City Hall COVID-19 Announcements and Updates – 4/28/2020

Dear Partners:

Today, Mayor de Blasio and DOE Chancellor Carranza announced a new grading policy to reflect the reality our parents, educators and kids are dealing with now. During a once in a century crisis, we owe our kids flexibility while making sure we are preparing them for the future.

See more information for how the city is helping students as well as additional updates for the city’s response to the COVID-19 Crisis.

***Please take a few minutes to share this and other announcements/ resources*** below and reach out with any questions or concerns.

Here’s what you’ll find:

* Share Resources and Announcements
* New Grading Policy
* Helping Students Get Back on Track (Grades K-5, Middle School and High school)
* Closing the Digital Divide
* Help for our Small Businesses
  + **apply NOW for funding at SBA.GOV**
  + **Get help with your application:** [**https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/financing-assistance**](https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/financing-assistance)
* Announcement: City Opens More Beds, Expands Outreach to Unsheltered NYers
* Tracking Progress: 3 Indicators
* Additional Resources

**SHARE RESOURCES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **Announcement: NYC Making Sure Students Have the iPads they need**
  + **Spread the word with these sample tweets**

**[1]**

No kid is denied access to a good education in NYC. Doesn’t matter the zip code or income, our kids will learn. @NYCMayor &@NYCSchools have gone to the mat to make sure every kid who needs a digital device has one. If you need a device, go to schools.nyc.gov or call 311.

**[2]**

Nothing stands in the way of an @nycschools kid and a great education. Not income, not zip code, not even the COVID-19 pandemic.‬ Thank you @NYCMayor and @DOEChancellor. Learn more: schools.nyc.gov or call 311.

* **Announcement: New COVID-19 Grading Policy**
  + **Show your support with these sample tweets**

**[1]**

Our students deserve the very best during this unprecedented crisis. I commend @NYCMayor and @DOEChancellor at @NYCSchools for a grading policy that makes sure our kids stays on track in their studies while also giving them the support they need in this traumatic moment.

**[2]**

We want our kids to excel in school — but that means more than straight As, it means giving them support in this emotionally challenging time. @NYCMayor and @NYCSchools’ new grading policy is THE plan to make sure they’re succeeding in their studies and in their lives.‬

* **COVID-19 does discriminate. Read Mayor de Blasio and Chirlane McCray’s plan for tackling COVID in hardest hit communities** 
  + Opinion: Coronavirus Makes Inequality Even Deadlier. New York City Won't Accept It.

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/billdeblasio/opinion-coronavirus-inequality-de-blasio-new-york>

* + **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1254861629403127810>
* **BIG NEWS: We’re going to create more space by closing off streets around our parks and in our hardest-hit neighborhoods.**
  + This month we’ll close off 40 miles, and we’re aiming to close 100 miles total during this crisis**.**
  + **Read more and Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1254793900008583169>
* **We're hiring!**
  + We need 1,000 employees with health care experience to help us combat COVID-19 through contact tracing.
  + Apply now: <https://fphnyc.org/about/careers/?fbclid=IwAR1112VJl1tCRlRDdgdExQ1ANTuX-7skJ9zMGByCmAKBDLf8najICk1X96U>
  + **Share**: <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1254864074866745344>
* **New York City is providing 500,000 halal meals to make sure our Muslim neighbors who need food on the table can get it.** 
  + Find out more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/24/us/new-york-halal-meals-ramadan-trnd/index.html>
  + **Share widely:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1254934605645348865>
* **Get the facts! Commissioner Oxiris Barbot breaks down five things we know about COVID-19 and how it spreads.**
  + **Watch and share**: <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1254899395394506752>
  + More info: http://nyc.gov/coronavirus
* **TODAY at 5:30pm: Join NYC Small Business Services’ webinar**
  + learn about aid for businesses impacted by COVID-19, including financial assistance and regulatory changes
  + **RSVP:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/assistance-overview-for-nyc-small-businesses-impacted-by-covid-19-tickets-103482107770>
  + **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1255126363993972737>
* **TONIGHT: Navigating COVID-19 for Immigrant Arts Workers**
  + **Join the Digital Town Hall and Spread the Word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1255120697904582663>
  + More resources: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/city-services/resources-for-immigrant-communities-during-covid-19-pandemic.page>
* **ICYMI: Stream yesterday's Yemeni American Merchant’s Association Virtual Town Hall with** 
  + **Stream** to learn about City resources for immigrant business owners, plus updates on immigration and COVID19: <https://bit.ly/2KFuXr3>
* **Tenant Hotline**:
  + Are you being illegally evicted? We’re here to help you.
  + **Call 311 today for free legal advice and counsel.** No citizenship needed. You have rights and we will help you fight for them.
  + **Spread the word!** <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1254456455643553792>
* **Census 2020: While you practice social distancing, you can still work towards social justice.**
  + Fill out the census today at http://my2020census.gov
  + **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1254830856025366530>
* **With ACCESS HRA online, you can:**
  + Check your application status, View documents requested for your application, Take photos of requested documents and upload them, Update your contact information.
  + Visit http://nyc.gov/accesshra, or download the ACCESS HRA mobile app
  + Spread the word: <https://twitter.com/NYCHRA/status/1254787788865564675>
* **Parks at Home: Just because you're staying at home doesn't mean you can't stay in shape.** Our recreation specialists are here to help!
  + Check out these basic exercises you can do right in your kitchen — it's perfect for beginners!
  + **Watch**: <https://twitter.com/NYCParks/status/1247181367395450881>
* **RZA has a message for all New Yorkers:Stay home, stay safe and protect your loved ones from COVID-19.**
  + **Watch and Share:** <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1254930831677612032>

