

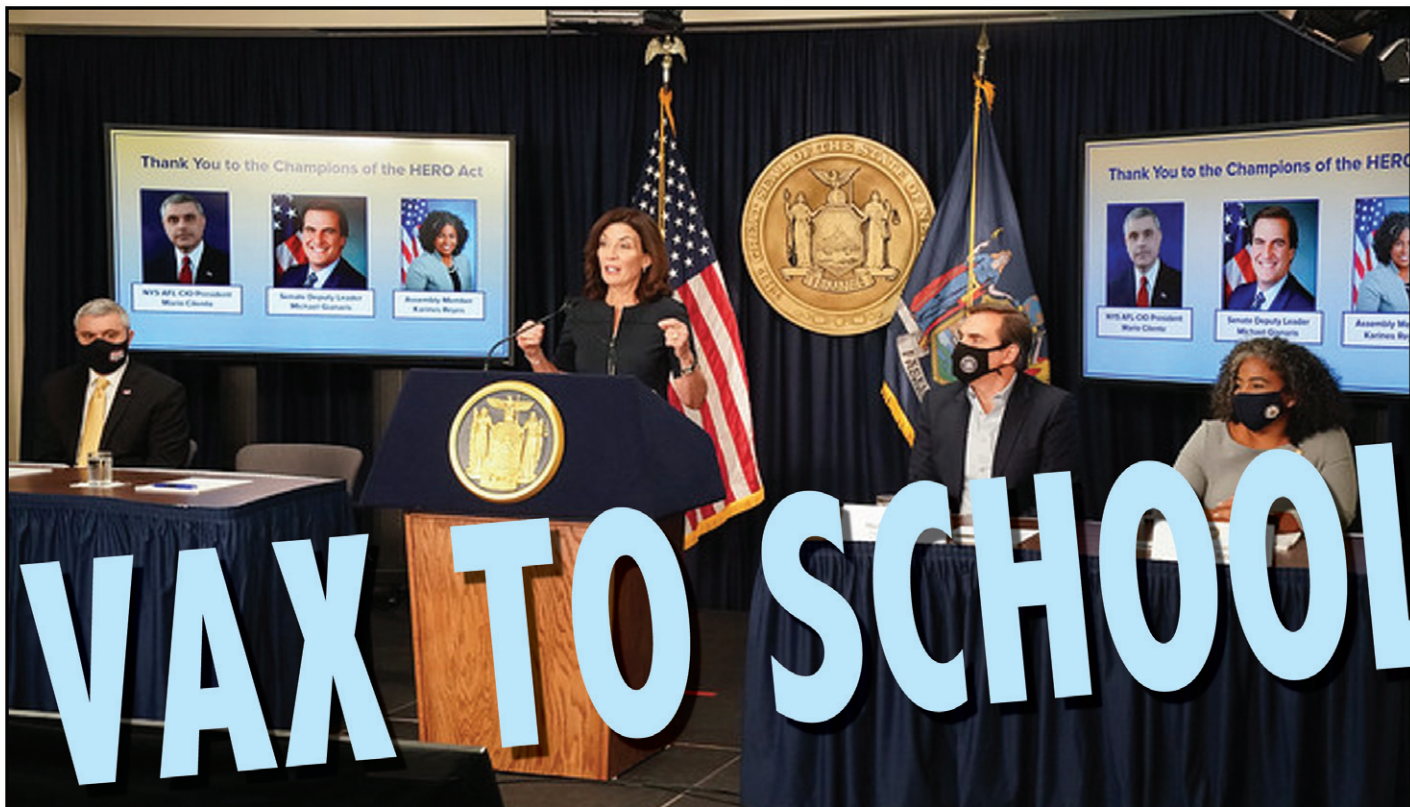
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#VaxtoSchool Campaign to Drive COVID-19 Vaccination Rates Among School-Aged New Yorkers Statewide

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the launch of the multi-faceted statewide #VaxtoSchool campaign to support increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates among school-aged New Yorkers, furthering the administration's commitment to making the health and well-being of students, teachers and families a top priority.

As part of this campaign, the Governor announced a new, dedicated website at ny.gov/vaxtoschool with critical resources and materials for parents and guardians of school-aged New Yorkers and school communities. The new site includes information, and an FAQ for parents and guardians, as well as a multitude of ready-made signage for school leaders to support #VaxtoSchool education and operations in their local communities on the ground.

