Mayor Announcement Daily Digest – April 7th

Dear Partners:

Today, Mayor de Blasio spoke at P.S. 1 in Manhattan to thank the School Food Service Workers who are keeping New Yorkers fed during the COVID-19 crisis (at P.S. 1 alone, we have served 3,100 meals in the past week!).

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

What you’ll find:

* Share Announcements and Resources
* Food Grab and Go Updates (for seniors, adults and kids)
* Donations Update
* New Fun at Home Initiative
* Additional Resources

**SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES**

* **Today’s Message from the Mayor:** 
  + Are you or someone you know worried about where your next meal is coming from? Your city is here to help.Find out more — and get the answers to your questions by dropping them in the comments or using the hashtag #AskMyMayor.
  + **Watch on** [Twitter](https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1247509611302866945), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NYCMayor/videos/575612333161246), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-rjCgxJF1Y/) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsWAfcagWtA)
* **Free meals are available to every New Yorker at 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>
* **You should cover your face whenever you go out**
  + but it doesn’t have to be a medical mask. Use a scarf, a bandana or something homemade. It will keep you from getting others sick.
  + **Share**: <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1247512522674114561>
* **Watch: A message from Cardinal Dolan to members of the FDNY**
  + **Watch and Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1247264045008379905>
* **Watch: Emmy Award Winning Actress Susan Lucci tells New Yorkers to do our part and Stay Home!**
  + **Watch and Share:** <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1247333391122472961>
* **The teams at Crye precision and Lafayette 148 NY are working together for the first time, and they’re making a brand new product: surgical gowns.**
  + Nine days ago they had an idea, and this week they’ll make 19,000 gowns. Creativity and ingenuity will protect our front line workers.
  + **Share and say thank you to everyone doing their part!**: <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1247295339478028296>
* **Get Counted: Fill out the Census!**
  + Cardi B says: This year, we have the power to decide our city’s future. The census is about power, money, and respect for our communities — not just for the next 4 years, but for the next 10. Get counted today.
  + **Watch and Share**: <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1244788760199540739>
* **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 the NYC Commission on Human Rights by calling 311. Call 911 if you are a victim of or witness a hate crime.
  + **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1247554639874097153?s=20>

**FOOD GRAB AND GO UPDATES**

* Food Czar Kathryn Garcia has been working closely with the Department of Education, Department for the Aging and Office of Emergency Management
* We are distributing meals on a massive scale
  + **2.6 million meals** citywide in last 3 weeks
* **How to get food if you’re a student or family:**
  + Recommend hours for breakfast, lunch, and dinner
    - 7:30am – 11:30am
  + **If you’re an adult,** all 435 sites are now open to you!
    - All three meals available and no one will be turned away
    - Recommended hours: 11:30am – 1:30pm
  + **If you’re a senior or home-bound:**
    - We can deliver to you: nyc.gov/GetFood or call 3-1-1
  + **Resources available to everyone on this site:**
    - Map of every grab-and-go site
    - Map of every food pantry
    - Sign up for SNAP benefits
    - Sign up for food delivery assistance

**DONATIONS**

* **Lavazza Premium Coffee** is helping hospital staff in NYC and LA by donating 60,000 bags of coffee to doctors, nurses, and other medical staff
* **New York Road Runners** gave 20K pairs of glove last week and yesterday, donated 10K meals to doctors, nurses and front-line staff
* **“Health Care Heroes” program** 
  + Deborah and Leon Black have teamed up with the Mayor’s Fund to donate $10 million to help get food and crucial household supplies for the families of the health care workers.
  + They are looking for matching donations from others who can help.
  + If more comes in, they're ready to provide another $10 million to match up to $10 million in donations from other donors.
  + Partnering with Aramark to put together at least 300,000 food & household supply packages for our doctors, nurses, and staff
  + Red Cross volunteers will help deliver the supplies
  + The Robin Hood Foundation will manage the matching program

**FUN AT HOME**

* A free new digital platform to provide safe, fun, and entertaining virtual activities for New York City’s teens and young adults.
* This first-of-its-kind campaign combines city and community resources to engage teens who are at home during the COVID-19 crisis
* Also provides tips to cope with the public and mental health challenges that may arise during this difficult time.
* Fun at Home can be accessed at nyc.gov/funathome or texting “Fun” to 97743 to receive the latest updates on resources and activities

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **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>
* **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
* **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**
  + English <https://access.nyc.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>
  + Spanish: <https://access.nyc.gov/es/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>
* **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>