**NEW GRADING POLICY**

* **Goals For New Grading Policy In Response to COVID-19**
  + Keep students engaged in remote learning, uphold course requirements and maintain high expectations
  + Reach every student not meeting standards with extra support to get them back on track
  + Provide flexibility students and families need at a challenging, traumatic time

**HELPING STUDENTS GET BACK ON TRACK**

* All students who can’t demonstrate mastery or submit work
  + will be assessed for targeted summer and fall support to get back on track
  + all students receiving “Course In Progress” automatically enrolled in summer programming.
* Intensive summer academic support, can include remote learning model
* High school seniors and 8th graders with “Course In Progress” ratings prioritized, with goal of August graduation and promotion

**GRADES K-5**

* Students receive “Meets Standards” or “Needs Improvement”
* **Basis for Evaluation**
  + Existing course requirements such as submitted assignments, projects and writing samples
  + Students who cannot demonstrate mastery or submit work will be enrolled in summer programming to develop skills

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Grades 6-8**

* Students receive “Meets Standards,” “Needs Improvement” or “Course In Progress”
* **Basis for Evaluation**
  + Existing course requirements such as remote class discussion, presentations, submitted assignments and tests where appropriate
  + Students who cannot demonstrate mastery or have not completed work will be enrolled in summer programming to develop skills

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades 9-12**

* Use existing grading scales
* Students who require more time to show mastery will receive “Course In Progress” and enrolled in summer-fall support programs
* Students have option after receiving passing letter grade to convert to “Pass” rating, leaving GPA unaffected
* **Basis for Evaluation**
  + Schools have adapted current school year curriculum and assessments for remote learning, including term papers, exams and oral presentations, allowing students to show content mastery
  + Students will have until January 2021 to complete outstanding coursework

**CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

* Department of Education will meet goal of putting internet-enabled devices for remote learning in hands of families who need them
* 247,000 iPads will be in hands of students who requested them by April 30
* Families who have NOT yet requested a device can continue to do so at schools.nyc.gov or by calling 311

**HELP FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES**

* **NYC Small Businesses Owners: Apply For The Money You Deserve**
* **Federal Payment Protection Program**
  + “Stimulus 3.5” – replenished $310 billion in additional funding
  + First come, first serve – apply NOW at SBA.GOV

**CITY OPENS MORE BEDS, EXPANDS OUTREACH TO UNSHELTERED NEW YORKERS ON THE SUBWAYS AND STREETS**

* 200 new Safe Haven beds will begin to open this week prioritizing vulnerable New Yorkers living on the streets and subways in high-need areas.
* The City is also focusing on offering help at up to10 end-of-the-line subway stations citywide, with the goal of bringing more unsheltered New Yorkers off the subways amid the COVID-19 crisis.
* Read more: <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/295-20/city-opens-more-beds-expands-outreach-unsheltered-new-yorkers-the-subways-streets>

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

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

* 112 **DOWN** (122 as of April 25)

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

* 745 **DOWN** (766 as of April 25)

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

* Citywide: 27% **DOWN** (29% as of April 25)
* Public Health Lab: 56% **UP** (55% as of April 25)

*Data for Sunday, April 26. Published at nyc.gov/coronavirus*

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

* **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/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>
* **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.