

District Manager's Report November 2021

Mayor's Office Reported:

Child Tax Credit:

Families who have not received advance Child Tax Credit (CTC) payments—worth up to \$3,600 per child—must act by 11/15/2021. Kids aged 0-17 with a Social Security number qualify.

Free help is available. Learn more at <http://on.nyc.gov/ChildTaxCredit>

High School:

In New York City, students apply to high school during their 8th grade year. Current 9th grade students (who are not repeating 9th grade) also have the option to apply to programs with 10th grade seats.

Welcome letters are in the mail to families of current 8th grade public DOE and charter school students. All 8th grade students (and first-time 9th grade students, if interested) can also get their welcome letter from their current school. This letter includes an overview of high school and Specialized High Schools admissions <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/specialized-high-schools?emci=45694cff-d338-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=ea000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001&ceid> including how to access your MySchools account. Learn More here <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school?emci=45694cff-d338-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=ea000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001&ceid=>

Making weekend plans? Make time for your flu shot:

As the flu and COVID-19 are expected to circulate at the same time this season, getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever. Although the flu vaccine will not prevent COVID-19, it will help decrease the risk of you and your family getting sick and needing flu-related medical care. You can receive the flu vaccine at the same time as all other vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccine.

FIND A FLU VACCINATION SITE ON THE NYC VACCINE FINDER

NYC Vaccine Updates:

It has never been easier to get a COVID-19 vaccination in New York City. New Yorkers 12 years and older can now get the COVID-19 vaccine at sites across the five boroughs. To find out where to get vaccinated and to make an appointment, visit nyc.gov/vaccinefinder or you can also call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).

Booster Shots:

The following people are now eligible for a booster shot of the Pfizer vaccine:

-People 65 or older

-People 18 to 64 and either have an underlying medical condition or a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure due to their job (for example, health care workers) or where they live or frequently visit (for example, a homeless shelter)

-People living in a nursing home or other long-term care facility

You will only be able to get a Pfizer booster shot if you received a second Pfizer dose at least six months ago.

Third Doses for People with Weakened Immune System:

Separate from booster shots, people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised (meaning they have a weakened immune system) are eligible for a third dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, as part of their initial vaccination series. They can get a third dose 28 days after their second shot.

In-home COVID-19 vaccinations:

NYC also offers in-home COVID-19 vaccinations to any city resident who requests one. You can also request whether you want the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Schedule your appointment today for your in-home vaccination by filling out this form:

<http://nyc.gov/homevaccine>

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification:

If you are fully vaccinated but lost your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification of your vaccine status, you can request a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record. You cannot get a replacement COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card at this time, but you can get an official record noting you have been vaccinated. Go here for more information: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page>

Department for the Aging (DFTA) Reported: DFTA noted Social isolation was and continues to be a concern since the start of the Pandemic and to help combat this problem, DFTA implemented Wellness Calls since March, 2020, DFTA and their providers have made over 6 million wellness calls to older adults within district 9; DFTA has began the distribution of 10,000 tablets through their older adults centers' network. The free tablets are being provided to select, eligible older New Yorkers, with priority given to older adults who live alone, do not have an internet-enabled device, reside within a TRIE neighborhood and are active senior center participants interested in virtual program.

Department of City Planning Reported: DCP recently announced the re-launch of [Population FactFinder](#) with details on the 8.8 million New Yorkers counted in the 2020 Census.

The site provides a comprehensive look at the city's population, including details about New York City neighborhoods such as age, race/Hispanic origin, and housing. Population FactFinder makes comparisons between 2010 and 2020 Censuses possible, showing change over time in an easy-to-read format. This distinguishes it from other demographic tools. Beyond new 2020

census blocks, census tracts, and Neighborhood Tabulation Areas, the tool now allows users to examine census data by Community District.

With this update, every topic and map selection has its own unique URL, making it easy to save and share research with others. For example, [the increase in Long Island City's population](#) can be shared with friends and colleagues directly.

This digital platform is one of [many DCP has produced](#) over the past several years as part of its commitment toward increased accessibility and transparency for the public through well-designed, open source, web-based tools.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Reported: On October 19, 2021, Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Andrew D'Amora as the Acting Commissioner of New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) and promoted Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs Christina Farrell to Acting First Deputy Commissioner.

Deputy Chief D'Amora, a seven-year veteran of NYCEM, first served as the agency's Chief of Staff for five years and has served as First Deputy Commissioner since 2019.

Christina Farrell joined the City of New York in 1994 as a coordinator in the Mayor's Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator. She has also served as the deputy director of the NYC High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and the deputy director and director of the Mayor's Office of Grants Administration. She worked on the creation of the Twin Towers Fund after 9/11.

She joined NYC Emergency Management in 2003 as the agency's first director of grants.

DOHMH and DOE Reported: That every school that serves students aged 5 through 11 will host vaccination sites beginning on November 8th. This will provide easy access to life-saving vaccines for the 400,000 eligible public school students in this age range at 1,070 sites.

Each site will host a vaccine clinic for one day between November 8th and 15th. Communications to families will go home with students, including the date that their school will host a clinic. All students must have verbal consent from a parent or guardian to be vaccinated. If the parent or guardian cannot accompany the student, the student should be escorted by another adult who can reach their parent/guardian by phone to obtain verbal consent at the time of vaccination. Additionally, clinic staff will work with families to set up second dose appointments at non-school locations.

Families can find out when their school will host a clinic at schools.nyc.gov/covid19. No appointment is necessary and all locations will be serving 5 to 11 year olds enrolled at a school in that building exclusively. Clinics will be open between either 7:00AM and 11:00AM or 12:30PM and 4:00PM, depending on the location.

