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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Heading into the winter months and the beginning of the holiday season, we are being warned of a critical turning point where our individual actions will determine the fate of at-risk New Yorkers and healthcare workers. After many months of wearing masks, and observing social distancing, we all want to see our loved ones for the holidays but we must prevent "living room spread." Contact tracing data shows 70% of new cases come from homes and small gatherings, coined "living room spread." Just this week we featured the topic of Mental Health and so-called "pandemic fatigue" on our weekly Town Hall Tuesday. In case you missed it, please take a moment to [watch it on our Facebook page](#).

At least 60 new coronavirus deaths and 9,853 new cases were reported in New York on December 3. Over the past week, there has been an average of 7,701 cases per day, an increase of 60 percent from the average two weeks earlier. On Wednesday, the country recorded an all-time high of hospitalizations at over 100,000, and the single-worst daily death toll since the pandemic began with 2,760 deaths. Last April, the highest number of deaths in the US in one day was 2,752. As the hospitalization rate is increasing, so will the capacity by up to 50%, by increasing hospital beds, nurses and doctors as part of the planning for a surge.

The state is implementing a five-point plan expanding the criteria to determine yellow, orange, and red zones. The most critically restricted red zones have the toughest restrictions on dining and non-essential businesses. New York State is expanding testing statewide, with priority for health care workers, nursing homes, schools, essential workers and similar populations. We are limiting small gatherings in private residences to no more than 10 people. The State will implement a vaccination plan starting with the delivery of 170,000 COVID-19 vaccinations for nursing home residents and health care workers. If all safety and efficacy approvals are granted by the federal government, the state expects to receive the vaccines, created by Pfizer, on December 15. New York State expects additional allocations of vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna later this month.

This holiday season we are collecting new and unwrapped books, toys and board games for the families and children of the New York Center for Children serving the victims of child abuse. Consider dropping off a new and unwrapped gift to our community office at 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) by December 14.

Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**VIRTUAL TOWN
HALL TUESDAY**

**APPLYING TO COLLEGE IN THE COVID-19 ERA
DECEMBER 8 @ 7:00PM**

 DR. DENISE MAYBANK Vice Chancellor Student Affairs and Enrollment Management City University of New York	 MARK CIOLLI University Executive Director of Admissions and Recruitment City University of New York	ARE YOU A RISING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR OR SENIOR? QUESTIONS ON THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS? HOW HAVE THINGS CHANGED DURING COVID PANDEMIC? ASK THE EXPERTS ON ENROLLMENT AND HEAR FROM STUDENT LEADERS!	 MEYLIN ANDARES Director of Enrollment Management & Student Success The State University of New York	 TODD HEILMAN Vice President for Student Success and Engagement Marymount College
 JUVANIE PIQUANT Student Trustee Chairperson of USS City University of New York			 BRAD HERSHENSON Student Trustee President of the Student Assembly The State University of New York	 HIGHER EDUCATION NEW YORK STATE Higher Education Services Corporation
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In Case You Missed It: Mental Health Town Hall Tuesday



COVID19 Guidance and Resources

New York State's COVID Rent Relief Program

The Program, which was created by the state legislature when it passed the Emergency Rent Relief Act of 2020, appropriated up to \$100 million from the federal CARES Act to provide subsidies for tenants who lost income due to the pandemic. Based on the legislature's parameters, as much as \$40 million is expected to be paid to eligible applicants approximately 15,000 New York households. An executive order will expand the program's eligibility so more rent relief can be provided to New Yorkers. Additional details will be available in the coming days.

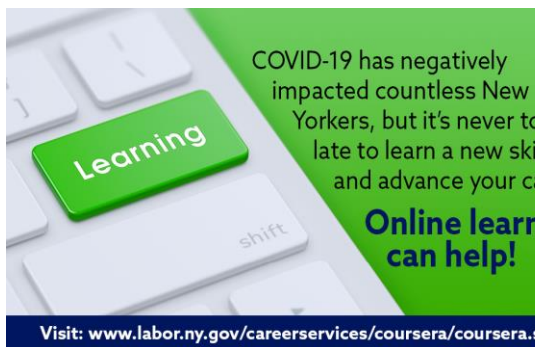
HEAP

Applications for HEAP can be accessed by calling [212-331-3126](tel:212-331-3126) or visiting the ACCESS HRA website for instructions [here](#). HEAP applications are available for download [here](#). Please note, the HEAP application cannot be submitted through ACCESS HRA at this time. All HEAP applications need to be completed, signed by the applicant or their authorized representative and returned by mail or dropped off at a designated HEAP assistance location (HEAP assistance locations can be found on our [COVID 19 Community Updates page](#)). There is no need to come in to a Center. The completed application can be mailed back to HRA at:

NYC DSS/HRA/HEAP
PO Box 1401
Church Street Station
New York, NY 10008



New York State has partnered with Google to create a new program that can help New Yorkers impacted by COVID-19 access state benefits and assistance. To learn more, visit findservices.ny.gov. More info available here: www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-tool-help-new-yorkers-access-critical-benefits-amid-covid-19



To assist New Yorkers who lost their jobs or saw their hours reduced due to COVID-19, the state Department of Labor (DOL) has partnered with Coursera to provide access to 4,000 educational programs that can help you learn new skills. To learn more or set up an account, visit www.labor.ny.gov/careerservices/course/coursera.shtm.

