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Please make sure to respond to this anonymous survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M37DP9W> English

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHZCDGV> Bengali

Temporary Hotel Rooms for COVID-19 Patients and Family:

NYC Health + Hospitals (H+H) is making hotel rooms available for those who may need to self-isolate because they have COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19 or someone who is vulnerable, but their homes do not allow for them to stay isolated. [View more information here.](#) Call **1-844-892-4892** between 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. to speak with a clinician who can refer you to get a hotel room for up to 14 days, free of charge. This service will not affect health insurance or other benefits currently received.

Health & COVID Testing

NYC is working to expand testing for COVID-19 rapidly throughout the five boroughs. Community testing sites operated by NYC Health + Hospitals use self-collection of swabs to minimize contact between patients and health care workers. Self-swab testing for COVID-19 is safer, simpler and faster. Free and convenient walk-in testing is now available, no appointment needed. Testing sites can be [viewed here.](#)

New York City is distributing free face coverings in parks across the city! Find out where you can get yours at <http://nyc.gov/facecoverings>

Fact Sheet: Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/covid-19-pmis.pdf>

Absentee Voting Information:

Election Day is June 23 for State & Federal Primaries. Early Voting Period is June 13 to June 21. If you cannot get to the polling place on Election Day and you are a registered, eligible voters:

- You can apply to vote by absentee ballot for the election online, by phone, mail, or fax. View more details at vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692).
- Voters affected by COVID-19, including the risk of contracting the virus, should check the box "Temporary Illness" as the reason for requesting an Absentee Ballot.

JOBS

- Domino's Pizza is hiring full-time and part-time workers. Please visit [Domino's](#) online to fill out an application.
- **Governor Cuomo announced that applications to join New York's COVID-19 tracing effort are now being accepted.** In order to reopen the state, NYC needs many contact tracers. [Apply here.](#)

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Food/Meals

- If you need food, go to <http://nyc.gov/getfood> or call 311 now
- To see a list of food pantries, you can call 311 or contact the City Harvest at 646-412-0721.
- For more food resources and websites where you can locate food pantries, visit: <https://nyckidsrise.org/2020/03/30/covid-19-resources/#food-assistance>
- Currently, grab and go meals are offered at 3 schools along 34th avenue: PS 398 (69th St. & 34th Ave.) PS 149 (93rd St. & 34th Ave.) and PS 92 (99th St.& 34th Ave). You can also go to PS 69 (77th St.&37th Ave.), PS 148 (32nd Ave & 89th St) PS 2 (75th St & 21st Ave, and PS 12 (72nd Street and 42nd Avenue).

Community Info

- The [Asian American Federation \(AAF\)](#) is organizing a series of event in response to the surge in anti-Asian bias incidents. You are invited to participate in the dialogue.
- [Anti-Asian Bias Reporting Form](#) – AAF created a site where people can report bias incidents and hate crimes in English and 7 Asian languages. Please spread the word to those who may be survivors of such hate.

Financial Info

NYC Free Tax Prep: The tax filing deadline is July 15th. While all NYC free tax prep providers have suspended in-person services, NYC is now providing virtual and assisted self-prep free tax prep services.

- New Yorkers who earned \$64,000 or less in 2019 are eligible for Virtual Free Tax Preparation with a Volunteer Income Tax Assistant
- New Yorkers who earned \$69,000 or less in 2019 are eligible for free Assisted Self-Preparation. Filers will need access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone and internet
- The City currently offers tax services in English, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, Russian, Arabic, with others to come. Please [click here](#) for updates and providers.

You can request **debt collection** agencies to STOP contacting you about your existing debt during the State of Emergency covering NYC. Visit <http://on.nyc.gov/2z1BLro>

Learn more about Emergency Cash Assistance. *(Cash aid assistance can pay for rent With helping you owe or mortgage, utilities, burial allowance, and other needs)*

- [Frequently Asked Questions about Cash Assistance Application](#)
- [Requirements to apply for Cash Assistance \(PDF\)](#)

For DACA Recipients: For help renewing your application call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 (you may even be able to help with the renewal fee)

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>

Educational Resources

If you are concerned that your **financial aid** may be impacted by the pandemic, contact HESC_Complete their [Web Form](#) and let them know how they can help you! Learn more about your eligibility [here](#)

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Virtual College Fairs: <https://collegefairsonline.com/>

Parents and caretakers, do you need tech support for remote learning? The NYC Department of Education has launched a new Remote Learning Technical Support ticket system, where you can submit requests for a broad range of issues. [Click here for more information.](#)

Let's Learn! Weekdays at 11am on WNET/PBS. This new educational public television program will feature lessons for children in 3K through second grade to supplement remote learning. [Check it out here.](#)

The Queens Public Library is dedicated to providing all of their customers with topflight eContent and virtual programs and services.

- You can [access the many educational resources they have available for free:](#)
 - Brainfuse HelpNow: This platform provides free, on-demand, easy, and engaging eLearning for all educational levels. HelpNow's features include homework assistance, 24-hour writing lab, resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship prep, and more.
 - Cell-Ed: Adults can acquire literacy, language, and workforce-ready skills for free on their own time.
- Virtual Resume Assistance with the Job & Business Academy (JBA): The Library's JBA program is now online. Career Coaches and Employment Counselors are available Monday through Friday to respond to job search questions and provide resume assistance by email. Simply email your resume or inquiry to jobsearchhelp@queenslibrary.org to receive assistance.

Entertainment/Activities

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra celebrates the life and music of baritone vocalist Joe Williams, whose legendary voice and powerful sense of swing helped define the sound of the Count Basie Orchestra. Hosted by trombonist Vincent Gardner, perfect for young and old alike. [Check it out here.](#) For a list of other Jazz at Lincoln Center events and offerings, [click here.](#)

- **For a list of events being hosted virtually by the Tenement Museum,** [click here.](#)
- **Every Monday: Join [Marty Thomas Present's Digital Divas](#)** with special guests from Broadway and beyond via Facebook Live at 8pm.
- **NYC BalletBallet Breaks:** Get [moving with the kids this Saturday and Sunday](#) at 11 am as Corps de Ballet Member Ashley Hod takes you to the enchanted world of A Midsummer Night's Dream through movement inspired by Balanchine's choreography.
- **[Beginning Acting Classes for kid: Children's Museum of Arts](#)**
- **Free Read-Along App** (in many languages!) <https://techcrunch.com/2020/05/07/google-launches-read-along-a-free-app-that-helps-young-children-practice-reading/>
- For a lot of resources for physical activities & moving, [check out this page](#)

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