Mayor Announcements Digest 4/6/2020

Dear Partners:

Today, Mayor Bill de Blasio visited the Brooklyn Navy Yard where manufacturers are making surgical gowns to keep our healthcare workers safe. The City is working with manufactures to create production lines for protective equipment critical in the fight against COVID-19. Public hospitals have at least a week’s worth of gowns to protect their workers, but private hospitals and nursing homes are running low. Every piece of equipment counts in the fight to save the lives of New Yorkers.

See below more COVID19 updates from the Mayor. Please take a few minutes to share the resources below and reach out with any questions or concerns.

Here’s what you’ll find:

* Share Resources and Announcements
* Supply Production
* Safe Streets Pilot Update
* Dog Runs
* Additional Resources

**SHARE RESOURCES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Message from the Mayor:**

* How will we vote with a pandemic going on? When will you actually get your stimulus check? There are a lot of questions New Yorkers have right now. Fortunately, your city is here to help get you the answers.
* Ask YOUR questions by using the hashtag #AskMyMayor.
* **Watch and Share on** [Twitter](https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1247147043065225218), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NYCMayor/videos/2281155952181063), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXMNqsFyM2M), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-o6RD9pG93/)

**We have expanded free meals to EVERY New Yorker!**

* Over 400 locations offer three free meals Monday to Friday. Kids pick up 7:30 am—11:30 am. Adults pick up 11:30 am—1:30 pm.
* Go to <http://schools.nyc.gov/freemeals>;Text ‘NYC FOOD’ or ‘NYC COMIDA’ to 877-877 to find a location.
* **Share:**  <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1247156471575519232>

**DONATE:** To anyone out there who can help, please, we need you.

* We need supplies, we need medical personnel to come forward. We need so much support to get through this crisis.
* Go to [http://nyc.gov/helpnow or call 833-NYC-0040](http://nyc.gov/helpnow%20or%20call%20833-NYC-0040).
* **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1246930683072831488>

**Discrimination is not acceptable**

* It is inaccurate and prejudiced to call the coronavirus the “China virus” or “Wuhan virus.” This virus knows no ethnicity, age or gender, and endangers the well-being of Asian Americans.
  + Read the NYT Article: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/29/us/politics/coronavirus-asian-americans.html>
  + Share: <https://twitter.com/NYCFirstLady/status/1246899458656407553>
* Watch:Anna Martinez, the Managing Director for Project Equal Access at the Commission, has a message for all New Yorkers about communities facing heightened levels of discrimination and harassment as a result of COVID19 stigma:
  + <https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1246117847639764993>

**People who do not show symptoms may still be able to spread COVID19.**

* Use these tips for face coverings to slow the spread of the disease: Make sure it covers your nose and mouth, wear one whenever you leave home, Do NOT use health care worker masks
* Learn more: <https://on.nyc.gov/covid19prevention>
* **Share widely:** <https://twitter.com/nycHealthy/status/1247201190745706498?s=20>

**SUPPLY PRODUCTION**

* Today, Mayor de Blasio visited a production line run by Crye Precision, a design and manufacturing company based in the Brooklyn Navy Yard that is producing gowns with the help of women’s wear brand Lafayette 148 and other sewing shops at the Yard.
  + **~300,000 gowns will be produced by the end of April by factories across the City.**
* Last week, Adafruit, a Manhattan-based company that makes machine components; Makerspace NYC, a community workspace for industrial manufacturing at Brooklyn Army Terminal; Bednark Studios, a custom fabrication company at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; and Duggal Digital Solutions, a custom printing company, **produced and distributed 127,000 face shields to the Department of Health**. **Over the next three months, local industrial firms will manufacture up to 1.5 million face shields.**
* In March, the New York City Economic Development Corporation began [coordinating](https://cityhallmail.nyc.gov/owa/redir.aspx?C=We74yqE1cI4QV_-oGcSHmVdBwUInTMjJORw8UiDpsMTcM6tfPtrXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fedc.nyc%2fcovid-19-emergency-supply-sourcing-manufacturing) with local businesses to manufacture needed medical supplies at scale as part of the COVID-19 emergency response.
* The Administration facilitates coordination with the Department of Health to ensure products meet the City’s safety standards and protocols.
* **The City has received over 2,000 responses so far to its call for local production.**

**SAFE STREETS PILOT UPDATE**

* Last night, the Administration reached a decision to suspend the safe streets pilot.
* This is a part of our ongoing effort to use City resources wisely to promote social distancing.
* Over the past two weeks, overcrowding was not an issue, but we did not observe enough people utilizing the open space to justify the presence of the over 80 members of the NYPD across the four sites.
* We are still open to reviewing other innovative ways to open public space to New Yorkers and may adjust course as this situation evolves.

**DOG RUNS**

* Today, NYC Parks is closing dog runs as a part of ongoing efforts to maintain social distancing in public spaces.
* The City has been monitoring parks closely, and has observed overcrowding at dog runs and received numerous complaints.
* This week, NYC Parks will also remove any remaining basketball rims and tennis nets and lock up all courts with a gate, including handball courts.
* On Friday, the City closed all playgrounds. Our parks remain open for the people, and dogs, to enjoy, but it is essential to maintain social distancing.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **FYI: New York State on PAUSE is extended through 4/29.** Non-essential workforce is directed to continue to work from home until at least 4/29.
  + Share in English: https://twitter.com/NotifyNYC/status/1247213293544013829?s=20
  + Share in Chinese: https://twitter.com/NNYCChinese/status/1247216039122866179?s=20
  + Share in Spanish: https://twitter.com/NNYCSpanish/status/1247215346534227973?s=20
* **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:** https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1247222814555475969
* **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
* **For Parents:** here’s a guide to comforting your children while discussing COVID-19
  + **Share**: <https://twitter.com/NYCFirstLady/status/1246574212522934273>
* **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**
  + Go to <https://access.nyc.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>
* **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**
  + This guide identifies resources 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. All services are free to New Yorkers, regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status.
  + Go to <https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us/mental_health_support_while_home>
* **Let’s work together to put an end to bias incidents and hate stemming from #COVID19 stigma.**
  + Call 311 to report any COVID19 related discrimination to the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Call 911 if you are a victim of or witness a hate crime.
  + Go to https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/media/covid19.page for more info
* **Our City is facing a challenge right now, but that is no excuse for the discrimination and harassmen**t affecting Chinese New Yorkers and people perceived to be Chinese. @CarmelynMalalis’ message is clear: We need to reject the fearmongering and scapegoating of minority communities.
  + English: <https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1245743597640654850?s=20>
  + Chinese: <https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1245441672252620800?s=20>
  + Korean: <https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1245816425987612675?s=20>
  + Filipino: https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1246117847639764993?s=20
* **To access SNAP online ordering**
  + Go to<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/snap-online-shopping.page>
* **NYCHA information for residents struggling with rent hardships**
  + Go to <https://nychajournal.nyc/information-about-coronavirus/>
* **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>
* **Staying home during the #COVID19 crisis is tough.** It’s emotionally difficult. It’s scary. But every New Yorker who stays home is helping us save lives. Every empty street means we’re all doing our part to help make things better.
  + (view the full Twitter thread for translations in multiple languages): <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1246170962451718146?s=20>
* **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>