Additionally, the State has launched a new Instagram channel, @VaccinateNY, to educate school-aged New Yorkers and their families about the COVID-19 vaccine directly. The new social media page will provide approachable, interactive content through easy-to-understand vaccine information, prospective content partnerships, #VaxtoSchool social media design contests, and quick video explainers, ensuring that no stone is left unturned in our effort to provide all New Yorkers with the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine. DOH will also amplify these digital education efforts across all of their channels including Facebook,

Instagram and Twitter.

"We've dedicated enormous state resources to getting New Yorkers of all eligible age groups vaccinated, but initially the state focused on the most vulnerable citizens, and now we need to focus on our youth," Governor Hochul said. "New York's young people are less likely to get seriously ill from COVID-19 but they can still spread the virus, and we need them to take it seriously. The new, innovative #VaxtoSchool social media campaign will help us get the word out to New York's young people about the vital importance of getting vaccinated to keep friends, families and communities safe."

As part of this effort, the Governor also announced that new #VaxtoSchool pop-up COVID-19 vaccination sites will be open in areas where zip code data shows the vaccination rate for 12 to 17-year-olds is lower than the statewide average. A community-based medical professional will be available at each site to answer any questions parents and guardians of school-aged New Yorkers may have. Alongside the new sites, #VaxtoSchool buses—mobile vaccination efforts—are being launched in convenient, school-centric areas statewide, such as public recreational spaces like basketball courts and parks. This will help to make the vaccine available and accessible to school-aged New Yorkers and

and their families.

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The State is also working with New York colleges and universities to support their back-to-campus efforts, including the integration of the State's Excelsior Pass at SUNY and CUNY campuses statewide so they have a secure, verifiable means of accepting and tracking proof of vaccination and/or negative test results, as applicable, for students, teachers and campus staff. Interested New Yorkers can retrieve their Excelsior Pass or Excelsior Pass Plus today by visiting epass.ny.gov.

New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said, "As a father, pediatrician, and the State's Health Commissioner, I am proud to have worked on this multi-layered #VaxtoSchool campaign with Governor Hochul, providing school-aged New Yorkers, their families, and school communities with access to the vaccine and fact-based information about it. Through reaching New York families in new, creative, and engaging ways, we can help get the

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**Mosholu Montefiore
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3450 Dekalb Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467

Open: Friday, September 10,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (1st Shot POD)
Friday, October 1,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (2nd Shot POD)

**Variety Boys & Girls
Club of Queens**
21-12 30th Road
Astoria, NY 11102

Open: Saturday, September 18,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (1st Shot POD)
Monday, October 4,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (2nd Shot POD)

vaccine to more eligible adolescents, while keeping our schools open and healthy. The vaccine is safe and effective, and I urge New Yorkers 12 years of age and older to get vaccinated as they head #VaxtoSchool, so they can get back to the classroom experience they deserve while best protecting their health and the health of those around them."

Children ages 12 to 17 are able to get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, which is available under Emergency Use Authorization for children ages 12 to 15 and is fully approved for those age 16 and older. The other COVID-19 vaccines are not yet authorized or approved for this age group. If you are a parent or guardian of a school-aged New Yorker, you can also visit vaccines.gov, text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find a vaccine location closest to you. Make sure that the provider offers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Parents are encouraged to make sure their child is up to date on all recommended and required vaccinations. Please visit the Department of Health website for more information on recommended childhood and adolescent immunizations.

The CDC recommends everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. People who are fully vaccinated can resume activities that they did prior to the pandemic.

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MANAGING THE STRESSES AND ANXIETIES OF PEER PRESSURE

by Stan Popovich

Dealing with peer pressure from your friends and family can be very challenging at times. It can be very difficult to be yourself while others get on your case. As a result, here are eight tips on how to manage the stresses and anxieties of dealing with peer pressure from others.

