $15/hour, plus mileage and toll reimbursement
  + Sign up at http://nyc.gov/deliverytlc. Online registration is first come, first served.
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/nyctaxi/status/1251853936539172864>
* **NYC’s First Lady, Chirlane McCray recently participated in a virtual demo of the evidence-based Tai Chi for Arthritis program.**
  + **Watch and Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCFirstLady/status/1252221986392211458>
* **Be a hero — STAY HOME.**
  + Staying inside during the COVID-19 crisis means you're protecting your vulnerable friends, family and neighbors. It's the most important thing you can do for the people you care about.
  + Learn more at <http://nyc.gov/coronavirus>
  + **Share the message:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1251941188090892292>
* **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>

**PPE AND SUPPLY UPDATE**

**Where We Are Today**

* Face Shields, N95, Surgical Masks, Gloves: sufficient for coming week at crisis standard
* Ventilators: sufficient for coming week

**What We Need: Surgical Gowns and Gown Alternatives**

* Distributing what we have across the entire system
* Struggling to fulfill current week’s need
* Sourcing all viable alternatives
* Federal help secured working with White House
  + Fabric to support local manufacture of 400,000 gowns by May 23, 40,000 done this week
  + 265,000 Tyvek suits delivered over the weekend

**Seeking Help from Federal Government and States**

* Urging federal government to provide more
* Urging states with stockpiles of gowns or fabric to support NYC

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REBOUND**

**Medical Emergencies (Trend DOWN)**

* Peak: 6,527 (March 30)
* April 18: 3,485
* 2019 Daily Average: 4,196

**EMS Response Times for Serious Medical Calls (Trend DOWN)**

* March average: 10:08
* April to date average: 8:46
* April 18: 6:43

**FDNY Personnel on Sick Leave (Trend DOWN)**

* Fire: 12.8% on sick leave, down from 17% at peak, 1,446 returned to service
* EMS: 17.5% on sick leave, down from 25% at peak, 928 returned to service

**FEMA AMBULANCES**

* 350 Ambulances from Across the Country Now In NYC
* 100 arrived last week, up from 250
* Total 790 EMTs and paramedics
* Representing 19 states
* Extending First Rotation Additional 30 Days Past April 28

**EVENT CANCELLATIONS**

**Canceled: All Non-Essential Permitted Events in June**

* Parades, concerts, rallies, large gatherings
* Cooperating with organizers of Pride March, Puerto Rican Day and Celebrate Israel parades

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

**People admitted to hospitals for suspected COVID-19**

* 212 **DOWN** (317 as of April 17)

**People currently in H+H ICUs for suspected COVID-19**

* 853  **UP** (849 as of April 17)

**Percentage of people tested who are positive for COVID-19**

* Citywide: 34% **DOWN** (38% as of April 17)
* Public Health Lab: 67% **DOWN** (84% as of April 17)

*Data for Saturday, April 18. 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>
* **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.
  + 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>
* **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>