



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  
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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,

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# COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

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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 will be held online.

**It's My Park:** We are slowly restarting It's My Park and inviting a **limited number of groups** to volunteer to ensure that we are able to inform everyone about new safety measures, have tools available, and have staff capacity to support group needs.

**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](mailto:pfp25@cityparksfoundation.org). We will share our favorite submissions each month on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

## NYC Parks

**Parks and Playgrounds:** At this time, all City parks, fields, playgrounds, and dog runs are open. Park goers should take extra precautions to stay healthy and safe. Playgrounds are cleaned daily, however, play equipment is not sterilized. Please maintain at least **6 feet of distance** between yourself and others when outside, avoid congregating in groups, and wear a face covering.

**Facilities:** Most facilities are still closed to the public until further notice including Rec Centers, Nature Centers, Historic Houses, Marinas, and many concessions. However, comfort stations located within previously closed areas are reopened for the public, including the reactivation of drinking water fountains and spray showers. Some NYC Parks employees are working remotely indefinitely, so regular office hours and visits remain challenging.

**Recreation:** City beaches reopened for swimming as of July 1 with lifeguards on duty from 10AM to 6PM. Swimming is strictly prohibited at all other times. Selected public pools will reopen for the summer in phases. While solo exercise is okay, team sports are not permitted at this time. As an alternative, Shape Up is offering free outdoor classes with limited attendance.

**Programming:** NYC Parks [Special Event Request Portal](#) is now open for activities of more than 20 people with important changes requiring all applicants to review and sign a safety plan and checklist affirmation to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 at the event site. Programs like the Urban Park Rangers, sport tournaments, and stewardship projects have all been cancelled. For more information visit NYC Park's [Service Announcements](#).

[State Parks](#) | [National Parks](#) | [New Yorkers for Parks](#)

## City Parks Foundation (CPF)

[Join City Parks Foundation Anywhere!](#)

Watch shows, play, and learn anywhere with CityParks Foundation including SummerStage concerts, puppet shows from the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre, how-to golf tips videos, gardening at home, and activities for kids.

[Summer Programs](#)

A limited number of CPF summer programs are resuming in parks adhering to city safety regulations like the Learning Garden Internships, Green Girls, Coastal Classroom, Citywide Aces Tennis, Lacoste Junior Tennis Academy, Junior Tennis Tournament Series, and the Junior Golf Center.

[New York Green Relief and Recovery Fund](#)

62 non-profit grant recipients were selected to support parks and open spaces across New York City in this first round of funding. The effort was made possible by a coalition of national, family, and community foundations and the grants ranged from \$5,000 to \$120,000 to support essential maintenance, stewardship, public programming, and management of parks and open spaces across the five boroughs. Read the latest press release [here](#).

## 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](#)

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

All New Yorkers should get a COVID-19 diagnostic test, whether or not they have symptoms or are at increased risk. Tests are safe, fast, simple and free. You should look for a [testing site near your home](#). NYC Health + Hospitals also offers antibody testing at 11 hospitals and select Gotham Health centers.

### NYC PAUSE

["New York State on Pause" Executive Order](#)

Essential Businesses must continue to comply with the guidance and directives for maintaining a clean and safe work environment issued by the Department of Health (DOH) and every business, even if essential, is strongly urged to maintain social distancing measures to the extent possible.

### NY FORWARD

[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. All regions are in Phase Four of reopening.

[NYC Means Business: Reopen & Stay Safe at Work](#)

Dedicated Business Restart Hotline: 888-SBS-4NYC or 888-727-4692.

### Keep Social Distancing

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.

### Recovery

[NYC Recovery Data Partnership](#)

An effort for community, non-profit, and private organizations to share data with the City to aid in Covid-19 response and gain understanding of how NYers have been impacted.

### City Agencies Service Updates

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

## Heat Wave Plan

### [COVID-19 Summer Heat Plan](#)

The City is ramping up to install as many as 74,000 ACs for low-income seniors this summer. The State's Public Service Commission has also approved the City's request to provide financial assistance with summer utility bills for vulnerable NYers. Low income seniors in need of an AC can apply for a unit through the [GetCool Air Conditioner Program](#).

### [Cool It! NYC](#)

A citywide plan to increase cooling features in neighborhoods that face the dangers of high heat. At NYC Parks, the plan focuses on three elements: spray showers, drinking fountains, and trees.