- 1. Know where you stand on a certain issue:** Ask yourself if you are willing to do something that your friends want you to do. Think about it and determine for yourself where you stand on a certain task. Once you decide what you are going to do, don't change your mind if your friends start to bully you.
- 2. Communicate your decision to your friends:** Explain to your friends what you plan on doing. Give them reasons on why you feel this way. Be willing to answer any questions that can help your friends understand your situation. If your friends get on your case on a regular basis, then maybe it is best to find other friends.
- 3. Be firm in your decision and show confidence:** Some people will continue to argue with you and this is where you need to show that you mean business. Do not give in to their arguments. Do what is right and stand firm with your decision. This can be tough but remind them that you do not feel comfortable in doing a certain task.
- 4. Hang out with people who will respect you:** If your friends really like you, they need to respect you. Nobody wants to be with people who are trying to get him or her into some kind of trouble. You always have the choice to spend your time with the people you like.
- 5. Do what works best for you:** You will have to deal with what could happen if your friends pressure you into doing something that could get you in trouble. If something goes wrong, your friends will not take the blame for you. Think about the consequences before deciding how you want to proceed when dealing with peer pressure.
- 6. Walk away:** You have the choice to walk away from your friends who are trying to get you to do something you do not want to do. You're better off to just leave your friends if they are making you anxious and stressed out. All you have to do is to tell your friends that you need some space and then just walk away.
- 7. Ask around:** It is important to consider other viewpoints other than your own. Ask the people you trust on what they think you should do. Other people in your life know who you are, and they can give you additional insights that you may be overlooking.
- 8. Learn from your mistakes:** If you make a mistake then the next step is to learn from your mistakes and go from there. Do not dwell on the fact that you made a wrong decision. The key is to learn from your experiences and continue to move forward.



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STARTING OVER— STRONGER TOGETHER

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

The inscription on the wall of the Hunter College North Building:

“We are of different opinions at different hours but we always may be said to be at heart on the side of truth.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Recently, there was a town hall meeting that attracted people from all over our community. Homeowners, renters, those living in co-ops and condos; civic leaders; police; public housing representatives; elected officials and a host of others gathered to discuss some common concerns about gun violence and violence prevention. The meeting was held at the Jacob Riis Center in Queensbridge Houses. When I heard about the turnout, I was very excited because it represented unity and involvement that overcame the usual set of differences. That led me to want to highlight the importance of unity as a tool for building safer, better communities.

I would like to issue a formal invitation to consider a fresh start; a clean slate; a new point of departure. We have had an operating system often built on defining our differences as disadvantages and fostering a spirit of domination and privilege used as sources of power to exercise control over everything from nature to the thermostat; where people live and how they live. When nature talks back in response to assaults and threats, many become deaf. When the whole world is afflicted and walls come down, many stay up all night putting the walls back up like fences along a long stretch of road. It is time for a reckoning; a time to begin again by understanding the compulsive nature of *divide and conquer* thinking in favor of seeking the truth of our kinship and stewardship for the earth. As long as we manifest power through violence, or control through domination and exclusion, we will only have mastery over the illusion of power and worry about the prospect of loss. Gun violence is predicated on the idea that the gun gives a person power. Economic violence creates wealth for a few and scarcity for the many.

If I opened this invitation by urging everyone to unite, I probably would have been dismissed as a person with a foolish wish, so I reserved it for this clever placement and hope that you will hear me out. I have seen the human wreckage caused by

hate; the decline of communities caused by neglect and indifference; the sorrow generated by war; the grief experienced by those who have lost loved ones to violence; and the lifelong destruction of innocence and trust stolen by abuse, trauma and neglect. Waking up from the nightmare of what people are capable of doing to harm one another may not be easy, but it is necessary. Using differences as a rationale for maltreatment or replacing abundance with scarcity and hardship does not help us to thrive.

What would happen if we all acted on a plan to achieve “Zero Waste;” conserve water; preserve resources; limit carbon dioxide emissions; launch long-term creative initiatives to address homelessness, gun violence or crime; “undo racism;” advocate for affordable housing and health care for all. If we came together to champion these causes we stand a better chance of achieving the desired result.

Back in 2014, I read a quote from the Daily Word on “Unity” at a large community meeting to address local concerns, and I recall it now to emphasize the basic truth of our shared existence: “Despite our differences—ethnicities, backgrounds, locales, languages, and more—we are the same. We are so much more than the labels and limitations we place on each other and ourselves. Beneath the surface the same invisible force of Spirit is at work within us.” If I have succeeded in rallying any small measure of support for the idea of our shared destiny as neighbors, I hope that you will use it to reach out and connect with others to become a creative builder of a hopeful future in our communities. A “stronger together” mentality can boost us up and help us to see our hopes for prosperity and security in the ways that promote goodwill and the common welfare of all members of our community and society. It is time to recognize the power of communities that stick together for positive progress. Let’s make Sunnyside, Woodside, and Long Island City models of this type of change. When we leave progress to the greedy or the government, we get plans and results that compartmentalize opportunity into limited units for some. With each breath, we have the possibility of a new beginning and I look forward to seeing our communities flourish and thrive because we take action to *unite* for that very outcome.

