

April 24, 2020

Dear community leaders and friends,

Ramadan Kareem to all who observe.

Below you will find important updates from Mayor de Blasio and Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Bitta Mostofi, the Department of Education, and helpful multilingual resources to help you and your community. **Please read and share this information widely with your network.**

A reminder that 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 \(MOIA\) COVID-19 webpage](#) for up to date resources available to immigrant communities. Site now live in [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [French](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Korean](#), [Polish](#), [Russian](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Spanish](#), and [Urdu](#).

Important Messages from Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Bitta Mostofi:

Celebrating Ramadan: Ramadan Mubarak!

- In partnership with community organizations, the City is prepared to serve over half a million meals during Ramadan at 32 DOE grab-and-go sites in neighborhoods with a high need during Ramadan.
- Visit schools.nyc.gov/freemeals to find a location near you. [View and share this message in multiple languages.](#)

Call 311 for Rent Support

- The City has activated a new hotline to assist tenants. Receive guidance on pressing issues like harassment, eviction, and benefits access. Additional support will be provided by the Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants who can connect callers to free legal help.

Community Testing Update

- 5 new community testing sites will serve at-risk patients (seniors and those with symptoms)
- On track to test 3,600 patients this week -- up to 7,000 starting next week
- Testing sites currently open at NYC Health + Hospitals:
 - Brooklyn: H+H Gotham, East New York
 - Bronx: H+H Gotham, Morrisania
 - Staten Island: Vanderbilt Health Center, Clifton
 - Manhattan: Sydenham Family Health Center, Harlem
 - Queens: H+H Queens Hospital, Jamaica
- Additional sites are currently open through onemedical.com, use the code NYCCARE30 to make an appointment or call 1-888-ONEMED1.

Updates from the NYC Department of Education (DOE)

DOE has issued [a remote learning survey](#) to find out from caregivers and students how remote learning has been working.

- All parents/guardians of DOE students in any grade and all students in grades six through twelve should take a short survey to help the department collect feedback about their experience with remote learning. The survey is anonymous and available in all DOE languages; Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu. The survey should be completed by May 1, 2020 here. [Click here to take the survey](#) and share this in [multiple languages on Twitter](#).

iPad Distribution and Support to Students

- As of Tuesday, April 21, families have completed more than 225,000 requests for remote learning devices. In order to receive a device, families must complete the [Remote Learning Device Request Form](#).
- The survey is available in nine languages at [schools.nyc.gov](#), or families can call 718-935-5100 and choose option 5. Device distribution will continue into May for families who complete the survey after the April 23 deadline.

Additional Resources and Multilingual Materials

Ethnic and Community Media Roundtable

- MOIA Commissioner Bitta Mostofi Mostofi, Department of Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot, and Department of Education Chancellor Richard Carranza hosted a Community and Ethnic Media virtual round table to ensure that community and ethnic press have access to critical COVID-19 updates. [Watch the discussion here](#).

NYC Taxi is hiring for delivery work!

- Pay is \$15/hour, plus mileage and toll reimbursement.
- Sign up at [nyc.gov/deliverytlc](#) or share [on Twitter](#) in multiple languages.

WeSpeakNYC now has free, weekly online classes!

- The classes offer a way for participants to practice English conversation skills, make new friends, and learn about City services being offered for immigrant residents during the COVID19 outbreak.
- [View more info information and sign up today](#).

Census Contest

- NYC is 11 points behind the nation on census numbers, so Lin-Manuel Miranda is working with NYC Census 2020. Fill out the census online in the next week for a chance to win a call from him.
 - o [Check out and share the instructions](#)

Unemployment Benefits and New Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19

- Learn what benefits you may qualify for and how to apply. A new FAQ is available in multiple languages. [View the FAQ](#).

- Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, federal student loan payments are automatically suspended, without interest or penalties, for six months. No action is required by borrowers. [View tips for federal student loan holders.](#)

In solidarity,

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