Dear Friends,

The last several months have presented new and unprecedented challenges as we monitor and respond to the evolving situation around COVID-19. We are doing the best we can to adapt the work we do to support community groups across NYC. We realize now more than ever that parks are essential to our health and well-being. We created this guide to connect you with relevant resources to stay updated, care for yourselves and your communities, and continue your commitment and love for your local park.

Outreach Team
Partnerships for Parks

We are here for you. We know this is a painful time, and we grieve with you for those we've lost. You are ever-present in our thoughts. We know our green spaces are as precious as ever and understand that many of you want to continue to inspire and engage your communities even in these most difficult times. We will support you as best we can and hope these resources aid in your efforts. We appreciate the opportunity to create light and hope together, that it may help all of us get through this to the other side.

Wishing you and your loved ones peace and health,

Sabina Saragoussi
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Program Updates

**Partnerships for Parks (PfP)**

PfP is still coordinating with community groups across the city. However, all PfP events are cancelled, postponed, or moved to webinar until further notice.

**Workshops:** Partnerships Academy workshops are being held online until further notice.

**It's My Park:** All It's My Park projects have been cancelled through June 30. PfP is not accepting volunteer project requests, applications, or rescheduling projects at this time. We are currently working on finalizing guidelines to restart It's My Park, and we appreciate your patience as we confirm details and develop protocols to ensure It's My Park projects run safely.

**Social Media Campaigns**

#WeArePfP

Now more than ever sharing memories of your local park can brighten up our day. Share a photo and memory to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary! Post with #wearepfp or email pfp25@cityparksfoundation.org. We will share one of our favorite submissions each month on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**NYC Parks**

**Parks and Playgrounds:** City parks and fields are open but all playgrounds, skateparks, dog runs, and courts are closed until further notice. This is a necessary step to limit the potential of overcrowding in our parks. Park goers should take extra precautions to stay healthy and safe by practicing social distancing. While solo exercise is okay, team sports are not permitted.

**Facilities:** Most facilities have been closed to the public until further notice including Recreation Centers, Nature Centers, Historic Houses, Marinas, and many concessions. Some NYC Parks employees have been asked to work from home so regular office hours and visits are not feasible.

**Programming:** NYC Parks is not accepting, nor reviewing event applications for any Special Events or Field and Court Permits at this time. Permits fee can be refunded if you scheduled an event before June 30th or rolled over for an
event at a later date. Programs like Shape Up, the Urban Park Rangers, sport tournaments, and stewardship projects have all been cancelled. For more information visit NYC Park’s Service Announcements page.

State Parks
https://parks.ny.gov/covid19/

National Parks

New Yorkers for Parks
http://www.ny4p.org

City Parks Foundation (CPF)

Join City Parks Foundation Anywhere!
Watch shows, play, and learn anywhere with CityParks Foundation! Relive your favorite SummerStage concerts, watch full puppet shows from the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre, get active indoors with how-to golf tips videos, learn how to garden at home, discover fun activities for kids, and more. More info: www.cityparksfoundation.org

New York Green Relief and Recovery Fund
The NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund supports nonprofits and community groups of all sizes with grants that support stewardship projects, emergency needs such as personal protective equipment and enhanced sanitation measures, and remote volunteer training to support work in parks and open space across the five boroughs. Community groups eligible for grants up to $1,500. Grant application deadline: June 19, 2020.

COVID-19 Updates

Real Time Updates
Text COVID to 692-692 for regular updates regarding coronavirus in NYC. For updates in Spanish, text COVIDESP to 692-692. To find medical care, call 311. Do not call 911 unless you are experiencing a true emergency.

Face Coverings
Face Coverings: Frequently Asked Questions
As of April 17th, all New Yorkers are required to wear a mask or face covering when out in public and in situations where a 6-foot distance from others cannot be maintained. A face covering will not protect you from infection, but it can help others.