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for the 2020-2021 School Year

Money for Food for All NYC Public School Students

P-EBT covers the cost of missed school meals while students learn remotely.


Every single NYC public school student is automatically eligible—regardless of income or immigration status—. No application or registration is required. P-EBT does not affect any other benefits or public charge status. Students in parochial or charter schools may be eligible if their school participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

The per month amount is based on a student's primary mode of learning for each of the 10 months of the school year (September 2020–June 2021)


Distribution 1 funds for September 2020 - March 2021, expected to start mid-June 2021*

Distribution 2 funds for April - June 2021, expected to start in late summer/fall 2021*

*Distribution dates are approximate




\$132 per month for each month that a student's primary mode of learning was remote (13+ days of the month remote).




\$82 per month for each month that a student's primary mode of learning was hybrid (1-12 days of the month remote).

P-EBT funds will be issued automatically to families in one of four ways:




1
Current EBT card

if the student is enrolled in SNAP or Public Assistance (PA). Check your balance throughout the summer months. Funds are not specified as P-EBT.




2
Medicaid CBIC card

only if the student's P-EBT funds were issued to this card for spring 2020 AND spent.



3
Spring 2020 P-EBT card

only if the student's P-EBT funds were issued to this card for spring 2020 AND spent.



4
New P-EBT card that will be mailed



for each student who:
Is new to the school system this year and not enrolled in SNAP or public assistance;
OR
Received their spring 2020 P-EBT on an existing SNAP EBT card or public assistance EBT card or Medicaid CBIC card but are no longer enrolled in those programs;
OR
Received their spring 2020 P-EBT on a P-EBT card or Medicaid CBIC card but did not spend the benefit.

Community Food Advocates P-EBT Info: bit.ly/CFAP-EBT

NY State Frequently Asked Questions: on.nyc.gov/p-ebt

NY State P-EBT Helpline: 1-833-452-0096

EBT Customer Service 1-888-328-6399 or www.connectebt.com to request a replacement card, check your balance, or activate (PIN) a card



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SMALL BUSINESSES PANDEMIC RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM

More small businesses across the state are now eligible to apply for funding through New York State’s \$800 million COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program, and State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. wants his constituents to know.

Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced changes to the COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program that will enable even more small businesses to apply for funding. Now businesses with revenues up to \$2.5 million can apply for grants, an increase from the previous \$500,000 threshold. Additionally, the limitation for businesses that received Federal Paycheck Protection Program loans has been increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

“The COVID-19 pandemic took a massive toll on all businesses, but none more so than small businesses. It is reassuring to see our new Governor make helping these businesses a top priority,” Addabbo said. “Small businesses drive our local economies, while also hiring community residents. Allowing more small businesses to participate in this program will certainly go to strengthen them, their communities, and the state as a whole.”

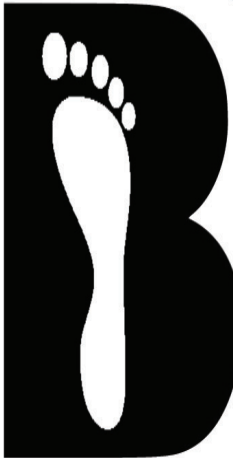
The New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program was created to provide flexible grant assistance to viable small businesses, micro-businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations in the State of New York who have experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the inception of the grant program, more than \$48 million has been awarded to over 2,380 small and micro-businesses in all 10 regions of the state. The announcement by Governor Hochul ensures that additional small businesses can access funding quicker through this program.

Applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed, and all those with incomplete applications are asked to finalize their applications as soon as possible. Previously ineligible small businesses may now apply as well, and those applications will begin being processed on Wednesday, September 8.

Grants are awarded for a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$50,000, and are calculated based on a New York State business’ annual gross receipts for 2019. According to the program, reimbursable COVID-19 related expenses must have been incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021, and can include payroll costs; commercial rent or mortgage payments for New York State-based property; payment of local property or school taxes; insurance and utility costs; costs of personal protection equipment necessary to protect worker and consumer health and safety; costs for heating, ventilation and air conditioning, or other machinery and equipment; and supplies and materials necessary for compliance with COVID-19 health and safety protocols.


