COVID-19 Resource Guide

This document aggregates operational changes as well as COVID-related resources from the New York City Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth’s (ICC) Primary Membership.

NYC Department of Youth & Community Development
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What is the ICC?

The Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) is a New York City Charter mandated entity that was created in 1989 to promote interagency collaboration on issues relevant to young people and to support youth and families by utilizing the City of New York’s multitude of government resources.

This is accomplished through partnerships among City-based agencies that serve youth, community-based organizations and not-for-profit providers to eliminate duplication and, where possible, promote new initiatives and partnerships.

The ICC primary membership is comprised of representatives of each of the City’s 20 youth serving agencies and is directed by the Commissioner of the Department of Youth and Community Development. The ICC meets quarterly, meetings are rotated among member agencies, holds at least one public hearing annually, and produces an annual report on its activities.

For more information on the ICC’s membership, please visit the Department of Youth and Community Development’s website at NYC.gov/dycd.

ICC Primary Membership

[Image of various NYC departments and agencies]
Administration for Children’s Services (ACS)

Website
ACS seeks to make sure that youth and families are safe, well-supported, and have access to the resources and services they need, especially during this challenging time. Find out more through our COVID-19 resource pages:

- **Coping Through COVID** ([nyc.gov/acs/covidhelp](https://nyc.gov/acs/covidhelp)) is ACS’s resource page aimed at supporting families through the pandemic. The website highlights City resources; locate food or housing assistance; get health and mental health information and access services; and learn more about ACS’s community-based programs that help support families and keep children safe at home.

- **Teens Take on COVID** ([nyc.gov/acs/covidteen](https://nyc.gov/acs/covidteen)) is aimed at supporting teens, many of whom are struggling with social isolation, and some of whom may be experiencing violence at home, and need to know where to turn.

- ACS, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Mayor’s Office for Economic Opportunity, and the Public Policy Lab collaborated with New York City families and service providers to create **Telehealth Tips** to guide and support the use of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic. This guidance is meant for families, providers, and advocates. Visit: [https://www.familypathways.nyc/telehealth-tips](https://www.familypathways.nyc/telehealth-tips).

- For **general COVID-19 information** and helpful guidance for families, caregivers, ACS’s contracted provider agencies, and our other partners, please visit: [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/about/covid19.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/about/covid19.page).

- We are continuing to experience the global COVID-19 pandemic, and while it is scary for parents to think about getting sick, you might be comforted to talk to your friends and family about a plan for your child if that happens. The **Plan for Your Child** guide available here: [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/about/planforyourchild.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/about/planforyourchild.page) gives ideas for how you can keep your child safe by arranging for a safe, responsible adult to care for your child if you become too sick to take care of them or if you need to go to the hospital.

Department for the Aging

Website
Department for the Aging (DFTA) is committed to helping New Yorkers age in their homes and communities. Our mission is to eliminate ageism and ensure the dignity and quality of life of diverse older adults. We also work to support caregivers through service, advocacy, and education.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, congregate centers are currently closed for in-person programming and meals are being delivered. Older adults who have not been not enrolled in the Department for the Aging’s Direct Center Meal Delivery to Home program should call 311 for options on where and how to get food through the City’s GetFoodNYC program or visit [nyc.gov/GetFoodNYC](https://nyc.gov/GetFoodNYC).

For more information, visit the [DOHMH website for coronavirus updates](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/about/covid19.page).

Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

Website
The Department of Citywide Administrative Service’s mission is simple: to provide value-added and effective shared services to support the operations of New York City government.

The Division of Energy Management remains committed to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and protect the health of the Energy Management Institute’s students, instructors, and staff. In light of this, we have worked to move ongoing courses into a remote learning and instruction format for the remainder of the spring semester.

Effective August 31, 2020 and until further notice, to enter a non-court DCAS managed building, all persons must pass a COVID-19 Health Screening Assessment.
The New York City Department of Correction (DOC) provides for the care, custody, and control of persons accused of crimes or convicted and sentenced to one year or less of jail time. The Department manages 11 inmate facilities, eight of which are located on Rikers Island. In addition, the Department operates two hospital Prison Wards (Bellevue and Elmhurst hospitals) and court holding facilities in each borough.