Testing
Find Community testing sites operated by NYC Health + Hospitals near you: Mobile Testing Trucks
Two testing trucks will hit the streets: Soundview on June 9 and 10 and Kew Gardens on June 11. The City will ramp up to 10 trucks in July. They will accept walk-ins only, and have a capacity of 80 per truck, per day.
"New York State on Pause" Executive Order
This 10-point policy directs non-essential workers to continue to work from home, close all non-essential businesses, cancel gatherings, and self-quarantine for sick individuals through May 28th.

Governor Cuomo's "NY Forward Reopening" Plan
The Governor's regional plan to reopen NY State informed by key metrics and focusing on getting people back to work and easing social isolation without triggering renewed spread of the virus or overwhelming the hospital system. NYC began Phase One of reopening June 8th. Businesses that may start or expand operations include retail, construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade. For more information, see here.

The WHO advises that keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to coronavirus and slowing its spread. You must keep 6 feet away from others at any NYC Park.

If you have symptoms, tested positive, come into contact with someone who may have COVID-19, or are under quarantine, update the City of NY on your status. The site is in 12 languages and submissions are confidential. Info collected will help keep the public informed about the impact of COVID19.

Antibody testing is by appointment only, with priority for local communities. Complete the Antibody Testing Survey to schedule an appointment or call 888-279-0967. Initial capacity will be 1,000 tests a day at each site: 127 Pennsylvania Avenue (Brooklyn); 4006 Third Avenue, Bathgate (Bronx); 21 Old Broadway (Manhattan); 34-09 Queens Boulevard (Queens); St. John’s Villa, 57 Cleveland Place (Staten Island).

Visit the "Agency Suspensions and Reductions" page for a summary of up to date impacts to every agency. For any additional details call 311.

COVID-19 Heat Wave Plan to Protect Vulnerable New Yorkers
The City will provide over 74,000 air conditioners to low-income seniors and modify cooling centers for social distancing requirements; NYC urges Public Service Commission to provide further cooling assistance to vulnerable New Yorkers.

NYC is opening 40 miles of streets to allow greater social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis, with a plan to expand to a total of 100 miles. In its first phase, streets in all five boroughs, either within or adjacent to parks, will be open each day to pedestrians and cyclists — with limited vehicle traffic — from 8 AM to 8 PM starting May 4th. Organizations wishing to have other NYC streets considered for the open streets program should reach out to openstreets@dot.nyc.gov or fill out an online survey.
The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about the disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger.

**NYC Parks Themed Meditations**
NYC Parks @ Home - Meditation Moments
Take a break and unwind with soothing meditative exercises by Shape Up NYC instructors set to serene video footages from our parks. Each Friday morning, there will be a new episode on all NYC Parks social media accounts.

**NYC Well**
NYC Well – Talk. Text. Chat. 24/7 - Free, confidential mental health support via phone, text, or chat and access to mental health and substance use services, in more than 200 languages.

**Managing Stress and Anxiety**
Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks
Information on reducing the negative impact of stress by anticipating reactions, practicing stress-reducing activities, and seeking help.

OMH - Managing Stress & Anxiety in the COVID-19 Outbreak
Tips on how to care for your psychological well-being in addition to following physical precautions guidelines.

SAMHASA - Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation
This tip sheet describes thoughts you may have during and after social distancing, quarantine, and isolation; suggests ways to care for your health during these experiences; and provides resources for more help.

**Aging New Yorkers**
If you feel lonely or isolated, the NYC Department for the Aging’s Aging Connect hotline provides a direct link to a range of aging services. Call 212-AGING-NYC (212-244-6469)

**LGBTQ New Yorkers**
NYC Mayor’s Office Virtual Pride Events Survey
The NYC Unity Project is collecting information on Pride events being held throughout the summer to share on a publicly available calendar.

The Trevor Project
Crisis intervention and suicide prevention services for LGBTQ youth ages 16–25 through a 24-hour helpline at 1-866-488-7386 and virtual support by chat.

Trans Lifeline’s Hotline
Peer support service run by trans people, for trans and questioning callers. If you are in crisis or need immediate support, call 877-565-8860 24/7 from 10am–4am.
Veterans living in New York, or New Jersey, can get trauma counseling and crisis intervention support or call the Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255.

