

INSIDE CITYWIDE

Message from the Commissioner's Office

August 31, 2021

Happy Anniversary, DCAS!

The end of August means fall is on its way, but August is extra special this year, because it marks DCAS's 25th anniversary! Leading with our values of equity, effectiveness, and sustainability, our agency has provided effective shared services for the City of New York for the past 25 years. You can learn more about how we support NYC below.

Learn More About Careers in City Government

The end of another month also means that a brand new episode of the [Inside Citywide podcast](#) has been released. Episode 4 focuses on careers in city government. Guests Dawn Pinnock, Executive Deputy Commissioner of DCAS, and Claudette Hamilton, Assistant Commissioner for Human Resource Operations at the Department of Correction, discuss their experiences working for the City and how New Yorkers can start and build a career in NYC government. Be sure to [give it a listen](#) and remember to subscribe (it's free!) to be alerted about future episodes.

Protect Yourself and Others by Getting Vaccinated

Although our city has made enormous progress in the battle against COVID-19, there is still more we must do. DCAS strongly suggests getting vaccinated if you haven't done so already. People 12 and older can now go to [vaccination sites citywide](#) without an appointment.

DCAS Stands with Indonesia to Fight COVID-19

The latest surge in the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Southeast Asia gravely, with Indonesia facing major difficulties. As once the epicenter of the pandemic, NYC understands what it's like to go through the hardship of the pandemic. Because of this, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that DCAS will be donating medical supplies and personal protective equipment to Indonesia, as they battle the recent surge in COVID-19 deaths.

“COVID-19 has proven to be a relentless and stubborn disease. We must work

together as global citizens to defeat this pandemic once and for all,” said Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Read more below about these and other happenings at DCAS.

DCAS Happenings



DCAS was formed in 1996 when the mayor merged the Department of General Services and the Department of Personnel. Since then, DCAS's mission has been to provide effective shared services to support the operations of New York City government. August 2021 marks its 25th anniversary.

In the past 25 years, what has DCAS done to support the City of New York?

DCAS has worked to ensure NYC government is **equitable** by:

- Increasing access to jobs and helping New Yorkers navigate the City's civil service system.
- Recruiting, developing, and retaining a city workforce that reflects the talents and diversity of all New Yorkers.
- Ensuring that minority and women-owned businesses have opportunities to do business with the city.

DCAS has worked to ensure NYC government is **sustainable** by:

- Transitioning the City's vehicle fleet to electric vehicles to reduce emissions and combat climate change.
- Reducing energy consumption from City facilities and sourcing renewable energy.
- Growing the City's solar workforce to expand the installation of solar panels across New York City.

DCAS has worked to ensure NYC government is **effective** by:

- Bulk purchasing supplies and equipment for City agencies to support the operations of city government.
- Keeping our 56 public buildings clean and safe for City employees and members of the public.
- Efficiently managing the City of New York's real estate portfolio to save space and money.



DCAS Podcast Focuses on Careers in City Government

A career with the City of New York is a career with the goal of improving the lives of New Yorkers. City jobs offer New Yorkers stability, a pension, and a generous benefits package, all while putting our city first.

In [this episode](#) of the Inside Citywide podcast, hosts Nick Benson and Belinda French discuss career opportunities in NYC government, how New Yorkers can join the City's workforce, and how employees can grow once they've begun their career with the City.

This episode's guests are Dawn Pinnock, Executive Deputy Commissioner of DCAS and Claudette Hamilton, Assistant Commissioner for Human Resource Operations at the Department of Correction.

The Inside Citywide Podcast is available on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google](#)



DCAS Donates Medical Supplies to Indonesia

The latest surge of the COVID-19 pandemic has hit Indonesia especially hard, and as New Yorkers, we understand what it means to go through such a difficult time.

In the beginning of August, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that DCAS will be donating medical supplies and personal protective equipment to Indonesia, as they battle the recent surge in COVID-19 deaths.

Donated items include test kits, ventilators, swabs, resuscitation bags, surgical masks and isolation gowns.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is a global challenge that requires all of us to come together to save lives and put an end to this crisis,” said Lisette Camilo, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services. “Our city was fortunate to receive an outpouring of support in the earliest days of the pandemic, and we are

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and [BuzzSprout](#).

proud to pay it forward and provide supplies to those who are most in need.”

For more information, check out the [press release](#).

DCAS Excellence in Procurement



Every year, the National Procurement Institute (NPI) announces the winners of its Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. Winners of this award demonstrate excellence in public procurement. This year, our very own Mersida Ibric, deputy commissioner of the Office of Citywide Procurement, is a recipient of this award.

