

OFFICE OF THE
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WINTER COAT DONATION DRIVE

NOW THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020

Borough President Sharon Lee, in partnership with all 14 Queens Community Boards, has launched a boroughwide winter coat drive to support families in need as the winter months approach.

New Yorkers can drop of new adult and children's coats in the lobby of Queens Borough Hall at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens on weekdays between 9 AM and 5 PM, as well as the offices of participating Queens Community Boards listed below*.

CB 2: 43-22 50th Street, Suite 2B, in Woodside

CB 4: 46-11 104th Street in Corona

CB 7: 133-32 41st Road, Suite 3B, in Flushing

CB 8: 197-15 Hillside Avenue in Hollis

CB 9: 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Room 310A,

in Kew Gardens (drop-off in lobby)

CB 10: 115-01 Lefferts Boulevard in South Ozone Park

CB 12: 90-28 161st Street in Jamaica

VISIT QUEENSBP.ORG/COATDRIVE FOR MORE INFORMATION

* Coat drop-off dates and times vary by Community Board.













Calling All Volunteers! Fall Community Planting Day in LIC



We are very excited to announce our upcoming fall community volunteer day to plant tulip bulbs in 90 tree pits across the streets of the LIC Business Improvement District. But we need your help!

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday November 21st** to plant in two shifts from:

9:30AM-11:30AM 12:30PM-2:30PM

Whether you live, work, study or play in LIC, we want you! We have put together an extensive safety plan for the day to assure safety of all volunteers, gardeners and staff members.

Please fill out the information below to sign up, more information on the safety plan and details for the day will be sent closer to the time of the event.

For more information, contact Angel Hart, BID Field Operations Manager, at ahart@licpartnership.org.

REGISTER FOR YOUR SHIFT AT

LICQNS.COM/LICBIDVOLUNTEER



Orientations are every Wednesday at 3 pm via zooms. Please RSVP with Resume to olando@rocunited.org

FREE VIRTUAL HOSPITALITY TRAINING

During the pandemic, things have changed dramatically. We are committed to providing the training and service to obtain a job. We welcome these specially designed classes to help you gain new skills and become competitive in the restaurant industry.

Job Placement Assistance!

Entry Level Hospitality Training (Industrial Skill Development)

- Customer Service/COVID Customer Service
- How to Up-sell
- Hospitality Teamwork
- Financial Literacy
- Interview and Resume Prep

Management level (Industry Leadership Development)

- Management Approach to Customer Service/COVID Customer
- · How to Set Sales Goals
- Profit and Loss Statements
- Effective Communication
- Financial Literacy













COVID Alert NY App

COVID Alert NY is the official New York Exposure Notification System app created by the New York State Department of Health in partnership with Google and Apple.

- Our free smartphone app will be available for download for users 18+ on the Google Play and App Store starting October 1, 2020.
- After downloading the COVID Alert NY app, you will be able to use your phone in the fight against COVID-19 and get exposure alerts, without compromising your privacy or personal information.
- COVID Alert NY is part of New York's Contact Tracing Program and will enhance our efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and keep New Yorkers informed.

COVID Alert NY helps you get timely updates on COVID-19.

- COVID Alert NY alerts users if they have come into close contact within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, even before the app user may experience symptoms.
- Knowing about a potential exposure allows you to self-quarantine immediately, get tested, and reduce the potential exposure risk to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others.
- COVID Alert NY uses Bluetooth technology to estimate proximity to other phones with enabled Exposure Notification Service technology developed by Apple and Google.

COVID Alert NY protects your privacy and personal information.

- The app does not track your location or movement, use GPS, location services, or any movement or geographical information.
- The app will never collect, transmit, or store your personal information and is completely anonymous.
- Users must explicitly choose to turn on exposure notifications and can turn it off at any time.

Frequently Asked Questions



What is COVID Alert NY?

COVID Alert NY is the official New York Exposure Notification System app. This free smartphone app is available for anyone 18+ who lives or works in New York. After downloading the app, you will be able to use your phone in the fight against COVID-19 without compromising your privacy or personal information. COVID Alert NY uses Bluetooth technology to alert users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The app also allows user to log their symptoms daily, so they can check back and review at any time. And it keeps users up to date on the fight against COVID-19 in New York.