The Department is committed to protecting the health and safety of those living and working in our facilities. Since the outbreak began, we have been preparing our facilities and our staff to safely and effectively manage this extraordinary challenge. Working in conjunction with our medical service partner, Correctional Health Services (CHS), the Department has taken and will take the following steps to protect people in custody and our staff against COVID-19.

- **Cleaning & Prevention:** The Department is committed to robust sanitation protocols throughout its facilities and transportation vehicles and has ramped up existing cleaning policies to combat the potential spread of COVID-19, including the sanitation of housing areas and transport vehicles daily and touch surfaces every two hours. The Department additionally makes sanitizer formula available for the population to sanitize surfaces (e.g. telephones) between each use. The Department has confirmed that its current sanitation formula is effective against COVID-19.

- **Screening & Healthcare:** Consistent with federal, state, and local guidelines, CHS screens patients at pre-arraignement and upon admission to the NYC jail system, to identify health issues and to recognize, isolate and monitor as appropriate individuals who may be at high risk of COVID-19. DOC and CHS have taken precautions to identify and protect those who may be at high risk of a serious course of illness from COVID-19. These precautions include placement in dedicated housing units for distinct populations.

- **Social Distancing:** DOC rolled out enhanced social distancing guidance to all its facilities, which will encourage limits to the number of people in custody who have access to dayrooms, bathrooms, and shower areas at any given time.
  - DOC painted social distancing cues on chairs and benches in dayroom and intake areas in order to help individuals understand and maintain safe distance from one another in communal spaces.
  - To increase awareness of these efforts, the Department put up posters that describe the enhanced social distancing guidelines across all facilities. Officers have also been provided additional information on these measures so that they may communicate directly with people in custody about their public health purpose.
  - At the height of the pandemic, a majority of the dormitory housing areas were below 50% capacity and close to half of all housing areas department wide were also operating at or below 50% capacity, affording people the opportunity to more easily practice social distancing precautions. Where possible in dormitory housing units, DOC is ensuring there is an empty bed in between people in custody. Guidance has also been given to individuals to refrain from sitting on other people’s beds.

- **Personal Protective Equipment:** In accordance with national and local guidelines, all staff and all persons in custody are provided and instructed to wear face masks. Any individual who does not have a mask is provided one on a daily basis. Individuals are required to wear masks when out of their housing areas or in order to receive services.

- **We are also proud to announce our partnership with Northwell Health-Go Health Urgent Care.** All DOC personnel, both uniformed and non-uniformed, are provided access to COVID-19 testing at Northwell Health Urgent Care sites. The Department has additionally provided free antibody testing at DOC locations for all staff and partnered with Affiliated Physicians, one of the City’s mobile testing vendors, to provide additional COVID-19 testing on site for staff. The Department additionally provided free annual flu vaccinations to all staff at on-site locations.
Department of Cultural Affairs

The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) is dedicated to supporting and strengthening New York City’s vibrant cultural life. Among our primary missions is to ensure adequate public funding for non-profit cultural organizations, both large and small, throughout the five boroughs.

Ways to Help

- **DonateNYC** is seeking in-kind medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) during the COVID-19 crisis. The City will coordinate a safe method to transport your donation.

- **The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services** has created an **Operations Guidelines for Facilities Experiencing Decreased Occupancy** to help organizations pursue energy saving opportunities.

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- **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities**: Individuals with disabilities, access, and functional needs can visit MOPD’s [COVID-19 webpage](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/coronavirus.page) for resources to address COVID-19’s impact.

- **NYC Share Your Space Survey**: The NYC Share Your Space Survey is critical to helping the City prepare for emergencies and outreach to all of the City’s communities. Organizations citywide are encouraged to participate.

- **NYCEDC COVID-19 Emergency Supply Sourcing & Manufacturing Survey**: the City is seeking businesses with the ability to source and/or make products to support the City’s COVID-19 response work.

- **The NYC Department of Small Business Services**: is offering assistance, guidance, loans, and other support for impacted small businesses.

- **City Agency Service Updates**: Up-to-date information on suspensions and reductions in City services.