Mission: VetCheck
The NYC Department of Veterans' Services and the Mayor’s Office of ThriveNYC launched this initiative to have members of the veteran community call other veterans to check in and provide information about vital public services, including meals, COVID-19 test sites, and mental health resources.

People Harmed by Abuse
Safe Horizon’s 24-hour hotline: 1-800-621-4673
Chat with a Safe Horizon advocate, who can offer information, advocacy and support through SafeChat Monday through Friday 1p – 6p, except for holidays.

NYC Hope
NYC Family Justice Centers are available for services or support, including immediate safety planning, shelter assistance, and other vital services. You can also find additional Resources For Survivors During COVID-19

There's an App for That!
Find apps and online tools to help you manage your health and emotional wellbeing in this App Library

Fitness
Working out is a great way to de-stress and keep your immune system in shape. We encourage you to find your motivation and try one of these fitness resources offering online classes, some free of charge, or extending trial periods for at-home workouts.

Yoga and Mindfulness
CorePower Yoga On Demand
Free access to a limited collection of weekly online classes.

Lululemon
Free Instagram Live sessions that feature yoga, do-anywhere workouts, meditation, and self-care tips.

Remote Yoga with Randall's Island Park Alliance
Free, live one-hour sessions throughout May of stretching and breathing exercises.

Check your local yoga studios or wellness centers! Many are providing free or affordable options virtually on social media or online classes packages.
Dance

305 Fitness
One of NYC's most popular workout classes is now offering free cardio dance live streams twice a day on YouTube at noon and 6PM EST.

SweatFest with Ryan Heffington
Dance workouts and cardio follow-along sessions on Instagram Live

Dance Church
Live stream of dance workout classes

Exercise Classes and Virtual Sessions

NYC Parks @ Home - Kitchen Workouts
NYC Parks recreation specialists lead you through basic/beginners exercises you can do right in your kitchen.

Planet Fitness
Free fitness classes for everyone streaming live on FB daily at 7PM EST.

YMCA 360
Programs and digital coaching for exercise classes like boot camp, barre, yoga, and low impact programs for seniors.

24 Hour Fitness
On-demand workouts and premium content for free through their app.

Blink Fitness
Live-streaming workout videos at 8AM EST on weekdays.

Biking

New Bike Lanes
9 new miles of bike lanes will serve essential workers and social distanced recreation with new facilities phased in over several weeks using barrels, signage, and other barriers, with the goal of creating critical connectors from already-established protected lanes.

NYC Bikeshare Expansion
More than 100 new stations will be added to Bronx Community Board 1 and Manhattan Community Boards 9, 10, and 11, including stations outside of Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx and Harlem Hospital in Manhattan.

2020 Bike Map
The 2020 New York City Bicycle Map is now available in digital format. The map serves as a resource for all cyclists, especially essential workers and new riders.

Nature and Virtual Tours

While visiting your favorite park is unfeasible for the foreseeable future, you can still get your fill of nature, even if you have to stay inside. Some of the world’s most stunning natural areas and landscapes are all just a few clicks away. Here is a selection of the best virtual experiences to connect with nature.
Live with the Urban Park Rangers
Join the Urban Park Rangers every Tuesday (weather permitting) for live adventures in the park, from scenic hikes to nature exploration activities.

Lunch with GreenThumb
A series of online workshops to dig in, grow food, and keep your community garden going while following health and safety protocols.

Wednesday Walks in the Park
Tune in every Wednesday to watch spring blossom on a live tour of a park.

#WildlifeWednesday
Join NYC Parks on Twitter each Wednesday to learn fun facts about animals that call NYC home, and discover what they're up to right now.

Growing Food From Food Scraps
You can regenerate food scraps to grow your own food. Learn the steps on how to do this on Grow NYC's blog.

Best Practices for Community Gardening during COVID-19
Best practices for community gardening collected from greening partners and other gardening programs across the country who are working quickly to comply with public health official’s guidance and requirements.

Residential Curbside Composting Suspended
DSNY will temporarily suspend curbside composting service through June 30, 2021 in order to divert resources to emergency COVID-19 response efforts. Once conditions allow for public gathering, DSNY will determine the feasibility of reopening certain Food Scrap Drop-off Sites.

