City Hall COVID-19 Announcements and Updates – 5/08/2020

Dear Partners:

Today at City Hall the Mayor provided 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
* Tracking Progress – 3 Indicators
* Launching the Test and Trace Corps
* Protecting Homeless New Yorkers
* Social Distancing in Parks
* Additional Resources

**SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES**

* **Tele-medicine is saving lives**.
  + If you’re having symptoms and have nowhere to turn, call 844-NYC-4NYC..
  + **Share the resource** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1258482945238671366>
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* **Yesterday, the Mayor announced a Domestic and Gender Based Violence COVID-19 Response Work** **Group to identify & respond to specific challenges during this unprecedented crisis.**
  + The 24/7 Violence Hotline is standing by: 1-800-621-4673
  + **Share this resource**:<https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1258399722676662279>
* **Census 2020:** The only way YOUR community gets the programs and funding it deserves is through an accurate census count.
  + Go to http://my2020census.gov to get counted.
  + **Watch Alicia Keys on why the census is so important**: <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1258473531601571843>
  + **Spread the word about the census in multiple languages:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1258478127522725890?s=20>
* **New York State will extend the moratorium on evictions for those facing COVID-related hardship until August 20.**
  + Thank you Governor Cuomo for heeding the call. Now’s the time to go even further. Tenants are hurting. We need to let every New Yorker who needs it to be able to defer rent payments for up to 12 months.
  + **Share the news and retweet if you agree:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1258436066035539974>
* **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.
  + **Share the resource in multiple languages:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1258467250782253057>
* **Nonprofit Providers Needed for GetFood Delivery Assistance Program**
  + Visit nyc.gov/nonprofits to learn more
  + **Spread the word in multiple languages:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1257673411926556672>
* **New York City is distributing free face coverings in parks across the city!** 
  + Find out where you can get yours at <http://nyc.gov/facecoverings>
  + **Spread the word in multiple languages**: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1258424959216615424>
* **We have to stay home, but that doesn’t mean the learning will stop.**
  + If you need a device for remote learning, call 311 or go to https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices to request one!
  + **Share the resource:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1258550934617161728>
* **Funding Opportunity:** Up to $10,000 in funding from NYC Service is available for community-based organizations supporting in #COVID19 relief!
  + Apply online by 5/11 at 5 PM <https://bit.ly/civic-impact-funding>
  + **Share the opportunity:** <https://twitter.com/NYCService/status/1258484837524090881>
* **Immigrant Workers Know Your Rights**
  + If you work in New York City, you have rights regardless of immigration status, national origin, or country of origin.
  + Learn more about immigrant workers’ rights <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/programs/social-economic/immigrant-workers.page>
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/nycpa/status/1258506476705869825>
* **NYC Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Carmelyn Malalis’ talks about her experiences:**
  + "As a queer woman of color and the daughter of immigrants, I’m not the typical image of someone leading a government agency," she says.
  + **Share**: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1250488811101892608>
* **COVID-19 has proven that we MUST come together around the world to address the dangers to health and safety from climate change**.
  + We’re living through what happens when our country isn’t prepared. If we don’t work together, global warming will overtake us
  + **Share the message:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1258441350116184064>
* **Story time!** NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray reads The Don’t Worry Book, written and illustrated by Todd Parr.
  + **Watch and Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCFirstLady/status/1258484854838169603>
* **Retweet if you think the 1 percent AREN’T the ones who need a bailout.**
  + **Show your support:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1258447398860398592>

**Tracking Progress- 3 Indicators**

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS -- SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASES**

* 102 **UP** from 79 as of May 5
* Trend: **DOWN** 855 As of 4/9

**H+H CRITICAL CARE (ICU) PATIENTS**

* 568 **UP** from 567 as of May 5
* Trend: **DOWN** 887 as of April 14

**PERCENT OF NYC RESIDENTS WHO TESTED POSITIVE**

* 14% **DOWN** from 16% as of May 5
* Trend: **DOWN** (71% at the end of March)

**LAUNCHING THE TEST & TRACE CORPS**

* The Test and Trace Corps is being formed to suppress the spread of COVID-19 as NYC prepares to enter “low-level transmission”
* The Corps will focus on preventing infection even as social distancing measures are adjusted
* **LEADERSHIP**
  + **Dr. Ted Long**, Executive Director
  + **Jackie Bray**, Deputy Executive Director
  + **Dr. Andrew Wallach**, Chief Medical Officer
  + **Dr. Jay Varma**, Senior Advisor for Public Health
  + **Dr. Demetre Daskalakis**, DOHMH Deputy Commissioner of Disease Control
* **MISSION** 
  + **The Test and Trace Corps will implement NYC’s fight to suppress COVID-19**
  + The corps is tasked with **testing** New Yorkers for infection, **tracing all cases and contacts**, and **supporting and caring** for cases and their contacts
  + By May, the unit will house and deploy **1,000** public health foot soldiers to investigate cases, trace contacts, monitor contacts and manage all case data and inquiries -- with **2,500** by June
  + **Nearly 7,000 applications have already been received and are being evaluated for hiring**
  + NYC will utilize the Johns Hopkins University COVID-19/Contact Tracing Training, sponsored by Bloomberg Philanthropies, for all applicants who are being considered for contact tracing jobs
  + NYC is partnering with **Salesforce** to deploy a fully integrated call center, customer relationship and case management system designed to support citywide test and trace efforts .Test and Trace Corps will deploy Salesforce June 1st
  + **ISOLATION AND CARE**
    - **The Corps will provide hotel rooms for any New Yorkers requiring isolation and monitoring**
    - By June, 1,200 hotel rooms with monitoring and supervision will be online
    - Appropriate social service, wrap around service, and clinical services provided onsite

**PROTECTING HOMELESS NEW YORKERS**

* 269 people engaged last night
* 163 people accepted services
  + 148 to shelter
  + 15 to hospital

**SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PARKS**

* **The City will increase social distancing in parks that have a mix of tight spaces and large crowds**
* The City will limit capacity at **Hudson River Park Piers 45 and 46**
* And will increase NYPD presence and closely monitor **Domino Park**

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **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) |  
    [日本語](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-jp.pdf) | [Português](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-pt.pdf) | [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ(India)](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-pbi.pdf) | [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ(Pakistan)](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-pbp.pdf) | [Tagalog](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-tg.pdf) | [ไทย](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-th.pdf) | [བོད་པ་](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/health-disparities-flyer-tb.pdf)
* **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 1800-621-4673 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/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