- **Thrive Mental Health Support While Home**: While our City stays home to stop the spread of coronavirus, New Yorkers can access a range of mental health services by phone or online. [NYC Well](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/well/pages) has also created a list of digital mental health resources which are free for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **COVID-19: How to Help Others**: resources available to support those affected by this emergency

- **New York State of Health** extended the special enrollment period for uninsured New Yorkers to apply for healthcare coverage through NY State of Health or directly to insurers. If you lost employer coverage, you must apply within 60 days of losing coverage. Because of loss of income, New Yorkers may also be eligible for Medicaid, the Essential Plan, Subsidized Qualified Health Plans or Child Health Plus.

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Department of Education (DOE)

The New York City Department of Education is committed to providing every single child, in every classroom, in every New York City public school, with a rigorous, inspiring, and nurturing learning experience. That is true regardless of family income, race, nationality, disability, language spoken at home, sexual orientation, or gender identification.

The New York City Department of Education cares deeply about the social-emotional wellbeing of NYCDOE’s children and families. We recognize that the sharing of information about COVID-19, and the resulting school closures, will have a significant impact on each of us. Increased stress and anxiety are common responses to the coronavirus outbreak. The resources below can support you and your family through this challenging time. In addition to resources for stress management, there are helpful strategies and resources for proactively developing your child’s social and emotional skills.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

**Website**

Our mission at DEP is to equitably provide services that promote the health and wellbeing of all 8.6 million City residents, while continuing to be a good neighbor and partner with dozens of upstate communities. New Yorkers are fortunate to have an ample supply of some of the best drinking water in the world, thanks to the foresight and toil of seven generations of our predecessors, and the continuing vigilance of current DEP staff.

- **COVID-19 Wastewater Testing:** As the Country’s largest municipally-owned water, sewer, and wastewater treatment utility, serving over eight million residents of New York City, DEP is working closely with other City Agencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the spring, DEP’s Bureau of Wastewater Treatment (BWT) has been implementing monitoring techniques to look for SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater. This program is done in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). It helps inform the City’s COVID-19 response.

- **COVID-19 Asbestos Project Health and Safety Recommendations:**

  All owners and contractors should review the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Interim Guidance for Construction Activities During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and affirm understanding and implementation of the requirements to reopen construction projects. At a minimum, the following should be adhered to:

  - Implement health screening check of each incoming employees prior to the work shift.
  - Implement a temperature check of incoming employees prior to the work shift. Any worker with a temperature reading above 100.4°F must not be allowed to work. The date and time temperature was taken for each work shift should be entered into the asbestos handler supervisor’s project logbook.
  - When a worker tests positive for COVID-19, this must be reported immediately to the DEP Asbestos Control Program (ACP) at COVID19asbestos@dep.nyc.gov.
  - Develop and post on-site all the COVID-19 worker protection plans required by NYSDOH and the NYC Department of Buildings.
  - All workers/individuals who are engaged with any activities outside of the work area must at all times comply with the social distancing and face covering guidelines.

Remind workers that there is no eating, drinking, smoking or congregating at the workplace.

Fire Department (FDNY)

**Website**

As first responders to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, disasters and terrorist acts, FDNY protects the lives and property of New York City residents and visitors. The Department advances public safety through its fire prevention, investigation and education programs. The timely delivery of these services enables the FDNY to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

Due to the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the FDNY has implemented a screening process to ensure visitors and staff at 9 MetroTech Center in Brooklyn remain safe and healthy. Anyone not wearing mask or face covering will not be permitted to enter.

The Fire Department of the City of New York is continually looking to advance the opportunities for young people to become part of the City’s Bravest. To help support this goal, the Department has created a Youth Workforce Development Initiative. To date, this initiative’s programs have helped many New Yorkers pursue and accomplish their dream of becoming a member of the Department.

**FDNY Exploring Program**

The FDNY Exploring Program is part of the Greater New York Councils Exploring Program. The Exploring Program gives New Yorkers (aged 14 to 20) the opportunity to gain valuable insight into a career at the Fire Department, while simultaneously building plans for their futures. The innovative program helps participants gain work experience and assistance with educational and fitness requirements that are critical to successfully pursuing a career at the FDNY. Participants also develop contacts with FDNY Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics and others already on the job.