Indoor Composting With a Worm Bin
Don't have access to outdoor space? You can compost food scraps indoors using a worm bin.

Wednesday Watch Parties
Join weekly virtual events to participate live on FB.

Lecture Library
View a selection of past lectures across a wide spectrum of expertise from science, horticulture, garden design, and the humanities.

Daily Dose of Spring
Daily bloom photos and ways to celebrate the spirit of spring at home.

Cherry Watch - Track the cherry blossom bloom progression.

The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks
Explore panoramic views with the National Park Service of famous sites.

Virtual Dives - An immersive 360 view of national marine sanctuaries.
**Wildlife Watch**

**Live Webcams**

Explore.org Live Nature Cams
Large array of nature live streams to choose from across the globe.

National Zoo Giant Panda Cam - 24 hour live view of pandas.

**Pet Care**

NYC Pet Hotline
Call 877-204-8821 for COVID-19 related pet issues. It's available daily from 8am to 8pm.

COVID-19 and Animals FAQ
Get answers to frequently asked questions relating to your pets from the NYC Department of Animal Welfare.

CDC - Pet Disaster Preparedness Kit

**Digital Learning and Social Media Tools**

Even in a global pandemic people are helping with the help of social media. Check out these resources to help establish your group's social media presence and work-from-home platforms.

**Webinars**

EveryAction Resource Guide
Learn strategies nonprofits can make in times of uncertainty

Share Your Culture Webinar Series
Discussions on the programs, technologies and marketing campaigns that are redefining how communities engage with cultural organizations.

Coronavirus Conversations - How to Make a Positive Impact
Virtual events to discuss what we can do to protect our own mental health.

**TED Talks**

How to be your best self in times of crisis

TED Circles - Host a “circle” in your community to engage in conversations.

**Remote Work Guides and Resources**

Leading Groups Online - Learn the basics of how to lead sessions online. There are easy and free ways to communicate with your park group remotely using internet access. Learn more about setting up these options:

1. Google Hangouts
2. Zoom
3. Conference Call
4. Slack
5. Microsoft Teams
6. WhatsApp

Set up a Phone Tree
How to spread a message quickly and efficiently to a large number of people.
Hosting Troll-Free/Playful/Interactive Virtual Events with Zoom

The Art of Working Remotely – How to Thrive in a Distributed Workplace

Settings for Preventing Zoom-Bombing

Social Media Resources

Coronavirus Print & Social Media Resources
Posters, post templates, and social media content with accurate information from the World Health Organization.

Social Media Toolkit for Nonprofits
Strategies for nonprofits looking to utilize social media as advocacy tools.

Are You a Social Media Team of One? This Toolkit Can Help

Anti-stigma Social Media Toolkit
Images to help interrupt stigma and reduce bias as it relates to coronavirus.

DOE Graphics Library
Graphics on the DOE’s announcements that can be shared in 9 languages

Free WIFI
Some internet providers have announced measures to offer free WiFi during the ongoing outbreak including Comcast Xfinity Hotspots and Spectrum.

Art Organizations
Arts and cultural organizations are among the most trusted sources of information for a lot of NYers. With limited resources, many organizations are pivoting to work remotely while continuing to build community power. Below is a list of resources for artists and organizations to find support.

Guidelines for Art Organizations
National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response
Sample emergency plans for arts organizations.

Covid-19 Preparedness; A Resource Guide for Brooklyn’s Artists
digital booklet of resources on healthcare, newly available funding, organizing tips, and entertainment resources — all with Brooklyn’s artists in mind.

#ArtistsResource Talks
Artists and arts administrators from around the US gather weekly to discuss the impact of COVID-19 to freelance artists and where they can look for support.

COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers
A survey designed by Americans for the Arts to better identify and address the needs of artists.

Relief Funds
Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants COVID-19 Fund
One-time $1,500 grants to artists who have had performances or exhibitions canceled or postponed because of the pandemic.
Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund
Up to $200 for people of color that are either working artists or art administrators and are affected by COVID-19.