### [Cooling Center Finder](#)

The City will open cooling centers throughout the five boroughs. Visit the finder or contact 311 to find out whether a cooling center is open near you.

## Open Streets

### [Streets Opened for Social Distancing](#)

NYC is opening 100 miles of streets to allow greater social distancing available daily from 8AM - 8PM (unless otherwise noted) for pedestrians and cyclists to use the street. Organizations wishing to have streets considered for the program should reach out to [openstreets@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:openstreets@dot.nyc.gov) or fill out this [survey](#).

### [Play Streets](#)

A new initiative to provide families with safe, structured activities on 12 Open Streets during weekdays in partnership with the Fresh Air Fund, Building Healthy Communities and the Police Athletic League.

## Mental Health

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 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**

[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.

[Trans Lifeline's Hotline](#)

Peer support service run by trans people, for trans and questioning callers. For immediate support, call 877-565-8860 24/7 from 10am–4am.

[The Pride Health Centers at NYC Health + Hospitals](#)

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency, sexual/reproductive health services, LGBTQ affirming care, and mental health support are available via the Pride Health Center at NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Judson. Call 212-925-5000 to access services.

**Veterans**

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.

### Yoga and Mindfulness

#### [CorePower Yoga On Demand](#)

Free access to a limited collection of weekly online classes.

#### [Remote Yoga with Randall's Island Park Alliance](#)

Free, live one-hour sessions 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 offering free cardio dance live streams twice a day on YouTube at noon and 6PM EST.

#### [Dance Church](#)

Live stream of dance workout classes

### Exercise Classes and Virtual Sessions

#### [Shape Up NYC](#)

Free outdoor Shape Up NYC classes are being offered with limited attendance at selected locations in all five boroughs.

#### [A Guide to Power Walking](#)

Whether you're stretching your legs or looking to pick up the pace, use this guide to help you go the extra mile.

#### [NYC Parks @ Home - Workout Tutorials](#)

NYC Parks recreation specialists lead you through basic/beginners exercises.

#### [YMCA 360](#)

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

#### [Blink Fitness](#)

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

### Biking

#### [New Bike Lanes](#)

New bike lanes will serve essential workers and social distanced recreation with new facilities 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 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.

### NYC Parks @ Home

#### [Live with the Urban Park Rangers](#)

Live adventures every Tuesday from scenic hikes to nature activities.

#### [Wednesday Walks in the Park](#)

Join NYC Parks on explorations of parks, natural areas and recreational facilities with experts on exclusive behind-the-scenes tours.

#### [#WildlifeWednesday](#)

Each Wednesday learn fun facts about animals that call NYC home, and discover what they're up to right now.

### Gardening and Composting

#### [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.

#### [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 gardening programs across the country.

#### [Residential Curbside Composting Suspended](#)

DSNY has suspended their curbside composting service in order to divert resources to emergency COVID-19 response efforts. During this time, residents are asked to discard food scraps and yard waste with their trash.

#### [Indoor Composting With a Worm Bin](#)

You can compost food scraps indoors using a worm bin.

### NY Botanical Garden

NYBG will resume public access to the garden grounds starting July 28th through a timed-entry system, however indoor collections are closed.

#### [Lecture Library](#)

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

### Brooklyn Botanic Garden

BBG will reopen to the public with new guidelines in accordance with the latest health recommendations on August 7th.

#### [The Garden Online](#)

Enjoy daily bloom photos, virtual tours of the spring collections, and ideas for families and home gardeners on ways to celebrate plants and nature at home.

## Virtual Tours & Webcams

### [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.

### [Explore.org Live Nature Cams](#)

Large array of nature live streams to choose from across the globe.

## 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.

## Remote Work Guides and Resources

### [Leading Groups Online](#)

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](#)

### [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.

## 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 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 by Americans for the Arts to better identify 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.

### [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

Workers can call 311 to 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.

#### [Suddenly Working From Home? Guide for Organizations](#)

Guide for organizations that are quickly creating a work-from-home option.

### Relief Funds & Grants

#### [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.

#### [The Brooklyn COVID-19 Response Fund](#)

Up to \$10k for organizations working toward racial equity.

#### [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](http://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](#)

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

### [Return to School 2020 Survey](#)

Short survey to understand what is most important to families for returning to school in the fall. All parents/guardians and students should take the survey.