Learn more at joinfdny.com.
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

Website

With an annual budget of $1.6 billion and more than 6,000 employees throughout the five boroughs, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is one of the largest public health agencies in the world. We are also one of the nation’s oldest public health agencies, with more than 200 years of leadership in the field.

New York City is experiencing multiple health crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, racism, and unprecedented social and economic instability. Although our public health work reaches beyond these immediate crises, we must focus our resources and attention on the COVID-19 response and make it our central priority, anchoring the rest of our work.

There is still transmission of COVID-19 in New York City.

- [What You Need to Know Now About COVID-19](#) (PDF)

NYC DOHMH has shared the following information about COVID-19 and ways to help prevent the spread of the virus:

- **Stay home if sick:** Only leave for essential medical care and or other essential errands.
- **Keep physical distance:** Stay at least six feet away from other people.
- **Keep your hands clean:** Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- **Wear a face covering:** You can be contagious without symptoms. Protect those around you by wearing a face covering.

**All New Yorkers Should Get Tested**

All New Yorkers should get a COVID-19 diagnostic test, whether or not they have symptoms or are at increased risk. Tests are free. [Look for a testing site](#) near your home.

You will not be asked about immigration status. COVID-19 testing and care services are not a public benefit under the [public charge rule](#) (PDF).

For more information and translations, please visit the [DOHMH COVID-19 page](#).

**DOHMH Guidance for Health Care Providers**

DOHMH is regularly issuing guidance and providing other resources for health care providers on its [COVID-19: Information for Providers](#) web page. Providers working with children and families should please be aware of the guidance regarding pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome that is potentially associated with COVID-19.

**Getting Together Safely**

In addition to following our [general COVID-19 prevention guidance](#), stay cautious when you meet up with friends. Avoid indoor activities and stay away from big groups by sticking to a core group of friends and family — your pandemic "social bubble."

**When you celebrate the holidays:**

- Do not travel, gather in groups, or host or attend a holiday party. Only celebrate with household members in person.
- Enjoy safer holiday activities, such as virtual parties, baking cookies and outdoor gatherings.
- [Tips for a Safer Holiday Season](#) (PDF)

**More Information About COVID-19 in NYC:**

- [Rapid Testing](#)
- [Symptoms and What to Do When Sick](#)
- [Prevention and Groups at Higher Risk](#)
- [Vaccines](#)
- [Pregnancy](#)
- [Data on the Outbreak in NYC](#)
- [Guidance for Health Care Providers](#)
- [Community Services Near You](#)
- [Guidance for Businesses and Schools](#)
- [Coping and Emotional Well-being](#)
- [Posters and Flyers to Download](#)
NYC Health + Hospitals

Website

NYC Health + Hospitals is the largest public health care system in the United States. We provide essential inpatient, outpatient, and home-based services to more than one million New Yorkers every year in more than 70 locations across the city’s five boroughs.

Hotline: 1-212-COVID19

NYC Health + Hospitals offers COVID-19 testing for adolescents at locations throughout the five boroughs of New York City. COVID-19 testing is walk-in only. No appointment is needed, but adolescents less than 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Walk-in testing is available at no cost at these NYC Health + Hospitals locations. Some locations also offer antibody testing and rapid point of care testing. Check the listing for testing services offered at each site.

NYC Health + Hospitals is still offering full access to adolescent sexual and reproductive health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Adolescents in need of these services can access them through the NYC Health + Hospital’s Contact Center at 1-844-NYC-4NYC.

The Adolescent Health Program at NYC Health & Hospitals launched its Youth Leadership Council (YLC) over the summer. The YLC has been entirely virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The YLC aims to promote youth engagement and partnerships to strengthen health care programs that benefit youth at NYC Health + Hospitals. As part of the YLC, the Adolescent Health Program conducted a youth-led virtual Adolescent Health Conference in October that garnered national registration and participation. The two-day conference focused on promoting resilience and addressing inequity during challenging times.

Department of Social Services

Website

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is comprised of the administrative units of the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) and the Department of Homeless Services (DHS). Through integrated management for HRA and DHS, client services can be provided more seamlessly and effectively. The City leverages shared services functions across agencies, which results in better day-to-day management and building an integrated mission across agencies.

