

## City Hall COVID-19 Announcements and Updates – 5/03/2020

Dear Partners:

Today at City Hall the Mayor announced that we are on track to produce 50,000 3D-printed swabs per week, right here in NYC! Additionally, The GetFood Delivery Assistance Program is seeking nonprofit to increase capacity. Visit [NYC.gov/nonprofits](http://nyc.gov/nonprofits)

See below additional updates from Mayor de Blasio about the city's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

*Please take a few minutes to share these and other announcements/ resources* below. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Here's what you'll find:

- Share Resources and Announcements
- Cities that have seen a COVID-19 "Boomerang"
- Made in NYC: Test Kits
- Thank you Lab Workers
- GetFood – Seeking Nonprofit assistance!
- Mother's Day
- Tracking Progress – 3 Indicators
- Additional Resources

### **SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES**

- **Message from the Mayor:**
  - You asked, and we delivered: Cupid is coming to New York City this week. On Thursday, May 7, you'll be able to get your marriage license online at <http://nyc.gov/cupid>.
  - What other COVID-19 questions do you have? Join the conversation with the hashtag #AskMyMayor.
  - **Watch:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1256569914606989312>
- **BREAKING NEWS: Open Streets are starting early!**
  - Thanks to quick work by the DOT, Parks Department and NYPD we opened the first 7 miles of streets for pedestrians and cyclists on Saturday. Please practice social distancing and stay staff
  - **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1256373161035214849>
- **If you're going outside, wear a face covering! It will keep you safe and protect others.**
  - We're distributing 100,000 this weekend. Find out where to get one at <http://nyc.gov/facecoverings>
  - **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1256655948111908864>
- **It's Mental Health Awareness Month:**

- We don't speak enough about mental health, not just in our city but in our country and our world. It shouldn't be this way. Now more than ever we need to reject the stigma around mental health and remind everyone struggling that they are not alone.
- **Share the message:**  
<https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1256324173883998208>
- **If you or someone you know needs to talk to somebody, reach out.**
  - Call 1-888-NYC-Well or visit <http://nyc.gov/ThriveNYC>. Help is standing by.
  - **Share the resource:**  
<https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1256324574351732736>
- **Read: NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray on a Marshall Plan for mental health**
  - Read in The Hill: <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/495630-america-cant-wait-its-time-for-a-marshall-plan-for-mental-health>
  - **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1256595550364975104>
- **May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month!**
  - We may not be able to come together to celebrate this year, but we honor and appreciate the contributions of our city's Asian and Pacific Islander communities
  - **Share the message:**  
<https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1256589653458784258>
- **Asian New Yorkers: You have the right to be free from harassment and discrimination under the New York City Human Rights Law.**
  - If you have been discriminated against or harassed, report it here:  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/report-discrimination.page>
  - **Share the resource:**  
<https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256682400320565248>
- **Protect yourself and others. All Taxi drivers and passengers must wear a face covering.**
  - **Spread the word in multiple languages:**  
<https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256639606465998849v>
- **TOMORROW at 12pm: Join NYC's SBS webinar to learn about aid for businesses impacted by COVID19**
  - Learn more and RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/assistance-overview-for-nyc-small-businesses-impacted-by-covid-19-tickets-103957654142?aff=erelexpmlt>
  - **Share:** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1256964244068806659>

### **BOOMERANG:**

- JAPAN: Region lifted restrictions too early, saw a surge in cases
- HONG KONG: Cases surged due to returning travelers and clusters of local transmission
- SINGAPORE: Initially praised for its efforts, experienced spike during restart due to congregate settings
- If we let our guard down, this could happen here in NYC.

### **MADE IN NYC: TEST KITS**

- On track to produce 50,000 3D-printed swabs per week
  - initial delivery of 30,000 expected end of this week
- Working with local partner Print Parts to develop
- Pairing with Viral Transport Medium (VTM) to get to hospitals as soon possible
- Partnership with Bronx-based Albert Einstein College of Medicine to locally produce Transport Medium, undergoing validation this week

### **THANK YOU LAB WORKERS**

- Running tests for hospitals and community testing sites, validating new testing techniques and pushing the boundaries of research
- NYC Health Department Public Health Lab: More than 200 staff keep the lab operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- NYC Health + Hospitals: More than 1,000 technologists, technicians and pathologists

### **GETFOOD**

- Goal: Capacity to Deliver 1 Million Meals A Day
- The GetFood Delivery Assistance Program is seeking nonprofit to increase capacity. Visit [NYC.gov/nonprofits](http://NYC.gov/nonprofits)
- **Distribution Staff:** Up to 300 nonprofit provider staff to manage distribution sites
- **Meal Prep:** Commercial kitchen capacity to prepare and package meals, with a focus on culturally sensitive meals and ethnic foods
- Neighborhood Zones: To support specific geographic areas, including Melrose, Washington Heights, Morris Park, Flushing, Sunset Park and more

### **MOTHER'S DAY**

- Unless you live in the same home, celebrate mom from a distance!
- COVID-19 is still in widespread community transmission
- Facetime or Skype instead of visiting, or send love from the sidewalk while mom stays inside
- We've come far to protect our seniors and most vulnerable, don't give it up now!

