

# District Manager's Report

## January, 2022

**DOHMH Reported:** If you received your second dose of the Pfizer COVID19 vaccine at least 5 months ago, you are eligible for a Booster Shot!

Or if you received the Johnson & Johnson COVID19 vaccine at least two months you are eligible for a Booster Shot! Your Booster Shot can be any of the three authorized or approved vaccines at most sites across the city starting tomorrow.

### Monoclonal Antibody (MAb Treatment)

[https://www.welz.com/antibody-treatment?gclid=CjwKCAiAtdGNBhAmEiwAWxGcUprnua0h-JORgZs180xApa4xhGMzRbXh-UxSCD0XU5jv2fuJPBrRRoCOJcQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.welz.com/antibody-treatment?gclid=CjwKCAiAtdGNBhAmEiwAWxGcUprnua0h-JORgZs180xApa4xhGMzRbXh-UxSCD0XU5jv2fuJPBrRRoCOJcQAvD_BwE)

Monoclonal antibody treatment is for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are not sick enough to be in the hospital. mAb treatment can lower the amount of virus in your body, reduce symptoms and help avoid a trip to the hospital. mAb treatment is most effective when received soon after COVID-19 symptoms begin, so it is important to get tested right away.

Find a vaccination site near you: [nyc.gov/vaccinefinder](https://nyc.gov/vaccinefinder)

**DOT Reported:** NYC DOT's Art Division (DOT Art) is inviting artists and designers to propose mural designs as part of the 2022 Barrier Beautification initiative.

DOT Art commissions the installation of temporary mural and design treatments along concrete barriers that protect bike lanes and pedestrian walkways throughout New York City. With increased implementation of protected bicycle lanes Citywide as part of NYC DOT's Green Wave Plan to continue improving safety for cyclists, DOT Art works in collaboration with the DOT Bike Unit to enhance the new safety treatments with the installation of painted designs. Up to five sites may be selected as priority Barrier Beautification locations in 2022. A commission of up to \$10,000 (site and design dependent) will be awarded to selected artists to cover all direct project costs. Artists should submit an application, design proposal and samples of past work by **Sunday, February 13, 2022** for consideration. All inquiries regarding the Barrier Beautification Request for Proposals should be sent to [arts@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:arts@dot.nyc.gov).

### Download the Barrier Beautification application

here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/barrier-beautification-rfp.pdf>

**Deadline: Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM EST**

**Manhattan D. A's Office Reported:** Be Careful of SCAMS!!! The Elder Abuse Unit at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office helps protect older adults from crimes of physical abuse, domestic violence, financial exploitation, and neglect. Anyone who believes that they may be or know a victim of elder abuse should call the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's Elder Abuse Hotline: 212-335-9007.

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- Never give out financial or personal information to anyone who contacts you unsolicited;
- Be wary of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason;
- If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Never be afraid to ask for a second opinion or more information;
- Request to verify the employment of any worker who asks to enter your home;
- Be suspicious of anyone who claims you have won a contest or lottery that you don't remember entering;
- Never wire money, provide debit, credit card, or bank account numbers to people you don't know;
- Legitimate utility companies and government agencies will never demand payment in the form of prepaid gift cards;
- Family members should be vigilant when hiring caregivers for older adults. They should monitor bank accounts and credit card bills for unusual spending and be on the lookout for any signs of physical abuse.

**MTA Reported:** Governor Kathy Hochul and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority recently announced that the Second Avenue Subway expansion project that would extend the Second Avenue line to 125th St in East Harlem has moved to the Engineering phase of the project timeline. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed by President Biden in November provided \$23 billion in new grant opportunities for transit expansion, a historic level of funding that doubled the amount of grants available for major projects like Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway (SAS2).

The MTA submitted a request to the U.S. Department of Transportation to allow Phase 2 of the expansion to move forward and remain eligible for funding. Phase 2 will include the construction of three new subway stations, at 106th St, 116th St, and 125th St in East Harlem. The Federal Transit Administration has advanced SAS2 into the Engineering phase of the grant process, bringing the project one step closer to reality and allowing preliminary work to move forward.

Approximately 70 percent of East Harlem residents use public transportation to get to work, much higher than the citywide average of 55 percent. The expansion of Second Avenue Subway would help advance the Biden Administration's and New York State's goal for transportation equity and would improve the local community's access to jobs, health care, and other services, while reducing congestion, both on the streets and on the Lexington Avenue subway line and improving air quality.

**Phase 1** of the project extended the Q line from 63rd St to 96th St and was New York City's biggest expansion of the subway system in 50 years. Service opened on January 1, 2017, with additional stations at 72nd St and 86th St. Since its completion, the Second Avenue Subway has carried more than 130 million passengers and carried more than 200,000 passengers on a pre-

pandemic day. A tunnel segment that will be used for **Phase 2** was built in the 1970s from 110th St to 120th St along Second Avenue.