Human Resources Administration

Website

As the largest local social services agency in the country, HRA helps more than three million New Yorkers annually through the administration of more than 12 major public assistance programs, with more than 14,000 employees and an operating budget of $9.6 billion.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, many HRA locations are consolidating until further notice. If your needs cannot be met by ACCESS HRA, call 311 or consult the HRA Locations page for more information. If your Cash Assistance (CA) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will expire on or after August 31, 2020 and you would like to continue getting benefits, you must complete the recertification process to see if you are still eligible. You either get a letter or will get a letter at a later date telling you when and how to recertify. Medicaid cases that are scheduled to renew with a Medicaid end date in June, July, August and September will be extended, even if the renewal is not returned.

Department of Homeless Services

Website

Together with our not-for-profit partners, our mission is to prevent homelessness when possible, address street homelessness, provide safe temporary shelter, and connect New Yorkers experiencing homelessness to suitable housing. We do this with accountability, empathy, and equity.

Because of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, all appointments are being conducted over the telephone until further notice. Clients will not be seen in-person at the office. The Office of the Ombudsman can be reached by phone at 800-994-6494. Calls are answered Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

Website

The New York City Housing Authority’s mission is to increase opportunities for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers by providing safe, affordable housing and facilitating access to social and community services. More than 400,000 New Yorkers reside in NYCHA’s 326 public housing developments across the City’s five boroughs. Another 235,000 receive subsidized rental assistance in private homes through the NYCHA-administered Section 8 Leased Housing Program.


NYCHA has simplified its Rent Hardship Policy to make it easier than ever for you to reduce your rent during the COVID-19 crisis. If your hours have been cut at work, or if you have lost your job, please fill out an interim recertification now. Read more details about NYCHA’s Rent Hardship Policy Here.

Department of Parks & Recreation

Website

NYC Parks is the steward of more than 30,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets.

At this time, City parks are open. We ask that all park goers take extra precautions to stay healthy and safe. Please wear face coverings and maintain at least six feet of distance between yourself and others when outside and avoid congregating in groups.

Our park restrooms are open. We are cleaning our restrooms daily with appropriate cleaning products to ensure that they are being fully disinfected.

Our city playgrounds are open. For public safety, please wear a face covering and maintain at least six feet of distance between each child not in the same household. Playgrounds are cleaned daily, however, play equipment is not sterilized. Please stay home if you or your child feels sick, and wash your hands frequently, including before and after using play equipment.

Fields and courts are open. Participants should continue to wear face coverings, follow social distancing protocols and avoid participating in high-contact games [PDF], such as football and pick-up basketball.

New York Police Department

Website

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) is the largest and one of the oldest municipal police departments in the United States, with approximately 36,000 officers and 19,000 civilian employees. For more insight into the demographics of the Department, please see recent demographics here.

For the month of October 2020, the number of gun arrests increased by 102.4 % (502 v. 248). Year-to-date, the number of gun arrests have increased by 15% (3,308 vs. 2,876). For the month of October, gun arrests have increased in every borough. Between October 1 and October 31, there was a 121% increase in the number of shooting incidents across the city (137 v. 62). The number of people murdered citywide decreased to 35 v. 36, (-2.8%) for the month, while the number of burglaries increased to 1,363 v. 1,031 (+32.2%) and the number of auto thefts increased to 933 v. 522 (+78.7%) citywide.

From the COVID-19 outbreak through upicks in violent crime to the continuing work of facilitating peaceful protests throughout the City, the 2020 calendar year has confronted our officers and the City’s residents with unprecedented challenges. Through it all, our mutual resiliency has come through.

NYPD COVID-19 Memorial:
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/about/memorials/covid-19-memorial.page
**Department of Probation (DOP)**

**Website**

The New York City Department of Probation is a leader in community corrections, working within the criminal and juvenile justice systems and in the community to create a safer New York. Using Evidence-Based Practices (EBP), and a balance of enforcement, structure, treatment and support, we hold people on probation accountable and give them opportunities to forge new pathways so that they can move out and stay out of the justice system. We work with them to get the education and skills they need to be successful in the job market; to repair and restore important relationships in their lives, including their relationship to their neighborhoods and larger community; and to make decisions that do not cause harm. In this way, probation becomes a stage of opportunity within the justice system, and a time to create a highly individualized “New Now.”