Emergency Fund for LGBTQ2S artists, performers & tip-based workers
Glad Day has set up an emergency fund to help LGBTQ2S artists, performers & tip-based workers.

Artist Relief Fund
$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19.

Makers
Face Masks for our Frontlines
Stitch Room is helping coordinate a network of makers to provide hospitals with hand-made face masks following CDC guidelines during this time.

Masks4Medicine
Campaign by NYC doctors to help healthcare professionals by collecting and distributing desperately needed medical masks and other supplies.

Use Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow Spread - Make Your Own
CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Look at this tutorial to make your own.

Community Organizations and Nonprofits
Community leaders continue to be valuable sources of comfort and support for their members and communities during times of distress. As such, these leaders have the unique ability to address potential concerns, fears, and anxieties regarding COVID-19. Use these resources to prepare and respond.

Covid-19 Guidance
Congregate Settings Guidance
Info on management of clients, residents, and staff with COVID-19.

Non-Health Care Setting General Disinfection Guidance
Guidance on social distancing, infection prevention, and disinfection.

CDC Checklist for Community and Faith Leaders
Checklist to protect the health of those you serve and staff in your care.

Employee Resources
Worker Hotline
Workers who call 311 will be connected to the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection for immediate assistance.

Unemployment Benefits and Health Insurance FAQ
What You Need to Know and Do About the CARES Act
Signed into law March 27, 2020, the Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for New Yorkers.

Know Your Rights for Immigrant Families
**Relief Funds & Grants**

**Suddenly Working From Home? Guide for Organizations**
Guide for organizations that are quickly creating a work-from-home option.

**NYC Employee Retention Grant**
The City is offering small businesses with fewer than 5 employees a grant to cover 40% of payroll costs for two months to help retain employees.

**Groundswell’s Rapid Response Fund**
Flexible grant of $1k - $5k for communities where women of color, transgender people of color, and low-income women organizing is under-resourced.

**The Brooklyn COVID-19 Response Fund**
Up to $10k for organizations working toward racial equity.

**Hispanic Federation’s Nonprofit Emergency Assistance Fund**
Grants between $10,000 and $25,000 for Latino community-based nonprofits.

**IOBY Crowdfunding Resources for COVID-19 Community Projects**

**Planning**

**Leading Your Nonprofit In a Time of Pandemic**

**Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Handbook**
Principles and practical tools of crisis and emergency risk communication.

**How to Communicate to the Public About Safe Use of Parks During COVID-19**

**New York Legal Assistance Group Coronavirus Legal Planning**
Get answers to COVID-19 legal questions calling the hotline at 929-356-9582 Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 1PM.

**Lawyers Alliance for New York**
Free virtual consultations for nonprofit employers to help navigate difficult questions during COVID-19.

**Food Security**
Any hungry New Yorker in need due to the coronavirus pandemic can get three meals daily at 435 public school sites throughout NYC. New York City is investing $170 million to ensure no New Yorker goes hungry. To read the plan, go to [nyc.gov/feedingnyc](https://nyc.gov/feedingnyc). Visit NYC.gov/getFood to find the nearest food pantry, soup kitchen, or DOE Grab’n’Go site located in your neighborhood.

**Food for Children**

**NYC DOE Regional Enrichment Centers**
Places where children of front-line workers are provided three daily hot meals, remote learning, activities like art, music, fitness, and emotional support.

**NYC DOE Grab and Go Meals**
Free "Grab & Go" meals for all NYers Monday to Friday, 7:30AM - 1:30 PM. No registration, ID, or documentation required. No one is turned away, and participants are able to pick up three meals. To find a location, text “NYCFOOD” or “COMIDA” to 877-877 or visit the link.
**Food for Seniors**

DFTA Senior Centers
For seniors ages 60 years and older who have disabilities or functional needs, NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) provides home-delivered meals.

Stores Offering Shopping Hours to High Risk Population
As a result of COVID-19 response and the need for social distancing, some stores have created dedicated hours for seniors, people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.

COVID-19 Food Hub NYC - Map of available food sources across NYC.

**Food Distribution**

Mobile Food Markets
CityHarvest offers free food every other week in multiple locations across NYC.