### **Fast Facts to Know**

- This phase of the project will extend train service from 96th St north to 125th St, approximately 1.5 miles.
- There will be new stations at 106th St and 116th St on Second Ave and 125th St at Park Ave.
- Phase 2 will provide direct passenger connections to the Lexington Avenue (4/5/6) subway line at 125th St and an entrance at Park Ave to allow convenient transfers to the Metro-North Railroad 125 St Station.
- Each station will have above-ground ancillary buildings that house ventilation mechanical, and electrical equipment. These will include space for possible ground-floor retail.
- Expansion will serve an additional 100,000 daily riders.
- Will provide three new ADA accessible stations - raising the bar for customer comfort and convenience.
- Increased multimodal transit connectivity at the 125th St station - with connections to the 4/5/6, Metro-North trains and the M60 Select Bus Service to LaGuardia Airport, allowing convenient transfers to other subway and commuter rail lines, facilitating smoother, faster transportation across the city and region.

### **Mayor's Office - Fred Kreizman, Commissioner, Community Assistance Unit (CAU)**

**Reported:** Commissioner Kreizman met with the Manhattan District Manager's and stated he is honored to be appointed as the next Commissioner of the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit (CAU) under Mayor Eric Adams. Their team is committed to work with every community in all five boroughs to Get Stuff Done, and empower local residents.

Commissioner Kreizman previously worked in CAU for twelve years under Mayor Bloomberg. He knows how important his office is to making sure that the voices of communities across the city are heard in City Hall and in government. Commissioner Kreizman is committed to working closely with all (59) community boards, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations across the City to ensure that their office responds to the needs of communities as efficiently and effectively as possible.

**The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Reported:** Applying for a Reduced-Fare MetroCard is now easier. For the first time ever, seniors and people with qualifying disabilities can apply online for reduced subway and bus fares. Since the soft launch earlier this month, more than 800 people have applied for a Reduced-Fare MetroCard online.

Previously, customers interested in a Reduced-Fare MetroCard would have to apply in person by visiting the Customer Service Center in Lower Manhattan, Mobile Sales or by mail.

The reduced fare is half the base fare. The base fare for subways and local buses is \$2.75, so the reduced fare is \$1.35. Reduced fares can be used on the subway and on local buses at any time. On express buses and commuter railroads, reduced fares are eligible any time excluding rush hour. To learn more about reduced fares, visit <https://new.mta.info/fares/reduced-fare>.

**Con Edison Reported:** Con Edison is performing Gas Upgrade work within Community District 9 and are expected to work from **January 3 to February 28. Locations and Work Schedule:** Bradhurst between W 154 Street & W 155 Street, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; what to expect: Limited Street Parking; Temporary Lane/Bike Lane Closures; and noise from generators.

**FDNY Reported:** FDNY is reminding New Yorkers that it is important to use 911 only for emergencies. Allow first responders to assist those most in need. Only call 911 if you need help right away. If you need help finding a health care provider, call 311. Ambulances do not provide testing for COVID-19, and patients are not transported to a hospital to be tested upon request. Transport decisions are made based on medical needs. Please only call 911 during a real emergency. For non-emergencies, or if you need help finding a healthcare provider, call 311. For more information about COVID, visit [nyc.gov/coronavirus](http://nyc.gov/coronavirus) and text COVID to 692-692 for updates.

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<https://www.facebook.com/FDNY/posts/281048930725900>

<https://twitter.com/FDNY/status/1476251003511087107>

**Congressman Espaillat's Office Reported:** "Cancel Student Debt" Congressman Espaillat will host a Virtual Roundtable with local elected's and Representatives from the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (EDCAP) and Student Borrower Protection Center (SBPC) on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4 p.m., Live at [fb.com/RepEspaillat](https://fb.com/RepEspaillat)

#### **Did You Know:**

[Applications are now open](#) for Citizens Committee for New York's 2022 "All In" Neighborhood Grants and Neighborhood Business Grants. A total of \$1million is available and each grantee is awarded up to \$10,000. Apply early but applications will be accepted until Summer 2022.

**Faith-Based institutions that are considering developing affordable housing:** A free online workshop is taking place on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. about ways Houses of Worship can more fully utilize their property and resources to develop affordable housing, as well as for other purposes – and at the same time strengthen and stabilize their congregation and their community. For further information and to register please click following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfu2tpzsiGNAenAWAY21GzkFQ4sLJIBCO>

**The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** announced the launch of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade

students attending public, independent, charter and parochial schools, and those who are home-schooled, in New York City and in East and West of Hudson watersheds, are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects and appreciation of New York's shared water resources. Entries will be accepted until March 4, 2022. For further information and to register please click following link: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/environment/water-resources-art-poetry-contest.page>

**Manhattan Borough President Northern Manhattan Office** is offering FREE daily COVID19 PCR Testing at 431 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street; Monday thru Friday; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. ID required, for further info. Please contact the Northern MBPO at (212) 531-1609.

Respectfully Submitted,

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