More information, including program guidelines and the grant application, can be found here: <https://nysmallbusinessrecovery.com/>



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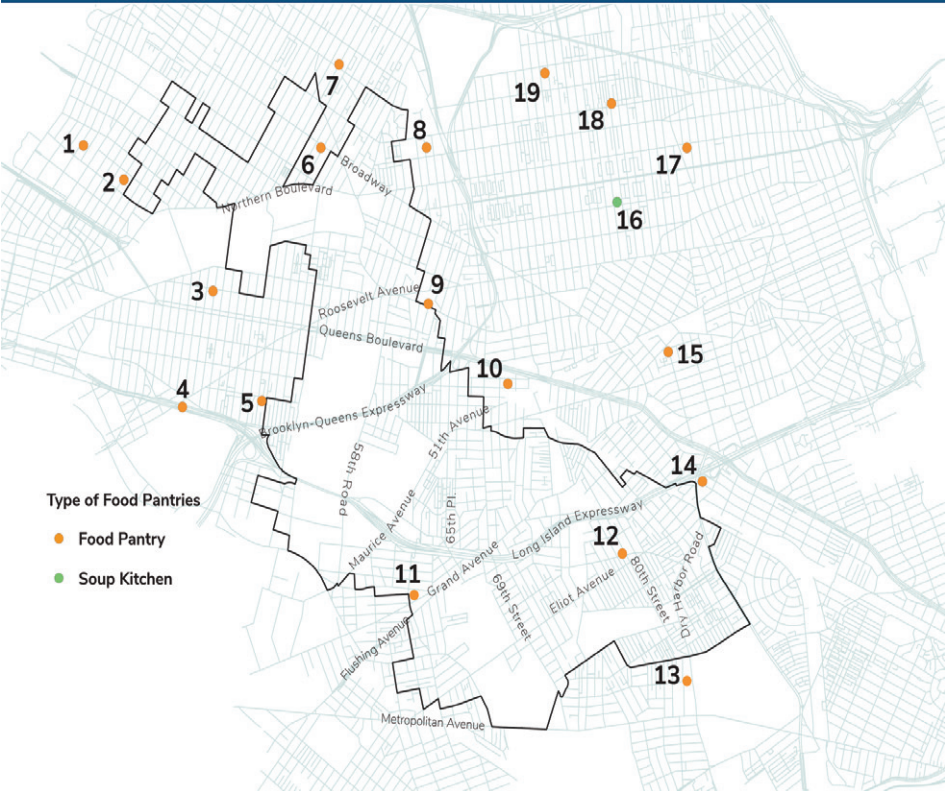
Due to scheduling issues, the 108 will no longer host the monthly meetings the last Tuesday of the month; instead they will be held the **last Wednesday of the month.**

The next meeting will be held on **September 20th** at 7PM at Sunnyside Community Services (43-31 39th Street, Sunnyside). The location is allowing the meetings to be hosted in person with the following restrictions: The capacity will be limited to 35 people per meeting, it is first come/ first serve and anyone attending must wear a mask.

Any questions or comments, contact:
108communitycouncil@gmail.com.

RESOURCES FOR IDA RECOVERY

Map of Food Pantries in or near AD30



1 Center of Hope International	12-11 40th Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101	917-324-3204
2 Evangel Food Pantry	39-20 27th St, Long Island City, NY, 11101	718-361-5454
3 Iglesia Alianza Cristiana	43-02 38th St, Long Island City, NY 11101	718-681-8659; 718-207-6859
4 Saint Rafael R.C. Church Pantry	35-20 Greenpoint Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101	718-729-8957; 718-729-8958
5 Church of Saint Teresa Pantry	50-20 45th St, Woodside, NY 11377	347-724-3197
6 The Salvation Army Astoria Corps	45-18 Broadway, Long Island City, NY 11103	718-721-9046
7 St. Joseph's Church Pantry	43-19 30th Ave, Astoria, NY 11103	718-757-7161
8 Corpus Christi Church Pantry	31-30 61st St, Woodside, NY 11377	929-272-7678; 718-278-8114
9 ACQC Food Pantry	62-07 Woodside Ave, #3, Woodside, NY 11377	718-472-9400 x5722
10 Blessed Virgin Mary Church Pantry	70-31 48th Ave, Woodside, NY 11377	917-751-2162; 718-672-4848
11 Transfiguration-St. Stanislaus Kostka	57-15 61st St, Maspeth, NY 11378	718-326-2185
12 Yeshua Worldwide Ministries Pantry	79-11 Caldwell Ave, Middle Village, NY 11379	347-761-2268
13 St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry	66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, NY 11379	718-326-1911
14 Jewish Institute of Queens Pantry	60-05 Woodhaven Blvd, Elmhurst, NY 11373	718-426-9369 x229
15 Evangelical Church Christ is the Light	89-16 48th Ave, Elmhurst, NY 11373	347-742-7614
16 The Salvation Army Queens Temple	86-07 35th Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372	718-335-3693; 718-335-1590
17 The Voices of Hagar Food Pantry	95-18 Northern Blvd, Jackson Heights, NY 11372	718-205-0506
18 Atonement Lutheran Church	30-61 87th St, East Elmhurst, NY 11369	718-639-6074
19 Our Lady of Fatima Church	25-02 80th St, East Elmhurst, NY 11370	516-606-5580

