

District Manager's Report

July/August – 2025

Health Department Reported: NYC Health Department is currently investigating a community cluster of Legionnaires' disease in Central Harlem (ZIP codes 10027, 10030, 10035, 10037, and 10039).

The risk to most people in these ZIP codes is low. If you live or work in the area and have flu-like symptoms, see a health care provider right away. Symptoms include cough, fever, chills, muscle aches, and shortness of breath. If you do not have a health care provider, visit [NYC Health + Hospitals](#) or call **311** or 844-NYC-4NYC (844-692-4692).

As of August 13th, there are:

- 90 confirmed cases
- 3 deaths
- 15 currently hospitalized

People usually develop symptoms 2 to 10 days after exposure, though it can be as long as two weeks.

The Health Department has sampled and tested water from cooling towers in the investigation zone. Any cooling towers with initial positive results for Legionella bacteria have completed treatment. We are continuing to monitor and let buildings know if additional treatment is needed.

A building plumbing system is separate from a cooling tower system. This community outbreak is not related to a building's hot or cold water supply. Residents in these ZIP codes can continue to drink water, bathe, shower, cook, and use their air conditioner.

Legionnaires' disease is not spread from person to person. You cannot get Legionnaires' disease from someone who is sick.

Outreach:

Senator Cleare hosted a Town Hall on Tuesday, August 12th via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.;

NYC Public Advocate, Jumanne Williams is hosting an in-person Town Hall at Mt. Zion AME Church at 1765 Madison Avenue, on Thursday, August 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

The NYC Health Department participated at both events.

Mayor's Office Reported: Benefits on Your Block from July through October, the NYC Public Engagement Unit is hosting free community resource and benefit enrollment fairs every Saturday in neighborhoods across all five boroughs. At each event, residents can get screened for benefits, apply for programs on-site, and connect with City resources and services. For more information on resources you can click: www.on.nyc.gov/benefitsonyourblock

HPD Reported – HPD recently released a set of new proposed commitments and interactive tools that will help shape “**Where We Live NYC 2025**”, the City’s next fair housing plan to be released this fall. The plan aims to combat housing discrimination, preserve affordability, prevent displacement, and reinvest in neighborhoods that have long faced disinvestment. By releasing the data and documentation behind the forthcoming plan, HPD is inviting New Yorkers to explore what’s driving these proposals, engage with stories and evidence that shaped them, and share feedback to help inform the City’s next fair housing plan.

Through workshops, roundtables, and community events across all five boroughs, the City has engaged directly with New Yorkers over the last three years. These conversations, along with an online questionnaire and updated data and interagency collaboration, have helped to shape a new set of draft actions that reflect the realities New Yorkers face today. By making both the proposals and their underlying data public, HPD is inviting all New Yorkers into the planning process: to explore the findings, see how they connect to the proposed solutions, and help ensure Where We Live NYC 2025 reflects the needs of communities across the city.

Each new action helps advance one of **the City’s six fair housing goals**, first announced in the original 2020 fair housing plan and being carried forward in Where We Live NYC 2025. The new commitments include

- To Fight discrimination and ensure equal access to housing
- To build more housing in all neighborhoods across NYC and the region
- To protect affordable housing & prevent displacement
- To ensure access to different types of neighborhoods for tenants using rental assistance
- To expand and improve housing options and accommodations for people with disabilities
- To improve conditions, services and infrastructure in historically disinvested neighborhoods

The draft strategies and new tools are the next step in a broader, citywide conversation. Public meetings will follow in September, giving New Yorkers a chance to respond to what is being proposed, explore the data behind the work, and help shape the final Where We Live NYC 2025 plan, which is set to be released in fall 2025.

Department of Buildings (DOB) Reported: The proposed rules by the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) are part of the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity initiative and aim to implement ADUs in these dwellings, as outlined in Local Law 127 of 2024. The rules also address administrative requirements, technical standards, and safety features related to ADUs. Members of the public are welcome to provide comments and feedback during the hearing. The full text of the proposed rules can be found on the NYC Rules website.