How can I download COVID Alert NY?

COVID Alert NY is available in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store starting October 1st.

Why is COVID NY important?

COVID Alert NY alerts app users of potential exposure, even before they may experience symptoms. Knowing about a potential exposure allows you to self-quarantine immediately, get tested and reduce the potential exposure risk to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or fellow students.

Is my privacy protected?

Yes. The COVID Alert NY app protects your privacy and does not collect or share any personal information that can identify you. The app does not use GPS navigation, cannot be used to track you and it doesn't know if you should be self-isolating or quarantining. At all times, you are in control and remain anonymous.

How does COVID Alert NY work?

As an app user goes about their day, the COVID Alert NY app uses Bluetooth to sense when another person with the same app comes within 6 feet. Your phone exchanges a secure random code with the other phone to record that they were near.

If the app senses that you've been within 6 feet of someone for more than 10 minutes, the app adds their phone's random code on a list of close contacts.

For those who test positive for COVID-19, a Case Investigator from the county health department will ask if the person is willing share the app's list of "close contact" codes to help protect other people. Sharing your list is secure and private. The app never reveals who you are to anyone.

Each day, the list of codes for "confirmed cases" is sent to every phone that has the app. The app compares its own list of close contact codes to the list of confirmed cases. If there's a match, the app displays a COVID alert. Using these lists of anonymous codes, the alert is kept private. No one ever knows who the COVID Alert comes from.



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CASH TOLL COLLECTION WILL TEMPORARILY BE RESTORED FOR NEXT 18 MONTHS AT LINCOLN TUNNEL AND UPPER LEVEL OF GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

Toll Collectors to Return to GWB & Lincoln Tunnel While New, More Sophisticated All-Electronic Tolling Is Installed

Holland Tunnel Will Remain Cashless; New Tolling Technology to Come Online in Next 60 Days

Watch Time Lapse Video of Installation of New Electronic Tolling Gantries at Holland Tunnel Here: (Link to come)

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today announced that cash toll collection will be temporarily restored for the next 18 months at the Lincoln Tunnel and at the upper level of the George Washington Bridge beginning Monday, October 26.

Approximately 100 toll collectors will return to toll booths for approximately 18 months while construction continues to transition the Lincoln Tunnel and George Washington Bridge from older tolling systems to more sophisticated, modern, all-electronic tolling technology. To ensure the safety of the toll collectors at these crossings, all workspaces such as booth interiors and common areas will receive enhanced cleanings. Employees will receive PPE and disinfectants to use while in their booths.

Cash toll collection at the Lincoln Tunnel and the George Washington Bridge will cease permanently by mid-2022 when the construction and installation of new tolling technology is expected to be completed. At the Holland Tunnel, cash toll collection

ceased on March 22nd, and the tunnel will remain cashless permanently as the installation of this modern technology will be completed in the next 60 days.

The Port Authority upgraded to an all-electronic tolling system, which uses overhead gantries in place of toll lanes and booths, at the <u>Bayonne Bridge in February 2017</u>, at the <u>Outerbridge Crossing in April 2019</u>, and at the <u>Goethals Bridge in September 2019</u>.

Any discount programs that require in-person administration by toll attendants, such as the carpool discount program, will be reinstated at the upper level of the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel while those toll booths are staffed. E-ZPass customers continue to benefit from various discounts by using E-ZPass tags registered in New York and New Jersey. Learn about these discounts here. For information on how to sign up for E-ZPass, click here.

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Founded in 1921, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey builds, operates, and maintains many of the most important transportation and trade infrastructure assets in the country. The agency's network of aviation, ground, rail, and seaport facilities is among the busiest in the country, supports more than 550,000 regional jobs, and generates more than \$23 billion in annual wages and \$80 billion in annual economic activity. The Port Authority also owns and manages the 16-acre World Trade Center site, where the 1,776-foot-tall One World Trade Center is now the tallest skyscraper in the Western Hemisphere. The Port Authority receives no tax revenue from either the State of New York or New Jersey or from the City of New York. The agency raises the necessary funds for the improvement, construction or acquisition of its facilities primarily on its own credit. For more information or for updates from the Now Arriving blog, please visit http://www.panynj.gov.