### **TRACKING PROGRESS-3 INDICATORS**

- People admitted to hospitals for suspected COVID-19
  - 113 **UP** (92 as of April 30)
- People currently in H+H ICUs for suspected COVID-19
  - 645 **DOWN** (677 as of April 30)
- Percentage of people tested who are positive for COVID-19
  - Citywide: 20% **DOWN** (21% as of April 30)
  - Public Health Lab: 33% **DOWN** (50% as of April 30)

*Data for Friday, May 1. Published at [nyc.gov/coronavirus](http://nyc.gov/coronavirus)*

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- **New York City Department of Probation:** One week of free groceries are available to all New Yorkers in five boroughs at the Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeON) Nutrition Kitchens, in **partnership with the Food Bank of NYC and the NYC Young Men's Initiative (YMI)**
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/neon/programs/nutrition-kitchen.page>
- **Spread the word.**
- **COVID-19 Jobs:** <https://fphnyc.org/about/careers/>
- **Translated COVID-19 Graphics available on our immigrant resource guide page at [nyc.gov/immigrants/coronavirus](https://www1.nyc.gov/immigrants/coronavirus)**
- **Pet owner impact by COVID-19**
  - Call the Pet Hotline at 1-877-204-8821
  - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m, 7 days a week
- **Testing Sites Citywide for people most at risk**
  - Open to 1199 workers, health care workers, and residents over 65
  - Call 1-888-OneMED1 or go to [onemedical.com](https://www.onemedical.com) and use the code NYCCARE30
- **Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19**
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/Student-Loan-Debt-Tips-During-COVID19.page>
- **FAQ for Pandemic Unemployment Benefits**
  - <https://access.nyc.gov/faq-for-pandemic-unemployment-benefits/>
- **Centralized COVID19 page for resources:**
  - [Nyc.gov/coronavirus](https://www1.nyc.gov/coronavirus)
- **Real-time COVID updates**
  - Text 'COVID' to 692692 (NYC-NYC) for real-time updates from NotifyNYC
  - Text 'COVIDESP' for updates in Spanish.
  - **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCMayorsOffice/status/1246476120687398912>
  - English @notifynyc: <https://twitter.com/NotifyNYC>
  - Chinese @nnyccinese: <https://twitter.com/NNYCCinese>
  - Spanish @nnyccspanish: <https://twitter.com/NNYCCspanish>
- **Confidentially self-report COVID19 status and symptoms**
  - Go to [nyc.gov/cv19engagementportal](https://www1.nyc.gov/cv19engagementportal)
- **11,000 hotel rooms to help New Yorkers Quarantine**
  - If you're a healthcare worker and need a hotel [nycgov/covid19hotel](https://www1.nyc.gov/covid19hotel)
- **Free meals are available to every New Yorker at over 400 locations**
  - text 'NYC FOOD' or 'NYC COMIDA' to 877-877 for more.
  - Learn more: <http://schools.nyc.gov/freemeals>
  - Share: <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1247499166227533825>
  - View the full Twitter thread for translations in multiple languages: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1246096131680956417?s=20>
- **For DACA Recipients:** For help renewing your application call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 (we may even be able to help you out with the renewal fee).
- Share this resource: <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1247633689657454593>
- **Attention immigrant New Yorkers: Seek care without fear.**

- Use of our health services related to #COVID19 will not be considered under the Public Charge rule and will not impact your ability to apply for a green card or citizenship.
- More info: <http://bit.ly/2ic6qcV>
- **Spread the Word:** <https://twitter.com/NYHealthSystem/status/1251595115677790209?s=20>
- **Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Hotline**
  - If you have questions about immigration or how to access City services during the #COVID19 crisis
  - Call our hotline at 212-788-7654 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday,
  - Email to [AskMOIA@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:AskMOIA@cityhall.nyc.gov)
  - **Spread the word:** <https://twitter.com/NYImmigrants/status/1251196907914960904?s=20>
- **Skip the Trip to Access HRA:**
  - To help stop the spread of COVID-19, many HRA locations are consolidating until further notice. We are asking New Yorkers to do everything they can through #AccessHRA or by calling 311.
  - **Spread the Word:** <https://twitter.com/NYCDHS/status/1244720107365990401>
- **Volunteer, donate or partner with NYC:** [nyc.gov/helpnow](http://nyc.gov/helpnow)
- **Assistance for Organizations**
  - Including healthcare facilities, small businesses, non-profits and more
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/get-help/organizations.page>
- **Services for Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Survivors**
  - You are not alone. We understand home is not always safe.
  - For services visit [nyc.gov/nychope](http://nyc.gov/nychope)
  - Call NYC's 24-hour hotline at 1800-621-4673 or call 911 for emergencies
  - More Resources: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ocdv/get-help/resources-for-survivors-during-covid-19.page>
- **Freelancers in NYC:** If you're facing nonpayment issues, file a complaint:
  - **Learn more:** <https://on.nyc.gov/34hE22g>
- **It's ILLEGAL for stores to overcharge you.**
  - If you think a store excessively increased the price of items needed to prevent or limit the spread of or treat COVID19 you can:
    - file a complaint at <http://on.nyc.gov/overcharge>
    - call 311 and say "Overcharge."
    - Learn more: <http://on.nyc.gov/39D7Pnj>
    - Share in multiple languages: <https://twitter.com/NYImmigrants/status/1247192425061326852?s=20>
- **New webpage full of resources for New Yorkers with Disabilities during COVID-19.** For information on Food/Supply Delivery, Social Security/Medicaid Benefits, Home Healthcare Services and more
  - visit: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/covid-19-resources-for-people-with-disabilities.page>

