

# District Manager's Report

## June, 2022

### Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Reported:

#### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook**

- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA's) Climate Prediction Center is predicting another above-normal Atlantic hurricane season.
- All New Yorkers should take steps to be prepared by having an emergency plan.
- Coastal Storm Evacuation Zones changed in 2021 based on new data, so every New Yorker should visit [NYC.gov/knowyourzone](https://www.nyc.gov/knowyourzone) to find their hurricane evacuation zone.
- People with Disabilities Access and Functional Needs, make sure your emergency plan addresses how your needs may affect your ability to evacuate, use elevators in your building, shelter in place, or communicate with emergency workers. Arrange help from family, friends, building staff, or service providers if you will need assistance.
- You can find NOAA's press release on this year's outlook here: <https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/noaa-predicts-above-normal-2022-atlantic-hurricane-season>

#### **Beat the Heat**

- Summer heat is on the way. NYCEM encourages New Yorkers—especially seniors--to “Beat the Heat” and to take steps to be prepared for extreme heat.
- New Yorkers are especially vulnerable to extreme heat-related hazards during the summer months.
- Get tips on how to stay healthy and cool during the summer months, conserve water and energy, and identify and treat individuals with heat-related illnesses at: [www.nyc.gov/beattheheat](https://www.nyc.gov/beattheheat).
- REMINDER: Keep in mind that during heat events, the Cooling Center Finder will be accessible through our homepage at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/about/overview.page> or calling by 311
- Please Note: The Cooling Center Finder will not be accessible when a heat emergency is not occurring.

#### **Request a Ready New York Event**

- Take the next step to preparedness and request an in-person or virtual emergency preparedness presentation.
- Through the program, you can learn about the hazards you may face in New York City and prepare for all types of emergencies by writing an emergency plan, choosing a meeting place, gathering supplies for your home, and preparing a Go Bag in case you need to leave your home in a hurry.
- Request a virtual Ready NY event or material via email at [intergov@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:intergov@oem.nyc.gov)

**Mayor's Office Reported:** Mayor Adams recently stood on the steps of City Hall to announce the creation of the new Gun Violence Prevention task force. The task force will be co-led by Deputy Mayor Sheena Wright and A.T. Mitchell and will ensure that community safety is every agency's responsibility — not just that of first responders. The Mayor has also ordered city buildings be lit orange for Gun Violence awareness throughout the weekend the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor stated “Gun Violence is a national tragedy It affects every city and town

throughout the United States. New York City is going to lead the way to keep guns off our streets”.

June 1st marked the start of Pride Month across the world. Mayor Adams announced that in celebration the Pride flag, the Philly Pride flag and the transgender flag would fly from the portico throughout the month. "I'm wishing all LGBTQ+ New Yorkers a very happy [#PrideMonth](#). New York City is your home no matter your identity or orientation. We're proud to be the city of Stonewall and LGBTQ+ trailblazers. You're always welcome here." – Mayor Adams

### **NYC Save for College Program Updates and Resources**

Starting this school year, and every year going forward, kindergarten students enrolled in a New York City public school — including participating charter schools — automatically receive a scholarship account invested in a NY 529 *Direct Plan*, with an initial \$100 from NYC Kids RISE, unless their families choose not to participate.

Families of NYC kindergarteners participating in the Save for College Program can go to [nyckidsrise.org/activate](https://nyckidsrise.org/activate) to activate and view their kindergarteners' new NYC Scholarship Accounts and start earning more money for their educational futures.

The [Save for College Program](#) is a scholarship and savings platform that provides families, schools and communities with a way to work together to invest in and save for children's futures. The public-private-community partnership is designed to make college and career training more accessible and achievable for public school students, regardless of their income or immigration status.

Please use the NYC Kids RISE [social media toolkit](#) to learn more and spread the word!

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Reported: Smoking: NYC Quits** If you are interested in quitting, or need support managing cravings and staying smoke-free when you want to, help is available:

Quitting will:

- Reduce your risk of cancer and heart disease.
- Protect your loved ones from secondhand smoke.
- Save you money.

Learn more: <https://on.nyc.gov/2RSk8YU>

### **Covid-19: Alert Level is High**

The Health Department will now be using an alert level system that tracks COVID-19 transmission and health care capacity in the city. To learn more about the alert system go to <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-alert-levels.page>.

## **Federal COVID-19 Resource Website**

The Biden administration has introduced [covid.gov](https://www.covid.gov), a federal website meant to help Americans who are infected with the virus find the treatment they need quickly and at no cost. On the website, people can find locations to get tests and anti-viral pills, find the locations of vaccination sites and places to acquire high-quality masks; fill out a form to order eight free at-home coronavirus tests per household; view their community's risk level according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and get general information on Covid symptoms, treatment, testing and travel.

The website is available in English, Spanish and Chinese. The administration is also making all of these tools available over the phone through the national vaccine hotline at 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489), which supports over 150 languages.