After the difficult times our city has faced, Mersida and our entire procurement team have been instrumental to the city’s recovery from the pandemic. With support from her and our procurement team last year, DCAS procured over \$1.2 billion in goods for the City of New York. To learn more about the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, visit [NPI’s website](#).

Get Vaccinated, NYC!



Jerry Torres
Deputy Commissioner
for Facilities Management

“ I got vaccinated **because I love my family, friends, co-workers, NYC, and myself.** ”



COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective in protecting people from severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death. These vaccines are the best protection we have against COVID-19 and that is why our DCAS leadership team encourages our staff and all New Yorkers to get vaccinated.

The spread of the delta variant of the virus that causes COVID-19 makes being unvaccinated more dangerous. Fortunately, it has never been easier to get vaccinated against COVID-19 in NYC. People 12 and older can now go to [vaccination sites citywide](#) without an appointment. A fully vaccinated person is much less likely to get sick or spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

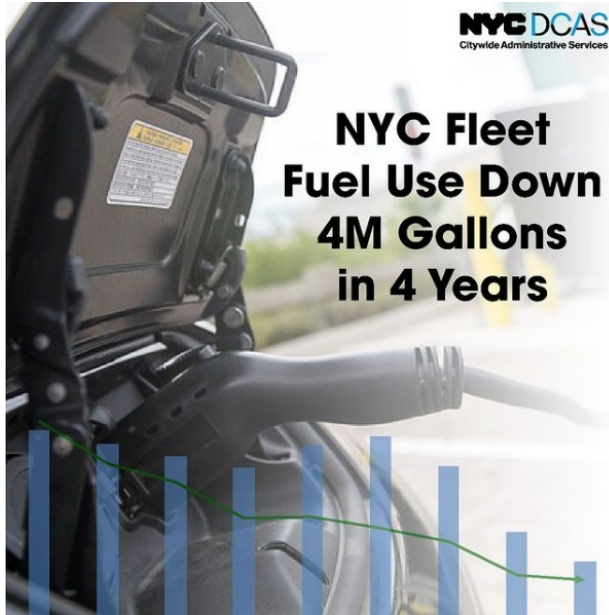
City employees should be aware that the city issued a temporary time and leave policy for employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. An employee may take up to four hours of excused leave for travel during scheduled work hours to the administration site and receipt of the vaccination for each required administration of the vaccine.

We strongly encourage all employees to get vaccinated and [you can get vaccinated today](#). You can even receive up to four hours of excused leave for travel during scheduled work hours for each administration of the vaccine. Eligible employees can also receive three hours of comp time after they are fully vaccinated.

Please see [Commissioner's Directive No 2020-1](#) (updated 8/2/21) for additional details.



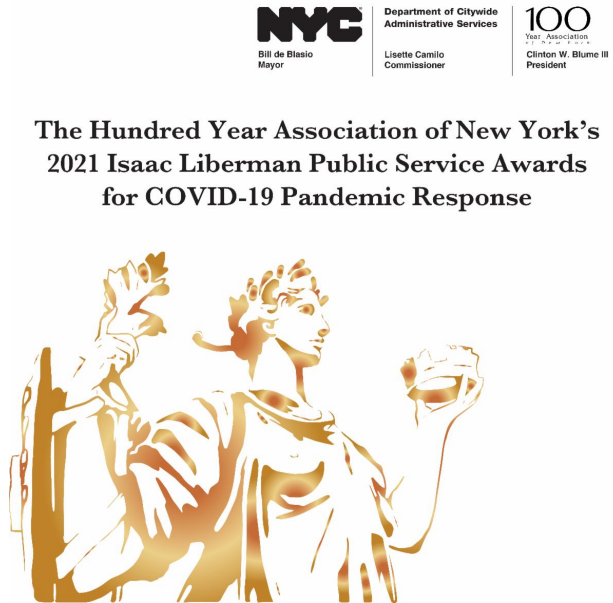
Social Media Highlights



From 8/18/2021

The @nycgov fleet's fuel use is down 4 million gallons in four years, due to the use of electric vehicles, hybrid and fuel-efficient vehicles, and vehicles consuming biofuel. Learn more via [@GovernmentFleet](#).

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From 8/19/2021

The [2021 Isaac Liberman Public Service Awards](#) will recognize outstanding @nycgov career civil service employees who distinguished themselves in performing their every work for the City or in their community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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