Coronavirus NYC Neighborhood Food Resource Guides
Info related to food access options within every community during COVID-19.

**Assistance Programs**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits
You can now use food stamps to shop fresh produce and groceries online in NYC from ShopRite, Amazon, or Walmart. Apply online on ACCESS HRA

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Free healthy food and services to low-income women and children which include counseling, breastfeeding support, and health education.

**Delivery Service**

Invisible Hands - Free deliveries for the most at-risk community members.

GetFoodNYC Food Delivery Program
NYC is providing assistance during the COVID-19 crisis by delivering meals to those who cannot access food themselves.

**Grow NYC**

Greenmarkets
Most locations are open. Check latest updates in the Schedule Changes.

Fresh Food Box
Buy fresh produce below traditional prices. Some locations have changed. Additionally, GrowNYC is working to deliver free Fresh Food Boxes to low income New Yorkers who are undocumented, unemployed, or struggling.

**Youth Education**

As schools have closed across the country, education authorities are scrambling to provide remote learning for students. Here are some resources you can use to engage with children and youth and online learning activities you can do from home.
Talking with Children about the Virus

Talking to young people about the Coronavirus
Advice from the experts at the Child Mind Institute.

Talking to Teens and Tweens About Coronavirus
Experts advice to help adolescents get the facts straight and be prepared.

Helping Children Cope with Emergencies
Advice from the CDC about protecting children in emergency situations.

Learn at Home

NYC DOE Activities for Students
Supplementary learning resources to students in the event that students may need to be home from school.

Teaching Remotely for Grades K - 12 | Free Resources and Strategies
Day-by-day projects to keep kids thinking, reading, and growing.

Remote Learning Devices - COVID19
To help students stay connected during emergencies, the DOE is lending internet-enabled iPads to support remote learning for students. Families can also call 718-935-5100 and choose option 5. Students with disabilities in religious and independent non-public schools are also eligible to request a device. Give feedback on the Remote Learning Survey available in nine languages.

Coloring Nature – Free Printable Coloring Pages

Guide to Virtual Museum Resources, E-Learning, and Online Collections
Online collections, computer portals, virtual tours, digital archives, and e-learning resources from museums that are currently free for non-members.

JSTOR resources during COVID-19
Online library of academic content providing public access to over 6,000 ebooks and over 150 journals

Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeON) Summer Program
6 week summer immersion program connecting NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with paid learning opportunities to build skills, strengthen community, and support young people and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students with Special Needs

Remote Learning for Special Education Students
Resources designed to support your child when at home. You will find social stories, visual aids, and at home tips for speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Extreme Kids and Crew
A welcoming space where children with disabilities, their friends, and their families, can socialize, create and play.
Free Online Tutoring and More with Brainfuse
Homework help from one-on-one tutors, daily from 2PM to 11PM in English and Spanish, for elementary through high school students.

Research at NYPL: Remote Access to Collections and Services
Expanded access to online research databases and a wide variety of ways you can use the Library’s online tools.

E-Book Central
Explore ebooks and audiobooks available for free and find accessible ebook offerings, learn about downloading e-reader apps to your device, and more.

Shows & Other Activities

WonderSpark Puppets
Live puppet shows streamed Fridays at 11AM during the COVID-19 outbreak and daily DIY puppet workshops live sessions on Facebook Live.

Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater
Each week the theater will share a full show from a past performance at the Swedish Cottage.

The Show Must Go On
Favorite musicals by Andrew Lloyd Webber are made available to watch online for free. Each show is available for 48 hours.

Read-Along: Mondays with Michelle Obama
Michelle Obama reads her favorite children’s book on Mondays livestreamed on PBS KIDS Facebook and YouTube channel.

Solidarity & Social Support
New forms of organizational collaboration have begun emerging to ensure we are supporting each other during these times.

Neighborhood Apps
NextDoor - Connect with neighbors, share updates, and ask questions.
Citizen - Updates of what’s happening in communities across NYC in real time.

