

May, 2020 District Manager's Report

Agency Reports:

Mayor's Office Reported:

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that two more miles of streets will be opened to pedestrians and cyclists, adding to the seven miles of car-free streets opened ahead of schedule earlier this month. Starting May 7, over 1.5 miles of streets in three boroughs will be managed by Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) as part of the Open Streets initiative designed to provide greater social distancing among New Yorkers. Open Streets will also return to 34th Avenue in Jackson Heights, Queens, which had been part of a pilot last month.

The Mayor and the Council announced that 40 miles of streets citywide would be opened during May to allow greater social distancing, with a plan to expand to a total of 100 miles to be identified in the weeks and months ahead. The hours of operation for these streets vary.

Air Conditioner Distribution: The heat can be dangerous. To keep the most vulnerable New Yorkers safe, the City will provide over 74,000 air conditioners to all low-income seniors and NYCHA residents, so staying home is safe and comfortable during the Summer months.

Tablets for Seniors: Thousands of senior New Yorkers will receive free tablets equipped with internet service to better connect with loved ones during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The Mayor's Office plans to distribute the devices to 10,000 senior residents living in buildings operated by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), starting with locations in Brownsville, East New York, Mott Haven, Red Hook, Bushwick and Coney Island. Roughly 10,000 apartments in NYCHA's network are designated senior residences.

It was stated a \$5 million investment aimed to reduce isolation among older New Yorkers without access to virtual communication methods. Individuals older than 65 are at especially high risk of developing severe symptoms and health complications from COVID-19. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, patients belonging to that age bracket account for [80 percent of coronavirus deaths](#).

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!! New Yorkers are in this together please know that you're not alone Free, confidential mental health support is available in YOUR language, [24/7](#). Call 1-888-NYC-Well to talk to a trained counselor, regardless of immigration or insurance status.

MTA Reported: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) recently announced an ultraviolet (UV) light pilot program proven to kill COVID-19, with the first phase set to launch on subways, buses, and other New York City Transit facilities throughout the system early next week.

The MTA pilot will deploy approximately 150 dual-headed mobile devices from Denver-based startup PURO Lighting to test and evaluate the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of UVC technology in a number of settings across New York City Transit including trains, buses, stations and occupational facilities, using strict protocols and procedures to ensure the safety of the employees and customers. After evaluation, the pilot's second phase will expand to Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North.

All 472 MTA subway stations will be closed from 1 a.m. until 5 a.m., with 500 cleaners surging through the system.

The cleaning program will have three phases over 24 hours:

--Daytime Terminal Car Cleaning: After each train reaches its final destination, crews will remove trash, clean spills and bio hazards, and spot clean seats, floors, and other surfaces. Trains will also be disinfected at terminals during particular hours over the course of the day.

--Overnight Yard Cleaning: Trains in service during daytime hours but out of service at night will receive a more comprehensive cleaning every night in yards. Crews will remove garbage and graffiti, clean spills and bio hazards, mop floors, clean seats cleaning, and disinfect surfaces.

--Overnight Terminal Car Cleaning: Trains that remain in service at night will receive cleaning that is identical to the yard cleaning above, except at terminal stations.

Cleaning will include antimicrobial biostatistics and ultraviolet light, testing multiple products from multiple companies.

The main alternate for subway service will be significantly increased bus service, MTA President stated 1,168 bus trips have been added, a 76% increase, with 344 more buses on the road, a 146% increase. It was also stated 61 routes are being enhanced during the shutdown:

--Brooklyn: 3 express and 17 local

--Bronx: 5 express and 10 local

--Manhattan: 10 local

--Queens: 3 express and 13 local

DOT Reported: CitiBike Expansion for Essential Workers. Essential workers can now get a free one-year membership to CitiBikeNYC thanks to the Mayor, DOT, and Lyft. This is a safer way for front line workers to get to their jobs while decreasing their exposure risk.

Citi Bike will have stations near Lincoln and Harlem Hospitals AND is offering a free yearlong membership to essential workers.

Alternate Side Parking Regulation suspensions will be extended through Sunday, May 17, 2020. Regulations will resume from Monday, May 18–Sunday, May 24, 2020 for a citywide

clean sweep, after which suspensions will continue for another two weeks through Sunday, June 7, 2020.

Please note there will be two suspensions during the clean sweep week: Thursday, May 21, 2020 and Sunday, May 24, 2020 as scheduled on the ASP calendar for Solemnity of the Ascension and Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr).

The City may extend the suspension based on street cleanliness and workforce availability. Any New Yorker under isolation who has received a ticket can appeal to the Department of Finance and should provide medical documentation or testimony, which will be taken into consideration when their case is reviewed.

Payment at parking meters will remain in effect throughout the City.

DOE Reported: Recently, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Richard A. Carranza announced the City's summer learning plan. This summer, the Department of Education will provide academic support to approximately 177,700 students with remote summer learning. This adjusted summer learning model will offer education and services to students with disabilities and provide academic support and additional time to the students not yet mastering grade-level standards.