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WATER DAMAGE CLAIM

On the city level, residents can file a claim for water damage or loss with the NYC Comptroller’s Office either online, in-person or through certified mail. Claims served by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail must be notarized and delivered within 90 days from the date of occurrence to: Office of the New York City Comptroller, 1 Centre Street, Room 1225, New York, NY 10007.

For more information on how to file a claim with the Comptroller’s Office, visit comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/claims/file-a-claim/.

To file an e-claim, visit comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/claims/e-filing/.

To learn how to file a claim through certified mail or in-person, visit comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/claims/in-person-filing/.

On the state level, an online resource hub for New Yorkers impacted by Hurricane Ida launched this week, which provides information on available assistance programs and where to find services such as shelter and access to food. The information on the site will be updated as more resources become available.

That information can be found here: www.governor.ny.gov/programs/governors-relief-and-response-resources.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has also been authorized to provide relief from Hurricane Ida. Individuals should visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/> or call 800-621-3362, 7 a.m. to 1 a.m., 7 days a week. Residents should be aware that phone calls from FEMA might appear to come from an unidentified number.

Additionally, a walk-in service center to offer support to those affected by the flash flood emergency has been created at I.S. 125Q, Thomas J. McCann Woodside Intermediate School, located at 46-02 47th Avenue, in Woodside. This center will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and provide in-person support and information on resources and services available. NYC government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations will be on-site to help connect families and individuals to critical services, including enrollment in public benefits and health insurance, housing, food assistance, and mental health counseling.

For more post-storm resources, visit www1.nyc.gov/site/em/resources/ida.page.

SENATOR JOSEPH ADDABBO, JR.

FEDERAL DISASTER - APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

New Yorkers recovering from the impact of a federally declared disaster can register for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

To learn more, to see if you’re eligible, and to apply, visit DisasterAssistance.gov or call 800-621-3362.

- NYC SERVICE CENTERS - Referrals/Emergency Supplies/Assistance/Food/Health Insurance/Mental Health
- NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES announced that service centers will open citywide to support individuals and families affected by the flood emergency.
- The five centers will open each day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and provide those affected with in-person support and information on resources and services available. **THE CENTER IN QUEENS IS LOCATED AT 4602 47TH AVENUE, WOODSIDE, NY 11377 (M.S. 125).**
- *Services provided at the center include but are not limited to enrollment in SNAP, health insurance, advising on how to obtain an inspection of damages, and referrals/information for pump out assistance for standing water.
- The American Red Cross will assist in disaster relief management — including referrals, distribution of emergency supplies, and applying for assistance — and mental health counseling.

Also see the following website for additional help: www1.nyc.gov/site/em/about/press-releases/20210904_pr_nycem_service-centers-open-for-those-recovering-from-flooding.page?fbclid=IwAR0aXA8iTg3R1tuNJ89H4-Vp7zbVPILopTazXFK4Xl-3ES-4MQSglUig0

Aside from checking in/filing a claim with your homeowner’s insurance, you should file a claim with the NYC Comptroller’s Office for possible reimbursement. There is NO guarantee that the Comptroller will reimburse you for the storm damage, but you should 100% consider protecting your possible claim. You should pursue two options when it comes to filing a claim with the Comptroller. Note that there are time restrictions on filing.

If you don’t file in time, your claim will automatically be denied.

