City Hall COVID-19 Announcements and Updates – 5/04/2020

Dear Partners:

Today at City Hall the Mayor announced an increase in PPE deliveries to nursing homes, mass distribution of face coverings and more on how NYC is working to close the digital divide.

See below additional updates from Mayor de Blasio about 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 Messages and Resources
* PPE Updates
* Protecting Vulnerable New Yorkers (Deliveries to Nursing Homes)
* NYC Strategic Reserve Update
* Mass Distribution of Face Coverings
* Closing the Digital Divide
* Tracking Progress -3 Indicators
* Additional Resources

**SHARE MESSAGES AND RESOURCES**

* **Big News: NYC to Distribute 7.5 Million Face Coverings Free of Charge:**
  + **Spread the word with these sample tweets!** 
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Where can we get face coverings?

-@NYCHA houses

-Parks

-DOE Grab & Go meal sites

-Grocery stores

@NYCMayor announced millions of face masks are being distributed. Thank you for making sure every corner of our city can get them!

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.@NYCMayor announced MILLIONS of free face coverings will be passed out across New York City. Thank you for equalizing resources during this crisis.**‬**

* **Message from the Mayor:** 
  + The mayor answers your questions on the COVID-19 crisis.
  + What COVID-19 questions do you have? Join the conversation with the hashtag #AskMyMayor.
  + **Watch:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1256569914606989312>
* **Help Needed: Food remains a major concern for New Yorkers. Our goal? We want the ability to deliver 1 MILLION meals a day.**
  + But we need community groups who know their neighborhoods best to help us get there.
  + **Help out! Go to http://nyc.gov/nonprofits for more.**
  + **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1256989548552257541>
* **Statement from the Mayor on White House Economic Advisor Kevin Hassett**
  + **Watch:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1257106014647787523>
* **ATTENTION NEW YORK CITY SMALL BUSINESSES: COVID-19 support is available for you.**
  + Head to http://SBA.gov for more information.
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1257089051989082113>
* **Every child can continue to learn!** 
  + Go to http://schools.nyc.gov/devices if your child needs a device for remote learning.
  + **Share the resource in multiple languages:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1257049806725419013>
* **We’re bringing testing to communities that have been hardest hit by this crisis.** 
  + You can make an appointment and get your results 1-2 days after you’re tested.
  + Go to http://nychealthandhospitals.org for more information.
  + **Share the resource:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1257090059305508864>
* **Protect yourself and others. All NYC Taxi drivers and passengers must wear a face covering.**
  + **Spread the word in multiple languages:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256639606465998849?s=20>
* **No matter where you're from, you have a right to be counted in the census.** 
  + It's 10 questions, takes 10 minutes, and will affect your community for the next 10 years.
  + Get Counted: http://my2020census.gov
  + **Hear more in Soninke & share the message:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256980083962773511>
* **Asian New Yorkers: You have the right to be free from harassment and discrimination under the New York City Human Rights Law.** 
  + If you have been discriminated against or harassed, report it here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/report-discrimination.page>
  + **Share the resource:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256682400320565248>
* **If you live in NYC and you have DACA, call 1-800-354-0365 for help renewing your application.**
  + We may even be able to help you out with the renewal fee. You're on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19. We all need you now more than ever.
  + **Spread the word**: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256956692396417025>
  + Read about how DACA workers are saving lives: <https://theappeal.org/daca-workers-are-saving-covid-19-patients-lives-while-worrying-about-their-own/>
* **It’s Mental Health Awareness Month: Providers can respond to distress experienced by DACA recipients** 
  + Learn more with this resource**:** <https://www.informedimmigrant.com/guides/daca-mental-health-providers/>
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1257027156493959171>
* **Our Asian and Pacific Islander communities have contributed so much to the fabric of our city. Now more than ever we must let them know that we stand with them — and AGAINST the discrimination we’ve seen in this crisis. New York City is and will always be your home.** 
  + **Share the message:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1256381891785228288>
* **Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Bitta Mostofi, Department of Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot, and NYC Health and Hospitals Ambulatory Care Chief Medical Officer Dr. Andrew Wallach hosted a Community and Ethnic Media virtual round table on COVID-19 testing updates.** 
  + **Share the discussion:**<https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256302859701944320?s=20>
  + [**Watch the full playback recording**](https://nycmayor.webex.com/ec3300/eventcenter/recording/recordAction.do?theAction=poprecord&siteurl=nycmayor&entappname=url3300&internalRecordTicket=4832534b000000047eeb4a1721d4bdcade74080cdb61c611cb38252adf3af83d5aab1fc2c616e7a6&renewticket=0&isurlact=true&format=short&rnd=9297264133&RCID=4ff47c48d2f34d94c241efe5eae664c1&rID=136595297&needFilter=false&recordID=136595297&apiname=lsr.php&AT=pb&actappname=ec3300&&SP=EC&entactname=%2FnbrRecordingURL.do&actname=%2Feventcenter%2Fframe%2Fg.do)(Password: vJj9ydiu)

**PPE UPDATE**

* **For the First Time Since March, NYC will enter a Week eith Sufficient Supply in PPE at Crisis Standard**
* N95 masks
* Surgical masks
* Gloves
* Surgical gowns
* Face shields

**PROTECTING VULNERABLE NEW YORKERS**

* **Planned PPE Deliveries to Nursing Homes This Week**
* Surgical Masks: 1,930,000
* Face Shields: 170,000
* Gloves: 767,000
* Gowns: 173,000
* Coveralls and Aprons: 15,000
* Shoe coverings: 10,000

**NYC STRATEGIC RESERVE UPDATE**

* **Goal: Create and Maintain a 90-day Stockpile of PPE and Supplies for Future Spikes in Need**
  + Once DOHMH inventory increases to 14 days’ supply on hand, additional inventory will move to the stockpile
* **Buy and Build Strategy for Sourcing**
  + Buy: Traditional purchasing strategy with flexibilities of emergency procurement
  + Build: Local manufacturing, leading to buying

**MASS DISTRIBUTION OF FACE COVERINGS**

* **NYC Distributing 7.5 Million Face Coverings, Free of Charge** 
  + 5 million 3-ply non-medical masks
  + 2.5 million cloth face coverings
  + Distributed citywide, including at NYCHA, DOE Grab & Go meal sites, Parks, Mitchell-Lama buildings, grocery stores, during social distancing enforcement and more

**CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

* **NYC to Provide iPads to Students With Disabilities in Non-Public Schools**
  + Students with disabilities in religious and independent nonpublic schools can request tablets DOE has acquired for remote learning
  + DOE has identified approximately **35,000** eligible students

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

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

* 88 **DOWN**(113 as of May 1)

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

* 632 **DOWN** (645 as of May 1)

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

* 17%  **DOWN** (20% as of May 1)

*Data for Saturday, May 2. Published at nyc.gov/coronavirus*

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **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
* **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](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