### [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](#)

DOE is lending internet-enabled iPads to support remote learning. Students with disabilities in religious and independent non-public schools are also eligible to request a device. Give feedback on the [Remote Learning Survey](#).

### [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

### [Teacher Training: Taking Action Beyond the Ballot!](#)

Creative approaches to civic engagement for remote learning.

## **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.

## **New York Public Library**

### [Remote Library Services](#)

A range of digital resources including e-books, databases, and Collections.

As of July 13, NYPL is offering grab-and-go service at [8 library locations](#) to access a limited area for returns and pick up materials that they've reserved.

## **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.

### [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 Applications**

### [NextDoor](#)

Connect with neighbors, share updates, and ask questions.

### [Citizen](#)

Updates of what's happening in communities across NYC in real time.

## **Aid Networks**

### [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](#)

NYC Commission on Human Rights and the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes are monitoring reported hate incidents related to COVID-19.

## **US Census**

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.

## **Police Reform**

### [Safer New York Act](#)

This bill was recently passed in the NY State Legislature to increase police transparency and accountability.

### [NYPD Accountability Package](#)

Signed into law July 15, this set of police reforms bans chokeholds, increases oversight of NYPD surveillance technology, strengthens NYers' right to record police, and requires officers to make visible their shield numbers.

### [End Gun Violence Plan](#)

NYPD will shift resources to areas with high gun violence, organize gun buy-back events, increase coordination with Cure Violence, and reorganize the Community Affairs Bureau to provide more proactive engagement.

### [Justice for George NYC](#)

Instagram account compiling centralized info & updates on NYC protests

## **Volunteering Opportunities**

[NYC Service COVID-19 Response](#) and [Virtual Volunteering Opportunities](#)  
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 through August 5th, banned late payment fees for missed payments 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**

#### [COVID-19 Guidance & Resources for NYCHA Community](#)

Read about the updates NYCHA has taken to alleviate hardships, and stop the spread of COVID-19.

#### [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.

#### [NYCHA Community Centers Renovations](#)

3 NYCHA community centers will be renovated using \$22 million in capital funding shifted from the NYPD in the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget. A fourth center will receive expense funding for programming.

### **Housing Justice**

#### [Housing Justice for All - Rent Strike Toolkit](#)

#### [Citywide Landlord-Tenant Mediation Project](#)

New initiative to address rent-related issues in a mediation setting, outside of the housing court system, with a focus on hardest hit communities.

### [COVID-19 Hotel Program](#)

Free hotel rooms will be offered for people who need to quarantine based on referrals from H+H and health providers targeting people in overcrowded homes, health care workers, 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

## **Affordable Housing**

### [NYC Housing Connect](#)

HPD has launched a central resource for finding and applying for affordable housing. The new system streamlines the application process, provides New Yorkers with a clear picture of the opportunities they can apply for and includes more types of housing than ever before.

### [COVID Rent Relief Program](#)

Payments for eligible households to cover the difference between the household's rent burden on March 1, 2020 and the increase in rent burden for the months the household is applying for assistance. Households can apply for up to four months in rental assistance.

### [Rent Relief for Low Income Veterans](#)

Low income Veterans can receive relief from NYC SSVF Grantees if their total household income falls within the updated FY20 limits or served at least one day of active duty.

## **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](#)

[New York State Leadership Council - COVID-19 Support Efforts](#)

[Freelancers & Community Resources 2020](#)

[COVID-19 Resources for Artist Organizations](#)

[Black Girl Magik COVID-19 Global Resource Guide](#)

[Announcement / COVID-19 Resource Toolkit for Artists and our Extended Communities](#)

[Collective Care Is Our Best Weapon against COVID-19](#)

[Coronavirus Resource Kit](#)

[Citizen's Committee for NYC: Resources to help COVID-19 crisis](#)

[Senator Hoylman COVID-19 Public Resource Handbook](#)

[New York State - Coronavirus Resources for Parents](#)

[Assistance for Individuals](#)

[Resources for Immigrant Communities During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[COVID-19 Community Resources & Information](#)

[COVID19\\_for\\_Prisoners](#)

[NYC Tenants Rights During COVID-19 Emergency](#)

[Covid-19 Relief Resources for Musicians & Businesses](#)

[NRPA COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)

[Know Your Rights for Immigrant Families](#)