



SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Program updates related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Sunnyside Community Services is monitoring the situation carefully, and we want to do all we can to keep participants, staff, and volunteers safe. As you know, things are changing rapidly. To adhere to the request to reduce larger gatherings and reduce risk to older adults, we are enacting some changes.

As of Monday, we will begin scaling back several services. Many programs and administrative staff will start to work from home next week. That said, we will continue to provide support to our most vulnerable participants, such as homebound seniors. We will provide meals for senior center members to take home, and we will continue to engage children while DOE schools remain open.

Youth Services

- Per the Department of Education, our PreK will remain open
- All afterschool programs at PS 150, PS 343, PS 199, IS 5, 39th St, Boulevard Family Center and Cornerstone at Woodside Houses will remain open as required by Dept. of Youth and Community Development.
- High School programs at Queens Technical HS will be suspended after today with some exceptions being evaluated.
- College Readiness at P.S. 343 and P.S. 19 will be suspended after today.

Adult Services

- ESOL in-person classes suspended and moved to digital learning

Senior Services

- The senior center will be open for meal pick up during limited hours 11:30 – 1:00 on weekdays. All other services and support will be provided by phone. The Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, March 18.
- Adult Day will close at the end of Friday
- Case Management Services will be provided by phone beginning Monday, and meal delivery will continue
- Caregivers support will be provided by phone beginning Monday

Home Care

- Home Health Aides will continue to provide care to clients at home
- Home Care coordinators and support staff will begin to work from home after Tuesday
- Home Care Training Program both English and Spanish suspended after today
- In-service training for Home Health aides is suspended through April 14
- Human Resources Compliance Staff will be on-site Mondays and Wednesdays to field home care worker disability/FMLA issues from 10am to 3pm until further notice.

Volunteers Services

- Volunteer Services suspended after Friday

Space Rentals

- After Saturday event, space rentals will be canceled through April 15

You can continue to reach out to us at 718-784-6173 or reach out to staff as you usually do by phone or email. The primary email for SCS is info@scsny.org. We will continue to update social media and websites as things change.

Again, I want to thank you for your patience during this time as we do the best we can to deal with this unprecedented situation. Special thanks to the facilities team who have been cleaning our program and office spaces often. We hope we can resume normal operations soon. We know many in the community see Sunnyside Community Services as a second home and rely on our vital programs.

The New York State Department of Health has set up a hotline specifically for COVID-19. The number is 1-888-374-3065

Thank you, again. Stay safe.

Sincerely,
Judy Zangwill
Executive Director