- 1) File a notice of claim in Court within 90 days of the incident. You must then commence that lawsuit within 1 year and 90 days. More information here: comptroller.nyc.gov/.../for-the-public/claims/e-filing/
- 2) Note though, the Comptroller may very well deny the claim, so you should also (at the same time, as option 1) file an internal claim with the Comptroller’s office for damage. comptroller.nyc.gov/.../up.../2016/07/water-damages.pdf

(NOTE YOU SHOULD ALSO APPLY FOR FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT).

POSSIBLE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

You should speak with the NYC Bar Association for any guidance. You can call 212-626-7373 or visit www.nycbar.org/get-legal-help/

HOMEOWNERS’ INSURANCE

You should call your homeowners’ insurance (if applicable) to see if you are covered by any of the Storm damage. Even if you don’t have flood insurance, you still may be able to file a claim. Anybody having issues filing a claim, please let my office know.

GROUP FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers Group Flood Insurance Policies to individuals who do not have flood insurance and have received assistance from FEMA after a Presidential declared disaster strikes.

For more information regarding the Group Flood Insurance program or flood insurance in general, call the NFIP Direct at 800-638-6620, option number 2. Or visit https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_group-flood-insurance-factsheet_2020.pdf

If you have any questions/concerns/need help, you can email me back, and/or call the office at 718-651-3185. Note that the information/resources are changing, so you should immediately review these resources/apply. You should also check back repeatedly as more and more resources may open up. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need guidance on where to turn.

BRIAN BARNWELL, NYS ASSEMBLY

***Editor’s Note:**
While this information may be a duplicate of what is to the right, there are other sites and information that may prove to be useful. What works for one, does not always work for another.

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will provide significant economic relief to help low and moderate-income households at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability by providing rental arrears, temporary rental assistance and utility arrears assistance

MENTAL HELP ASSISTANCE

***NYC Well – Free, confidential mental health support; Mobile Crisis Teams; Crisis Respite (888) 692-9355**

***Nurse Family Partnership Program – (844)-637-6667/ nursefamilypartnership.org serves all five boroughs providing support to mothers**

***LifeNet – Mental Health Association in New York State; confidential counseling support; 1-800-543-3638**

***SAMHSA – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association national helpline at 1-800-HELP (4357) for substance abuse or mental support.**

***NY Foundling Parenting Support Helpline: (888-435-7553). Child Abuse Prevention Program and Crisis Nursery. The Crisis Nursery is located at 590 Avenue of the Americas (6th Avenue) in Manhattan and offers “temporary safe haven for children from birth to age 10.”**

***Suicide Prevention Lifeline – National helpline for those “having trouble coping.” English 1-800-273-8255 (en espanol, 1-800-628-9454)**

OPEN CULTURE 2.0

In a New York City Council Stated meeting Council Member Van Bramer introduced Open Culture 2.0, Int 2398-2021, which will, among other things, make the temporary Open Culture permit program permanent and year-round.

More than 220 Open Culture permits have been granted since the program’s inception, with more than 450 outdoor performances and rehearsals taking place across the city. The program was created in response to traditional performance venues closing their doors in March 2020 due to COVID-19. Since its launch, the Open Culture program has become a vital tool for cultural institutions, performance venues, and artists to share their work with the public, earn revenue, and activate city streets with music, dance, performance, and joy.

In addition to making the Open Culture program permanent, Intro ##### will expand eligibility requirements to allow more arts organizations and artists to apply, and will also increase the number of available streets for permits. The bill also creates a new annual reporting requirement, evaluating benefits and challenges of the program, potential funding and production support from the city, and reviewing applicant feedback.

The Council’s Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations will be hearing the bill next week, Tuesday September 14th at 12pm, as part of their oversight hearing, The Reopening of Culture in New York: The Return of Indoor Programs, Open Culture, and COVID-19.

“By making the Open Culture program a permanent fixture in New York City, we will not only provide an additional lifeline for our artists, performers and vital cultural organizations, it will also create an exciting new norm for diverse performances throughout the city.” Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer

ADDITIONAL INFO

OPEN CULTURE – INT 2398-2021

- Makes the Open Culture program permanent & year round.
- Expands eligibility to include fiscally sponsored organizations & artists eligible for the City Artist Corp program.
- Expands the available streets to include all Open Streets, and sets a minimum number of Open Culture streets per Community District. List of streets would still be managed by DOT.

