



Monday, April 20, 2020

In this COVID-19 Update, a round of **applause from Mayor** de Blasio for our brave health care workers, one of the **unsung heroes** behind the scenes of the epidemic, **one of our own** beats the virus, news about **walk-in testing centers** for most vulnerable New Yorkers that open today.

7 p.m. Round of Applause for New York's Fearless



Mayor de Blasio visited NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island and NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst at 7 pm last Thursday and Friday to salute our brave health care workers and to deliver grab bags of groceries and personal care items to staff. The 7 pm salute from New Yorkers across our city has been captured on social media under the hashtag #ClapBecauseWeCare. Click image above to watch Mayor clap.

Unsung Heroes Among Us

He spends his days mopping — but every hard shift still fills him with "joy". Jhonelly Gil, an emergency room janitor at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue gets on his hands and knees seven days a week to clean floors and medical staff safe from coronavirus. "This is my house, and this hospital is my family," said Gil. "We won't let this take Bellevue down."

[View the NY Post Hero of the Day story.](#)

Celebrating One of our Own Who Beat Coronavirus

Derek Josey recovered from the coronavirus thanks to the amazing health care heroes of NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue, where he's worked for the past 15 years. "When I couldn't fight for myself anymore, my Bellevue family fought for me," he said. [View the NBC TV News coverage.](#)

New COVID-19 Walk-in Testing Centers for Most Vulnerable New Yorkers

The City of New York is expanding the number of walk-in centers where New Yorkers can get tested for the coronavirus, focusing on neighborhoods that have seen a disproportionate number of cases. Five of the 10 testing sites are NYC Health + Hospitals facilities -- four Gotham Health centers and NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens. Our sites will be walk-in only and focus on serving at-risk patients in neighborhoods that have seen a large number of coronavirus cases: East New York in Brooklyn; Morrisania in the Bronx; Clifton in Staten Island; Harlem in Manhattan; and Jamaica in Queens. The new centers will initially conduct 2,400 tests a week. The other five sites will focus on testing essential city workers. [Click here for more details.](#)

In the News

- [silive.com](#) - Two new coronavirus test sites opening on Island today, Monday; see who qualifies to get tested
- [Modern Healthcare Magazine](#) - How hospitals plan to retrain retired docs on EHRs
- [NY Daily News](#) - NYC photographers raise \$850K for hospital to fight coronavirus
- [WPIX 11](#) - Health care workers receiving relief packages from the city

If you have questions, write to us at COVID-19Readiness@nychhc.org - our Special Pathogens and Emergency Response colleagues will be available to help.

Other resources:

[Health Care Heroes page](#)

[Evidence Digest](#)

[NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 Guidance & Resources](#)

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