## **AfterCare Program for Long COVID**

The NYC Test & Trace Corps AfterCare program has launched a hotline for New Yorkers seeking information and resources to recover from Long COVID. New Yorkers who are suffering from or suspect they may have Long COVID can now call AfterCare Navigators directly. AfterCare Navigators are health outreach specialists with experience supporting people during their COVID infection and will assess patients for their specific health and social needs and connect them to Long COVID resources. AfterCare Navigators connect patients to holistic resources – including physical and mental health referrals, community support, and financial assistance – to address the various physical symptoms, as well as the social and economic impacts, that New Yorkers with Long COVID may experience.

New Yorkers can call 212-COVID19 (212-268-4319), select their preferred language, and press 4 to speak directly to an AfterCare navigator. Learn more on the [AfterCare website](#) and through AfterCare's [Long COVID recovery guide](#).

## **“Test-to-Treat” Pharmacy Program**

A new federal Test to Treat program gives people a fast and easy way to get lifesaving treatment for COVID-19. In this program, people can get tested at Test to Treat sites. If they test positive and treatments are appropriate for them, they can get a prescription from a healthcare provider and have the prescription filled all in one location. People can also bring test results obtained from a home testing kit to Test to Treat sites and get evaluated by a healthcare provider for treatment.

People can use the [COVID-19 Test to Treat Locator](#) to find Test to Treat sites near them. A call center is also available at 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages – 8:00 am to midnight ET, 7 days a week. The [Disability Information and Access Line](#) (DIAL) is also available to specifically help people with disabilities access services. To get help, call 1-888-677-1199, Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm ET or email [DIAL@usaginganddisability.org](mailto:DIAL@usaginganddisability.org).

Learn more about the program and download fact sheets in numerous languages [here](#).

### **Home Delivered COVID Antiviral Medication**

The City is providing free home delivery -- as long as there is a prescription-- of oral antiviral pills Paxlovid (made by Pfizer), and Molnupiravir (by Merck), via Alto Pharmacy, a medication provider which has partnered with the City. Since supplies of the new drugs are extremely limited, deliveries will be prioritized to those who test positive and considered to be at higher risk for COVID.

Those who have tested positive and are otherwise qualified can visit [Virtual ExpressCare](#) for a phone or video visit or call 212-COVID19 (212-268-4319) and press 9.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

#### *At-Home Rapid Test Kit Distribution Program*

The City is still providing COVID-19 tests to eligible NYC-based/serving nonprofit/501c3, community-based and faith-based organizations to distribute to their communities.

As the program's capacity expands each week, they will engage additional organizations who serve high-needs neighborhoods, such as the neighborhoods identified by the Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity\*, those that lack access to testing options, and who:

- have demonstrated commitment to COVID prevention and/or public health
- have demonstrated capacity to reach at least hundreds of New York City residents
- are prepared to sign legal agreement (MOU)
- are prepared to complete basic reporting of distributions
- are prepared to pick up monthly allocations
- are prepared to store and distribute kits safely, including monitoring expiration dates

**George Bruce Library Reported:** The New York Public Library (NYPL) will temporarily close the George Bruce Library Branch beginning June 20th to facilitate important renovations to the infrastructure of the building. The branch will receive a new heating and cooling system, boiler, and fire alarm system, as well as other improvements to the building. The closure will last three months, with the branch expected to reopen at the end of September.

**During their temporary closure, patrons are encouraged to use these nearby branches:**

- [Harlem Library](#) (9 West 124th Street);
- [Morningside Heights Library](#) (2900 Broadway);
- [Harry Belafonte–115th Street Library](#) (203 West 115th Street);

*\*Please note: Harry Belafonte–115 Street Library will reopen on June 27 following its renovation; for additional questions about this renovation please click [here](#).*

**The New York City Campaign Finance Board Reported:** Official New York Voter Guide for the June 2022 primary elections.

The guide is online at [NYCVotes.org](https://nycvotes.org) and allows voters to look up the candidates on their ballot. Early voting runs from Saturday, June 18 through Sunday, June 26th and Election Day is on Tuesday, June 28.

The guide includes profile information for candidates on the ballot for the following offices:

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- State Assembly
- Judges
- Party Positions

More Information can be found [here](#) including absentee ballots, Early Voting Poll Sites and hours, Election Day Poll Sites and hours. Primary elections for U.S. Congress and NY State Senate will be held on August 23, 2022.

### **HRA/DSS Reported:**

#### **SNAP On-Demand Interviews**

SNAP On-Demand telephone eligibility interviews will resume on June 1, 2022. The availability of On-Demand interviews gives clients more flexibility as they do not have to wait for HRA to call them to complete their eligibility interview. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, once they submit their application or recertification form via ACCESS HRA, at a PC Bank, in-person, or by mail, clients are able to call HRA at 718-SNAP-NOW (718-762-7669) anytime between 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday, for an “on-demand” telephone interview. If an applicant has an emergency need for SNAP they should call right after they submit their application. Clients have up to 30 days from the time they submit their form to make this call and fulfill the interview requirement.