NYC H+H Testing Sites

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>

Test & Trace Corps Dashboard

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/test-and-trace/?notification>

COVID Data Dashboard

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page>

NYC Public School Data on COVID

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety/daily-covid-case-map>

Covid Zone Lookup

<https://nycgov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=021940a41da04314827e2782d3d1986f>

Holiday Guidance

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

Testing Guidance

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

Safely Separating at Home/in a Hotel

<https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/11/How-to-Separate-Safely-at-Home-English.pdf>

Take Care to Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19

<https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/11/take-care-flyer.pdf>



NYC Restaurant Owners – What's your Plan?

We're planning for snow. Are you?

By preparing for snow we can keep Open Restaurants going strong all winter long. The NYC Dept. of Sanitation (DSNY) has been training to remove snow on streets with Open Restaurant structures.

Protect your patrons, staff and property:

- Use snow sticks to increase visibility of your Open Restaurant.
- Be prepared to consolidate and remove items when a Winter Operations Advisory or Snow Alert is issued.

Watch for two levels of advisories:

Winter Operations Advisory:

- Winter weather is possible.
- Roadway dining may continue, but take steps to protect your patrons, staff and property.
- DSNY may spread salt and/or brine to prevent freezing.

Snow Alert:

- One or more inches of snow are possible.
- Roadway dining **MUST CLOSE** by the time indicated in the Alert.
- Remove or secure furniture, and remove electric heaters. Remove the tops of your structures if possible.*
- Remove snow and ice from your sidewalk. If you're on a corner, clear a path to crosswalk.
- Do not to block fire hydrants.
- It is illegal to push snow into the street. Snow may be placed at the curbline, against the building, or on private property.
- DSNY may begin spreading salt and/or brine on the roadway up to 48 hours before an Alert begins.

* If the forecast calls for 12" of snow or more, remove or consolidate your structures, including barriers, to take up as little space as possible. This makes plowing easier and protects your property.

The City will announce when the snow alert is over and in-street dining may safely resume.

Sign up for snow alerts and updates via nyc.gov/Notify or @NotifyNYC on twitter.

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Apply for Community Board 8

Apply now to join your Community Board, the most grassroots form of local government. The Boards are pivotal in shaping their communities and work to enhance and preserve the character of the city's many unique neighborhoods. Applications close Monday, 2/1/2021.

Attention Parents!

The District 2 Community Education Council Presents:

A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL EVENT

with Chancellor Richard A. Carranza



All District 2 parents are urged to attend!

Tuesday, December 8th

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Please register for this event at the following link,

<https://learndoe.org/cec/>

Don't miss this excellent opportunity. Issues and concerns for District 2 will be addressed.

English Conference Line: Dial 929 205 6099 (Local NYC) and enter Webinar ID: 835 9700 6395

Spanish Conference Line: Dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter PIN 735-255-0102

Mandarin Conference Line: Dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter PIN 933-059-6663

Cantonese Conference Line: Dial 877 853 5257 (Toll Free) and enter PIN 565-808-2412

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NYC Department of
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Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

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TOYS, BOOKS & BOARD GAMES COLLECTION

FOR THE FAMILIES OF
THE NEW YORK CENTER FOR CHILDREN

COLLECTING NEW AND UNWRAPPED
TOYS, BOOKS AND BOARD GAMES FOR CHILDREN
AGES 5-18. ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

DROP OFF THROUGH 12/14:
OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT
1485 YORK AVENUE (78/79 STREETS)

MORE INFORMATION:
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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. DECEMBER 8

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**



**SCAN ME TO
RSVP!**

RSVP REQUIRED:

CALL: 212-288-4607

EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV

The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.

[SIGN UP FOR THE LEGAL CLINIC HERE](#)

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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee
Joint Meeting with Community Board 11 Manhattan
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - 6:30 PM
This meeting will be conducted via Zoom

For access to the Zoom meeting, sign in by clicking [this link](#).
< <https://forms.gle/CptL3S75GqjFpCBx9> >

AGENDA: Effects of COVID on Senior Mental Health

- What are the effects of COVID on mental health, especially for seniors?
- What additional services are being provided during this period?

Panelists

- Dr. Ronnie Swift - Chief of Psychiatry & Associate medical Director at Metropolitan Hospital
- Robin Strashun - Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at Search and Care

	<p>Please visit www.cb8m.com, or scan the QR code on the left, for additional meeting details.</p> <p>Anyone with an interest in this matter is encouraged to attend.</p>
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Rebecca Dangoor and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs

Search and Care

An Invitation from Robin Strashun at Search and Care!

And this year, Search and Care clients can also enjoy a *Virtual Holiday Concert* by partner Vocal Ease on [Thursday, December 17th](#) at 2pm. Who can resist their talented Broadway professionals who belt out all the classics like Jingle Bells, or White [Christmas](#)? This joy-filled concert will make you want to tap your toes and sing out loud.


If you know of an older person in need of some good old-fashioned holiday cheer, Search and Care is here to offer that in spades!

During this unprecedented public health crisis, vulnerable older New Yorkers need Search and Care now more than ever. Our dedicated team of Search and Care licensed social workers, care managers, and other professionals are in regular contact with our older

neighbors by phone and will continue to provide them with services that they need to remain at home as safely as possible during this public health crisis.

Click [here](#) to find out more about how Search and Care staff is helping older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic.


Kindly consider donating to Search and Care, in response to COVID-19 emergency funding, to help at-risk older adults in need by clicking [here](#).



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