SUMMER CALENDAR

➤ Last Day of School: Friday, June 26

➤ **Summer Learning Calendar:**

- July 1- August 13: Students with disabilities (12-month plans)
- July 13-August 18: Grades 3-8
- July 13-August 21: Grades 9-12

➤ **Estimated Students:**

- Grades 3-8: 67,000
- Grades 9-12: 83,000
- All Grades Students with Disabilities (12-month Plans): 27,700
- Total Est. Enrolled 177,700

➤ **GRADES 3-8**

- Fully remote learning throughout the summer
- 4 days per week for 6 weeks
- Covers math and English Language Arts daily, live or pre-recorded instruction and in small group and 1-1 check-ins

- Students also participate in enrichment activities including virtual field trips, community building, and social emotional learning
- Check-ins with guidance counselors or social workers

➤ **GRADES 9-12**

- Fully remote learning throughout the summer
- 5 days per week for 6 weeks
- Up to 5 hours of instruction daily, only in subjects they did not pass
- Small group and 1-1 check-ins
- Students also participate in enrichment activities including virtual field trips, community building and social emotional learning

DSNY Reported:

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Graffiti Free NYC Service Change related to COVID-19 Budget Cuts. COVID-19 is having a significant impact on the City's economy and finances. To ensure the City can continue to devote resources to essential safety, health, shelter, and food security needs, the City has suspended the Graffiti Free NYC program indefinitely. As a result, 311 has suspended processing of graffiti removal service requests.

George Bruce Library Reported:

Free Online Tutoring for Students - Through the New York Public Library, students can receive one-on-one free online homework help from one-on-one tutors, daily from 2–11 PM. Tutors are available in English and Spanish, from early elementary through high school grades, in core subject areas. Video content and other resources are also available 24 hours a day. Families will need a New York Library card to access this service, and can apply for a card <https://www.nypl.org/books-music-movies/ebookcentral/simplye>.

Board of Elections Reported:

All New Yorkers will be allowed to cast absentee ballots in the June 23 primary elections due to the Corona Virus crisis registration can be done at <https://nycabsentee.com/absentee?emci=e01f1b46-4694-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&emdi=22381ae6-5d95-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&ceid=11924437>

HRA Reported:

Your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits can now be used to shop [online](#) for fresh produce and groceries. Participating online stores now accept SNAP benefits for online orders and will deliver to you.

Use your EBT card to shop securely for fresh produce and groceries at these participating stores in the New York City area:

- [Amazon](#)
- [ShopRite](#)
- [Walmart](#)

Note: SNAP benefits cannot be used to pay delivery fees. Be sure to confirm an online store delivers to your home address.

All in-person appointments have been cancelled. **NO NEGATIVE CASE ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN.** The following listed below can be done without coming to an HRA Center. Go online to nyc.gov/accesshra, or download the ACCESS HRA mobile app, and log in or create an account.

Apply for and recertify SNAP benefits online.

- ✓ Complete your SNAP periodic report online;
- ✓ Change or close your SNAP case online;
- ✓ Take photos of requested documents with your phone and upload them;
- ✓ After you apply and submit documents, you can call to complete your interview. Call 718-SNAP-NOW (718-762-7669), anytime between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday. SNAP
- ✓ You can now submit an application for Cash Assistance on ACCESS HRA. HRA will call you for a phone interview;
- ✓ Submit a recertification application for Cash Assistance. HRA will call you for a phone interview;
- ✓ Take photos of requested documents with your phone and upload them;
- ✓ Submit an application for a special grant such as Emergency Rental Assistance. Cash Assistance;
- ✓ Check your application status;
- ✓ Read e-notices online, or sign up to go paperless;
- ✓ View the list of documents HRA has requested under 'Required Documents' and those already received under 'Case Record';
- ✓ View your benefit payments;
- ✓ Update your contact information;
- ✓ Sign up for text alerts for upcoming appointments, and for information regarding when your recertification is due;

Burial Assistance Program - To address the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following emergency rule was issued:

- Increasing the burial allowance from \$900 to \$1,700 and increasing the cap on burial costs from \$1,700 to \$3,400
- Extending the timeframe for when you can apply to 120 days from the date of the individual's death
- Please access and share the application for burial assistance at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/hra/downloads/pdf/benefits/burial_claim_app_en.pdf

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Reported:

Access to Food - All New Yorkers can access the food they need. Go to nyc.gov/GetFood for resources:

To find a meal hub location near you: Go to schools.nyc.gov. Text "FOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877-877. View this update in multiple languages @ <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1246096131680956417>

NYC Food Delivery Assistance

- NYC Food Delivery Assistance Resources <https://cv19engagementportal.cityofnewyork.us/#/display/5e7555117ad6750216160409>
- If you cannot leave your home to get food, do not have anyone who can bring you food, and you are not able to use private delivery options, you may be eligible to get meals delivered directly to your home.
- Go to [NYC.gov/GetFood](https://nyc.gov/GetFood) or call 311 and say "Get Food" for information.

Resources for Businesses and Nonprofits

Relief for Businesses and Nonprofits: the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program <https://access.nyc.gov/sba-loan-announcement/>

- The Paycheck Protection Program offers two-year loans at 1% interest that you may not have to pay back if the money is used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utility payments
- Loan is designed for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll
- Businesses and nonprofits with 500 or fewer employees are eligible to apply
- View an FAQ on the Paycheck Protection Program in multiple languages @ <https://access.nyc.gov/sba-loan-announcement/>

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- Mayor's Office is hiring 2,500 contact tracers by early June. Learn how to apply at <http://nyc.gov/traceteam>;
- See resources at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/businesses/businesses-and-nonprofits.page>;
- **Expanded anti-body testing** You can make an appointment at <https://nychealthandhospitals.org>;
- Jobs: Temporary opportunities available: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/find-a-job.page>.
- **NYC-DHMH recently launched a new data page on their website.** It has much more information, including more information on the zip code level is available: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page>

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