- **Donate money, medical supplies or Personal Protective Equipment for front line workers**
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/give-help/donate.page>
- **Affected by COVID19? Find out what benefits you may qualify for and more**
  - [English https://access.nyc.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/](https://access.nyc.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/)
  - More resources are here as well: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/get-help/individuals.page>
- **Has your financial situation changed due to #COVID19?**
  - NYC Financial Empowerment Center counselors are available to support you over the phone with free financial counseling – it's secure and confidential.
  - Book an appointment at <http://nyc.gov/TalkMoney>
- **Mental Health Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home**
  - Resources and a 24/7 hotline at [nyc.gov/nycwell](http://nyc.gov/nycwell)
  - A free resource guide for all New Yorkers as well as services tailored to the needs of aging New Yorkers, veterans, students and young people, and people harmed by violence, crime or abuse  
: [https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us/mental\\_health\\_support\\_while\\_home](https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us/mental_health_support_while_home)
- **Stop the spread of misinformation about COVID19 and stand against stigma.**
  - If you have been harassed or discriminated against due to race, national origin, age, or disability, contact NYC Commission on Human Rights by calling 311.
  - Call 911 if you are a victim of or witness a hate crime.
  - Head to <http://nyc.gov/stopcovidhate>
  - Spread the word: <https://twitter.com/NYCCHR/status/1247559624951300097?s=20>
- **Many city services are available to all New Yorkers no matter what your immigration status is and regardless of your ability to pay.**
  - Visit the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs' COVID-19 resource guide for immigrant communities during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Information is available in multiple languages: [nyc.gov/immigrants/coronavirus](http://nyc.gov/immigrants/coronavirus)
- **To access SNAP online ordering**
  - Go to <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/snap-online-shopping.page>
- **COVID-19 Resources for NYCHA residents**
  - Go to <http://on.nyc.gov/nycha-covid-19-resources>
- **If you believe an employer is violating either existing labor laws or recently issued executive orders:**
  - Contact 311 or the New York State Attorney General at (212) 416-8700 or [Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov) to report them.
  - Learn more: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/workers/worker-rights.page>
- **Learn more about COVID-19, or coronavirus, in American Sign Language.**
  - Share this video to remind New Yorkers to make a plan, gather supplies, and stay informed with  
@NotifyNYC: <https://twitter.com/nycemergencymgt/status/1245797559572062210?s=20>
- **NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal**  
The City of New York is hiring licensed TLC drivers to deliver food to New Yorkers in need during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Learn more or Sign up:  
<https://cv19engagementportal.cityofnewyork.us/#/display/5e7634997ad67502161607c2>
- **We've released a Work from Home Toolkit to help New Yorkers make the most of working from home.**
  - **Check it out** <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/cto/#/toolkit/working-from-home>
  - **Spread the word:** [https://twitter.com/NYC\\_CTO/status/1251138741906915329](https://twitter.com/NYC_CTO/status/1251138741906915329)
- **DOE Graphics Library**
  - A collection of graphics on the DOE's recent announcements that can be shared with families and educators, in all 9 DOE languages.
  - <https://infohub.nyced.org/in-our-schools/translations/graphics-library>
- **Remote Learning:**
  - You can request to have an internet-enabled device delivered to your home
  - Fill out a device request form at [coronavirus.schools.nyc.gov/RemoteLearningDevices](https://coronavirus.schools.nyc.gov/RemoteLearningDevices) or call 311 for support
  - For more information about remote learning, activities for students, and technical support go to [schools.nyc.gov/LearnAtHome](https://schools.nyc.gov/LearnAtHome)
  - Take our remote learning survey:  
<https://twitter.com/NYCSchools/status/1252597483575939074?s=20>
- **Housing Court**
  - is closed for most non-essential matters and that all pending proceedings are being administratively adjourned
  - New York City Housing Court are now only open for essential cases permitted by the court, such as landlord lockouts, serious housing code violations, and requests for emergency repairs orders. Other Housing Court cases are on hold.
    - Know that since March 16, 2020, all eviction proceedings in New York City are suspended indefinitely. For more information, please visit the NYC Department of Investigation (DOI).
    - Anyone with knowledge of City marshals attempting to execute on warrants of eviction can report this activity by calling DOI's Bureau of City Marshals at 212-825-5953.
    - Call 311 or fill out the Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants Contact Us form if you are being threatened with eviction, harassment or need emergency help.
- **COVID-19 and Poison Prevention: Staying Safe While Staying Home**
  - You can find guidance with translations here:  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/poison-control.page>