Summary of Proposed Rules for Ancillary Dwelling Units (ADUs):

- NYC is proposing new rules to allow safe, code-compliant ADUs (basement, attic, backyard units) in one- and two-family homes across all five boroughs.

- The rules set safety and technical standards, including flood mitigation, egress, sprinklers, and occupancy limits;
- Homeowners must follow administrative steps, including obtaining Certificates of Occupancy;
- The DOB public hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2025; public comments are welcome;
- The Plus One ADU Program offers low- or no-interest loans and grants to help homeowners build or convert ADU's;
- DEP and DOHMH have related rules addressing flood risks and vapor testing to ensure ADU safety;
- This initiative is part of the broader "City of Yes" plan to add 82,000 new homes over 15 years to address NYC's housing shortage.;

Department of Parks & Recreation Reported: NYC Green Fund Grassroots Grantee Highlight bring your local Park or Open Space to Life with support from the NYC Green Fund Grassroots grant. Fund Grassroots transformed Open Streets on Sundays on the Lower East Side into Sprouting Justice—an oasis of art, environmental education, and community engagement that connected hundreds of residents to nature and each other.

The NYC Green Fund Grassroots grant is open for applications, offering up to \$40,000 per year, with two-year funding available for returning grantees.

The application deadline is August 22, 2025 at 11:59pm.

LEARN MORE/APPLYHERE: https://cityparksfoundation.org/grants-more/?mc_cid=97c4af8654&mc_eid=afc6422939

DEP Reported: Water Condition in Front of Firehouse at 503 West 139th Street NYC DEP was contacted by FDNY and NYCEM regarding a water condition involving possible undermining in front of Engine 80/Ladder 23. In response, DEP Manhattan Water Maintenance and Manhattan Sewer Maintenance Units were dispatched to the site.

DEP crews observed a small depression in the middle of the street, accompanied by a slight water push. At this time, no immediate action is required. DEP will conduct further investigation using specialized equipment and testing.

DEP will coordinate with FDNY to schedule a date that works for them to excavate a portion of the street for a more thorough inspection of the potential leak. DEP will provide updates to the district as more information becomes available.

DYCD Reported: Department of Youth and Community Development is conducting a citywide Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to collect feedback from New Yorkers to set program priorities and direct resources where they are needed most. DYCD wants to help ensure local services reflect real community needs. Completing the survey affords residents a chance to shape the future of their neighborhoods.

Every voice matters. Any New Yorker age 14 and older can take the survey.

Survey link: <https://areg.is/10zazj3>.

Upcoming Event/Announcement:

Alternate side of the street parking regulations will be suspended on Friday, August 15th - Feast of the Assumption. Parking meters will remain in effect.

NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln is hosting their **Annual Back-to-School Immunization Health Fair**, a free event to help students get the vaccines they need for a healthy start to school.

Event Details:

What: Free Immunization Health Fair

Who: Children ages 4–18 (must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian)

When: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Lincoln Hospital – Pediatric Practice, [Room 1C2, 1st fl.](#) (Scan the QR code on the attached flyer to reserve space).

Health Department is hosting a Rat Academy Training(s) these FREE Trainings are for:

- Building Supers and Staff;
- Homeowners and tenants;
- Managing companies;
- Business owners;

Learn about Rat prevention methods including prevention measures for Community *Gardeners* (*please see attached Flyer*)

Art in the Park Presents its 4th Annual “Back to Beautiful! Guns down! Brushes Up!” Event on Saturday, August 23rd, 2025, 1p.m. – 5p.m., 128th St. (bet. Lexington & 3rd Ave.). Creating a Safe Space for Our Youth & Families through the Arts, contact the www.ARTINTHEPARK128.ORG to learn more, also see attached Flyer for details.

The 26th Precinct Community Affairs & Manhattan Community Board 9 Present: The Annual BACK2SCHOOL Event...Come join us for a day of fun and preparation for the new school year!

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Old Broadway (Between 125th & 126th Street)

FREE Backpacks & School Supplies will be Given away!

While supplies last.(See Flyer)

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