#### **Emergency SNAP Allotments**

As it has in previous months, the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) will issue an emergency SNAP supplement to households receiving SNAP benefits in May 2022. The emergency allotment will be the difference between their budgeted allotment and the maximum allotment for their household size or \$95, whichever is greater. Further information is available [here](#).

These emergency allotments are scheduled to continue for one month beyond the end of the federal public health emergency. The public health emergency has been extended and is currently set to end on July 16, 2022.

On October 1, 2021, permanent changes to SNAP went into effect, resulting in a sizeable increase in the benefit issuance by household size. SNAP households have continued

to receive emergency allotments on top of this permanent increase. Once the emergency allotments are no longer being issued, the permanent SNAP increase will remain in effect, but families and individuals will see a decrease in the total amount of SNAP received per month. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

### **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Food Benefits Updates**

OTDA will begin distributing Summer P-EBT, which will provide all eligible students with \$375 in food benefits, in May. OTDA will post information on their website about benefit distribution dates when it becomes available.

Nearly all eligible school children were issued their P-EBT food benefits for the 2020-21 school year.

For assistance with general questions or to request a replacement Medicaid CBIC that was issued for P-EBT food benefits:

- Call the P-EBT Helpline at **833-452-0096**
- Visit [www.otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/](http://www.otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/), which has information about P-EBT
- Submit a P-EBT Information form at <https://otda.ny.gov/PEBT-Info>.

To check the balance or select a PIN for a P-EBT food benefits card:

- Visit [www.connectebt.com](http://www.connectebt.com)
- Call **888-328-6399**

**IDNYC Updates:** IDNYC is a free municipal ID card for all New Yorkers that not only provides government photo identification, but can serve as a library card, provides free memberships to more than 30 cultural institutions, qualifies an individual for discounts at health and wellness centers, and a [multitude of other benefits](#). New Yorkers can also use the card to access City services, and apply for jobs when submitted with proof of work authorization. [Certain financial institutions](#) will accept IDNYC as identification to open a bank account.

### **Renewing IDNYC:**

Individuals may renew their IDNYC card starting 90 days before and up to 1 year after the expiration date on their card, and are encouraged to complete the renewal application online.

The IDNYC Program has expanded the renewal period for all cardholders whose cards expired in 2020. If a card expired in 2020 or 2021, the cardholder may renew their card through December 31, 2022. After this date, the cardholder will need to submit a new application at an Enrollment Center.

Learn how to renew online at the [How to Renew](#) page. To start the online renewal process now, visit the [Online Portal](#).

Services provided at Enrollment Centers are currently available by appointment only. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To schedule an appointment, visit the [Online Portal](#) and click "Make an Appointment" or call 311 and say IDNYC. View the latest information about open Enrollment Centers by visiting the [Locations](#) page.

**Announcements/Events:**

**Paper Shred Fest Event held jointly with: Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell/Senator Robert Jackson and Senator Cordell Cleare** on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>; 12Noon - 3:00pm at 109th Street and Amsterdam Ave (Any questions, please call at (212) 866-3970.

**29th Annual Juneteenth Celebration** - Sat, June 18th Parade starts at 11:00am/Street Fair starts at Noon and event ends at 6:00pm. Location - 116th Street between Malcolm X Blvd and Fifth Avenue. For more information, contact 212.662.2200; visit at: [juneteenthcelebrationnyc.org](http://juneteenthcelebrationnyc.org) or Email: [Juneteenthcelebrationnyc@gmail.com](mailto:Juneteenthcelebrationnyc@gmail.com)

**28th Precinct Youth Coordination Officers Present HBCU College Fair** - Sat, June 11th - Noon - 4:00pm at 2271 Frederick Douglas Blvd. bet 122nd and 123rd Streets (Everyone is Invited) - For more information contact - P.O. Johnson - 917.912.4740

**Employment Opportunities:**

**Community Board 9 Manhattan is currently looking to hire a new Community Associate:** This is an entry-level position, ideal for someone looking to get their start in NYC government. They'll get firsthand experience working with city and state agencies, elected officials and their offices, and community stakeholders alongside a great team at CB9.

The Job Posting is attached and can be found on the NYC jobs @[https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/psc/nycjobs/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM\\_FL.HRS\\_CG\\_SEARCH\\_FL.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB\\_FL&Action=U](https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/psc/nycjobs/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB_FL&Action=U). If you know anyone who might be interested, please pass this along to them.

**NYC Emergency Management has some exciting employment opportunities available!** They can be viewed on the NYC Careers [website](#).

**DSNY: Join The Strongest** The New York City Department of Sanitation is looking for New York's Strongest! The filing period for the next Sanitation Worker exam will be open from June 8th until June 28th. Go to [nyc.gov/dsny](http://nyc.gov/dsny) on June 8th to register for the exam.

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