*Creates a new annual reporting requirement, with the following specific questions/topics:

1. A list and evaluation of locations that were utilized for open culture over the previous 12 month period, including with any available details related to the physical characteristics of such locations and feedback on the types of artistic or cultural events the location is best suited to, as well as information related to whether any participating location was only available for part of the year;
2. An overview of significant benefits and challenges with the open culture program, and potential solutions to such challenges, including but not limited to the need for barricades or production support;
3. Available information about opportunities to add additional locations to the open culture program, and information on opportunities for eligible art and cultural institutions and cultural venues to suggest additional locations;
4. An overview of any outreach conducted by the office or other city offices related to the open culture program;
5. Information from any surveys or feedback collected from open culture program participants, disaggregated by attendees and permit holders, where applicable, and including information on the demographic make-up of eligible art and cultural institutions and cultural venues;
6. How many eligible art and cultural institutions and cultural venues applied to the open culture program and did not receive a permit, including to the reason why the permit was denied, where such information is available.
7. Any available information related to the economic impact of the open culture program, including but not limited to the economic impact of such program on art and cultural institutions and cultural venues, as well as the economic impact on businesses located in close proximity to the locations that hosted an artistic or cultural event; and
8. An overview of potential funding or opportunities for support for eligible art and cultural institutions and cultural venues.



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NY HERO ACT IMPLEMENTED

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris, Assembly Member Karines Reyes, and members of the Essential Worker Coalition expressed their relief that the New York State Health Department finally certified Covid-19 as a threat to public health. This action comes after the elected officials and the coalition sent letters to Governor Kathy Hochul calling on her administration to issue the required certification after the previous administration did not.

“I’m very thankful Governor Hochul has acted quickly to save lives and protect workers by implementing the New York HERO Act,” said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. “It took too long to effectuate and too many workers have already sacrificed their health for our community’s benefit, but we can finally recognize their efforts by giving workers the tools to protect themselves while on the job.”

The NY HERO Act, passed earlier this year by the Legislature and signed into law by the outgoing Governor, requires the Department of Health to declare a disease, like covid-19, “a highly contagious, communicable disease that presents a serious risk of harm to public health” before the law’s protections can be implemented. Until today, the required declaration was not issued by the state’s healthy agency.

The NY HERO Act, or the New York Health and Essential Rights Act, passed earlier this year by the Legislature and signed into law by the outgoing Governor, requires the Department of Health to declare a disease, like covid-19, “a highly contagious, communicable disease that presents a serious risk of harm to public health” before the law’s protections can be implemented. Until today, the required declaration was not issued by the state’s healthy agency.

The NY HERO Act, requires the Departments of Labor and Health to implement enforceable minimum standards for workplace safety. The regulations must include protocols on testing, PPE, social distancing, hand hygiene, disinfection, and engineering controls. Workers would also be given a direct role in monitoring and reporting violations through workplace health and safety committees and employees would be protected from retaliation for utilizing their rights under the law.

The NY HERO Act is supported by more than 100 labor, community, and safety organizations, including the AFL-CIO.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS - Index No.: 704253/2017

CIT Bank, N.A. f/k/a OneWest Bank N.A. f/k/a OneWest Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, - against - Linda Antonette, as heir at law, next of kin and distribute of the Theresa Bayer, Daniel Bayer, as heir at law, next of kin and distribute of Theresa Bayer, Ronald Keith Bayer, as heir at law, next of kin and distribute of Theresa Bayer, Kathleen Bayer, as heir at law, next of kin and distribute of Theresa Bayer, Unknown Heirs of Theresa Bayer Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,

Beneficial Homeowner Service Company, Manufacturers and Trader Trust Company, Internal Revenue Services, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance-Tax Compliance Division-C.O.-ATC, “JOHN DOE #1” through and including “JOHN DOE#25”, the defendants last named in quotation marks being intended to designate tenants or occupants in possession of the herein described premises or portions thereof, if any there be, said names being fictitious, their true name being unknown to plaintiff, Defendants.

Action to Foreclose Mortgage on Property Situated in Queens County. Property located east side

of 59th Place, 20.04 feet north of 60th Avenue, and known as 59-89 59th Place, Maspeth, NY.

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Dated: New York, New York March 28, 2017. Bronster, LLP, 156 W 56th St Suite 902, New York, NY 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff: CIT Bank, N.A. f/k/a OneWest Bank N.A f/k/a OneWest Bank, FSB 8/27/21, 9/3/21, 9/10/21, 9/17/21

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