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"We can't let the natural desire to go back to normal life interfere with our efforts to defeat the virus. This is not a battle we can fight alone; the choices ordinary New Yorkers are making at every hour of each day hold the key to fighting COVID-19."

- Mayor Bill de Blasio

Hero of the Day: Distributing Donations, Lifting Spirits

Nicole DeSimone, Administrator of Funded Projects, NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan, was recently hired to manage a project that didn't materialize. Now she's helping distribute food and supplies to staff that have been donated from all corners of the city and country. "The crisis requires that some of us step out of our roles to do what is needed," she said. "My job has evolved to exchanging a few words to offer calm and comfort. Bringing a smile to a staff member is rewarding." [View the Insider Health Care Heroes profile.](#)



The Lives We Saved



NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan Celebrates 91-year-old Altagracia Perez of East Harlem who recovered from COVID-19. [Watch video.](#)

Inside our Public Nursing Homes Amid Coronavirus: A Q&A with Maureen McClusky

As the COVID-19 pandemic causes extreme challenges to facilities for the elderly and most frail across the state and the country, the five public nursing homes in the NYC Health + Hospitals system are holding their own. In this Q&A, Maureen McClusky, the system's Senior Vice President of Post-Acute Care, explains the benefits of being part of an integrated health care delivery organization that shares resources and has prioritized crisis planning and response beyond the front-lines of hospital emergency rooms. [View the Q&A for the Insider.](#)

In the News

- [The New York Times](#) - Hospitals Play 'Songs of Hope' as Virus Patients Go Home
- [1010 WINS Radio](#) - NYC Health + Hospitals Chief Quality Officer Dr Wei Live
- [PIX 11](#) - City, State Launching COVID-19 Testing NYCHA Developments

- [ABC 7](#) - Bike Company Donates E-Bikes and Thousands of Masks to Queens Hospitals
 - [PIX 11](#) - Iconig Harlem Restaurants Step Up to Feed Front-Line Workers at Harlem Hospital
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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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