Mutual Aid
Mutual Aid NYC
Network of groups providing aid and support in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NYC United Against Coronavirus - Resources and Information
Information and resources to help New Yorkers respond to the coronavirus

Community Involvement
Covid-19 Working Groups
Coalition of healthcare professionals, scientists, community workers, and activists committed to a community-oriented response to COVID-19.

The Social Distancing Festival
A community of artists showcasing work of artists from around the world affected by social distancing and the spread of COVID-19.

**NYC Share Your Space Survey**
Identify spaces in your community that could support the City's emergency operations or be used for community outreach events.

**How to Be Together Apart In the Time of Coronavirus**

**Speaking Up Against Racism Around the New Coronavirus**

**Blood Donations**
New York Blood Center is seeking donations of plasma from those who have recovered from COVID-19.

**NYC Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes**
New York City Commission on Human Rights, the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, and the NYPD are monitoring and responding to reported hate and bias incidents related to COVID-19 and coronavirus.

Due to the pandemic, the U.S. Census has paused field operations, but it is no less critical that we make sure all NYers are counted. The next 10 years of federal resources and representation for your community are on the line. Fill out the Census [here](#) if you haven’t already, and sign up to join a text-a-thon to encourage others to do so.

**New York City Absentee Ballot Request**
To prevent the community spread of COVID-19, all registered voters may apply for an Absentee Ballot to vote in the upcoming June 23, 2020 elections. If you are affected by COVID-19, please check the box for “Temporary Illness” on the application. The definition has been temporarily expanded to include those affected by COVID-19 and/or the potential of contracting the virus.

The Mayor announced a series of new reforms to NYPD to strengthen trust between New Yorkers and officers. The City will shift funding from the NYPD to youth and social services for communities of color, move vendor enforcement out of the NYPD, and establish a community ambassadors program within the NYPD. See the reforms announced [here](#).

Find information about centralized and coordinated volunteer efforts during emergencies, including ways you can help online.

**New York Cares Coronavirus Opportunities**
Ways for you to support New Yorkers suffering as a result of COVID-19. You can either get involved or request volunteers for critical work.

**Volunteer Safety Guidance**
The health and safety of volunteers must remain a priority. All volunteers and organizations accepting volunteers must follow current health guidelines.
Help Now NYC
Opportunities to get assistance or support those affected by this emergency, including volunteering and donating, are shared on this website.

Housing Security
Uncertainty around housing security has become a real challenge for a lot of people affected during this outbreak. Here are just some policies and initiatives addressing the issue but we encourage you to reach out to your local tenant's association or talk to your neighbors about their unique situations.

Evictions
NY State Eviction Moratorium
NY State announced an extension of the eviction moratorium for residential and commercial tenants facing COVID-related hardship for an additional 60 days through August 20, banned late payment fees for missed payments during moratorium and will allow renters facing hardship due to COVID-19 to use their security deposit to pay rent.

NY City Civil Court
Pending eviction cases are temporarily suspended and will be rescheduled.

NYCHA
Property Management Offices
Offices are open but in-person meetings and inspections have been suspended or rescheduled. Only “Emergency repairs” will continue.

Mayor’s plan to help NYCHA residents
Plan to provide services related to COVID-19 to NYCHA residents like access to free testing, personal protective equipment, food and free internet service for seniors, and a new cleaning schedule.

Housing Justice
Housing Justice for All - Rent Strike Toolkit
Homebase
Help to develop a personalized plan to overcome an immediate housing crisis.

Hotel Rooms for High-Risk New Yorkers
11,000 free hotel rooms will be offered for people who need to quarantine based on referrals from H+H and community health providers. These will be targeted in particular to people in overcrowded homes, health care workers regardless of symptoms, and New Yorkers experiencing homelessness.

Tenants' Rights for Tenants with COVID-19 or Under Home-Quarantine
Resources are available to you if you are a tenant in New York City and are facing hardship due to COVID-19

More Resource Guides
NYC Unity Project’s LGBTQ+ COVID-19 Online Guide
Resources For Survivors During COVID-19
East Harlem Coad - Coronavirus Resource Hub
NYC United Against Coronavirus - Resources and Information
Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions Due to School Closings