Manhattan Borough President Reported: [GrowNYC](#) "Fresh Food for Seniors" program, where seniors pay \$9 cash, a week in advance, to receive a bag containing a variety of locally

grown fresh fruits and vegetables that they pick up the following week. Sign-up dates and times vary per site-- contact any site below for more details.

Upper West Side (in partnership with Council Member Helen Rosenthal)

Delivery dates: 11/3, 11/17

Participating sites:

- Goddard Riverside Senior Center (593 Columbus Ave. at 88th St., sign-up takes place at each pick-up from 1–3 pm, contact Shula or Rita below with any questions);
- Project Find: Hamilton House (141 W. 73rd St., 212-787-7710);
- NCJW Council Lifetime Learning (241 W. 72nd St., 212-687-5030);
- Bloomingdale Aging in Place (212-842-8831);
- Lincoln House Outreach (303 W. 66th St., 212-875-8958);

Every Tuesday the MBP's Vaccine and Recovery Task Force meets, sharing excellent information about the pandemic and New York City's reopening. To join the 3 pm Zoom any Tuesday, email info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov in advance. Here are links to recordings of the sessions along with what we discussed at each meeting; see the full archive at <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/manhattan-vaccine-and-recovery-task-force-meetings/>.

- [Drug addiction, harm reduction, and rehabilitation](#) (10/26);
- [Technology and COVID recovery](#) (10/19);
- [Vaccination strategies and how to help employment numbers rebound](#) (10/12);

Con Edison Reported: Customers can save money for their households and businesses by conserving natural gas and electricity this winter as the cost of energy rises.

The average residential gas-heating bill from November 2021 through March 2022 will be about \$341 per month, up about 24 percent from last winter's average monthly bill of \$275, according to the company's projections. That estimate is based on average monthly usage of 162 therms and assumes normal winter weather.

The increase is mostly due to supply costs – meaning the cost of the natural gas itself – but the projected bill also reflects increases in the delivery charges.

Con Edison does not set supply costs and does not make a profit on the supply. The company uses a variety of buying methods and hedges, including short-term and long-term contracts, to get the best prices for its customers and offset increases in the cost of supply.

The cost of natural gas has increased as the demand for the commodity has increased, exports have increased, and severe weather has hindered production in the Gulf area. These and other factors have caused a decline in the amount of gas in storage in the United States.

Delivery charges fund investments Con Edison makes to keep service safe and reliable and help customers use gas more efficiently.

The best strategy for Con Edison's 1.1 million gas customers is to carefully manage their usage. Customers can save money on heating by using these tips:

- Set your thermostat at the lowest temperature at which you are comfortable and safe. Each degree lower decreases heating costs;
- Make sure heating vents are not blocked by furniture, carpeting or anything else that could obstruct the flow of heat;
- Have a qualified contractor clean and inspect your heating system;
- Insulate hot-water pipes and warm-air ducts that pass through unheated areas. Clean or replace filters for your hot-air furnace and heat-pump;
- Swap out window shades seasonally. Light-colored window coverings reflect the sun's energy, while darker ones absorb it and release heat;

New York Women's Chamber of Commerce Reported: Restaurant Resiliency Program is Being Finalized for NYC Restaurants

This \$25 million grant program provides funding to restaurants that choose to provide meals and food to people within distressed or under-represented communities.

Program details are still being finalized for this program. To receive updates about the Restaurant Resiliency Program, please click here: <https://esd.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=183d290403bc63873463f6780&id=6f075df8ad> . You'll be alerted when more information is available and applications are being accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENT/JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

NYS Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant business owners with one on one technical support, while getting them the necessary documentation ready to apply for the grant.

- Small businesses can receive up to \$50,000, depending on their annual gross receipts from 2019;
- To schedule an appointment, please contact our office at: (212) 491-9640 or email: rgreene@nywcc.org;
- If you have any questions about the grant, feel free to contact us as well.;
- For more information, click here: <https://nysmallbusinessrecovery.com/>;

- The [Workforce1](#) virtual portal has openings for Five Guys, Tacombi, Foragers Market, Amazon delivery, and security guards;
- [Communilife](#) is hiring for [operations, administrative, and counseling positions](#). If interested in attending Communilife's career fair on Wednesday, 11/17, candidates must first apply to jobs on the [online portal](#) and will then be contacted about the fair;
- NYCHA is hiring-- on the "Agency" drop-down menu at [this link](#), select "Housing Authority - NYCHA" to see openings;
- [Figure Skating in Harlem is hiring](#) full- and part-time employees in skating and non-skating roles;
- The [Climate Museum](#) is hiring for an entry-level operations position and unpaid interns. Learn more [here](#);

NYC Department of Small Business Services: Customized Training Q&A

Learn more about the Customized Training Program offered through NYC's Department of Small Business Services!

Next Date: Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 from
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nyc-department-of-small-business-services-customized-training-qa-tickets-146769827505?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Uptown Night Market!

This event will be the place to be come October 14th! **Every second Thursday** of the month from **NOW until November 2021**, West Harlem will hold a free event for all to come and **enjoy!** Each evening (4 pm-10 pm) will feature a curated selection of NYC and locally-based food & beverage concepts, arts & crafts, packaged goods, and performers. Be sure to visit and partake in all of the festivities at the **Riverside Drive Viaduct** (between 135th and 138th Streets on 12th Avenue). Register for event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uptown-night-market-tickets-155683289911>.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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