For the safety of all, NYC PROBATION is taking the following actions to avoid the need for in-person visits to our offices **until further notice**:

- All in-person office visits are cancelled. Clients will be contacted by phone or text for alternative reporting arrangements.
- All scheduled group activities and events taking place at these locations are cancelled.
- Nutrition Kitchen (food pantry) is available to the community as scheduled. For more information and to see the expanded hours, please visit the [NeON website](https://www.nypl.org/what-you-can-do).

**Brooklyn Public Library**

**Website**

While our in-person events are on hold, we are offering virtual programming via Facebook Live broadcasts, Zoom meetings, and streaming from our branch staff. Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) will add open locations and branch offerings over time to help keep our staff and patrons safe. Patrons have access to select branch lobbies for quick transactions. Masks are required for both patrons and staff. Materials that are checked out during this time will not accrue fines for the time being (nor will fines accrue on items checked out before the closure). These on-site services will be available:

- Holds pickup in branch lobby
- Return bins in branch lobby

[https://www.bklynlibrary.org/event-series/Virtual-Programming](https://www.bklynlibrary.org/event-series/Virtual-Programming)

**New York Public Library (NYPL)**

**Website**

As part of New York City’s reopening, The New York Public Library is continuing the careful, phased process of returning limited service to its physical locations after temporarily closing due to the outbreak of COVID-19. As of Tuesday, September 8, we’ve expanded our grab-and-go service to 50 library locations. At each of these locations, patrons can access a limited area for returns and pick up materials that they’ve reserved. Patrons can now place holds on physical materials for pickup and these locations via our online catalog, or via phone.

**Queens Public Library**

**Website**

We are excited to welcome you back to select Queens Public Library (QPL) locations in person! You can find information here about the policies and procedures designed to keep you safe as we carefully and gradually reopen. Read our complete reopening plan, learn about our health and safety protocols, watch a video about how our to-go service works, and read our Reopening FAQs. Remember it is required that you wear a mask and stay at least six feet apart from other people when visiting the library.

**QPL Anywhere:** With QPL Anywhere, you are always connected to the library. Our digital media, including book, music and more, is available 24/7 and our virtual programs can be accessed anywhere.

New York City Law Department

Website

Every day the New York City Law Department’s approximately 1,000 lawyers and 890 support professionals work collaboratively to pursue justice while providing the City with the highest quality legal representation. The Law Department represents the City, the Mayor, other elected officials, and the City’s many agencies in all affirmative and defensive civil litigation, as well as juvenile delinquency proceedings brought in Family Court and Administrative Code enforcement proceedings brought in Criminal Court.

The City of New York joined a nationwide coalition of 44 local governments in filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in defense of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The brief urges the Court to reject the broad attack on the ACA. As described in the brief, invalidating the ACA would devastate critical health services provided by local governments—including in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV)

Website

The Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) develops policies and programs, provides training and prevention education, conducts research and evaluations, performs community outreach, and operates the New York City Family Justice Centers. We collaborate with City agencies and community stakeholders to ensure access to inclusive services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence (GBV). GBV can include intimate partner and family violence, elder abuse, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Read more about the term.

Due to coronavirus (COVID-19) in NYC, the NYC Family Justice Centers, operated by the Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), are temporarily closed. We are available by phone with guidance on immediate safety planning, shelter assistance, and community resources. Learn more and reach out.

In-person meet and greets, tours, trainings, and workshops are temporarily suspended under further notice.

Department of Youth & Community Development

Website

The New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) invests in a network of community-based organizations and programs to alleviate the effects of poverty and to provide opportunities for New Yorkers and communities to flourish.

DYCD supports New York City youth and their families by funding a wide range of high-quality youth and community development programs, including:

- After School
- Community Development
- Family Support
- Literacy Services
- Youth Services
- Youth Workforce Development

FAQs Regarding Remote Program Services

Learning Bridges

Learning Bridges is a new program that provides free child care options for children from 3-K through 8th grade on days when they are scheduled for remote learning. Please follow this link to apply for the program at the DOE website, and to see where sites are located: schools.nyc.gov/learningbridges

Program-specific updates:

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)

- November 24, 2020 (PDF)

List of food pantries by borough: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/DYCD-funded-programs.page
ICC Leadership

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