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The Department of Social Services Announces Next Steps to Relocate Shelter Intake for Single Adult Men to 8 East 3rd Street

All Intake Operations Will Move from the 30th Street Shelter to 8 East 3rd Street by the Start of August 2026

Closure of 30th Street Marks Critical Step in Ensuring Safety and Improving Access to Shelter for Homeless New Yorkers

NEW YORK — Today, the Department of Social Services (DSS) announced plans to relocate shelter intake operations for single adult men from the 30th Street Shelter, also known as Bellevue, to the new intake location at 8 East 3rd Street by August 1, 2026. Earlier this year, the Mamdani Administration took decisive action to begin phasing out intake and assessment operations at the 30th Street shelter, which was in a severe state of disrepair, by completing the relocation of hundreds of assessment beds to ensure safe accommodations for New Yorkers seeking shelter. Following the recent court ruling in favor of moving forward with the relocation of intake operations to 8 East 3rd Street, DSS is taking immediate steps to resume and complete the transition, starting by moving a smaller number of remaining overnight beds from 30th Street to safer settings.

The closure of 30th Street marks a critical step in the Mamdani Administration's efforts to transform the shelter system and prioritize the health, safety, and wellbeing of homeless New Yorkers. Toward the end of the last Administration, sitings for new, high-quality shelters stopped almost entirely – and as a result, the current Administration inherited several shelter sites that had been neglected for years. One of these sites is the Bellevue shelter which was originally opened in 1931, and the decision to vacate the site is a proactive and important measure driven by safety concerns and expert engineering guidance.

"For years, conditions at Bellevue had been allowed to deteriorate, making this transition both necessary and urgent," said **Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani**. "Past administrations discussed closing this facility but failed to get it done. This administration followed through. Our focus remains on treating every person who enters the shelter system with the dignity they deserve while building a system that works better for both clients and staff."

"This administration's decision to close the 30th Street shelter and relocate intake services represents the kind of decisive and long-overdue action that is necessary to truly reform the City's shelter system and provide New Yorkers experiencing homelessness with the dignity and safety they deserve," said **DSS Commissioner Erin Dalton**. "As we proceed with next steps to fully relocate intake to 8 East 3rd Street, we will continue to maintain open lines of communication with community stakeholders and coordinate closely with them to ensure that this facility is operated safely and that any impact to the community is mitigated."

DSS will also schedule a community briefing prior to the transition of the full intake operation. Even as the City moves intake operations to 8 East 3rd Street, DSS will continue to maintain a small presence at 30th Street for at least a year to greet anyone who may come to the location for services and direct them to the new location. Direct transportation will also be available throughout the day. Intake for adult families, family units that don't have any minor children, will also move to 333 Bowery Street on August 1st. Simultaneously, DSS is working with partner agencies and City Hall on a long-term redevelopment plan for 30th Street.

The Mamdani Administration is committed to opening several new, high-quality shelters and this plan is a necessary step toward safer, more dignified infrastructure that maintains shelter availability citywide.

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About the New York City Department of Social Services: DSS, comprised of the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the Human Resources Administration (HRA), serves millions of New Yorkers annually through a broad range of services that aim to address poverty and prevent homelessness. DHS oversees a broad network of shelters, re-housing solutions, and outreach programs designed to help New Yorkers experiencing homelessness get back on their feet. HRA serves over three million New Yorkers through the administration of more than 15 major public assistance programs. DSS is central to the City's mission to expand opportunity for New Yorkers in need, address housing insecurity, and ensure that low-income New Yorkers receive the benefits and assistance for which they may be eligible