

COVID-19 Update

Wednesday, July 8, 2020



In this COVID-Update, a special team of contact tracers called **Community Engagement Specialists** get ready to help New Yorkers who test positive for the virus, hundreds expected to turn out in support of a special **Day of Action today** to get 150,000 New Yorkers tested in one week, order your **free scrubs** by July 9, trainings available to all staff to **build emotional and psychological support skills** to help others.

Heroes of the Day: Community Engagement Specialists

Meet two of the city's Test & Trace Corps Contact Tracers who will soon be deployed to the Bronx and Queens to fight COVID-19. "I feel like it's powerful that I will be on the team of people going into the community to show up at someone's door and give empathy," says Gordon Edwards. [View the Insider profiles.](#)



Join the Day of Action - Let's get 150,000 New Yorkers tested in one week!

NYC Test & Trace Corps has organized a "COVID-19 Testing Day of Action" today to encourage more New Yorkers to get tested. The day will kick off a week-long effort to test 150,000 New Yorkers in one week. The Corps leadership team, along with volunteers, community members, and various city agencies will fan out across the five boroughs to raise awareness about how easy and safe it is to get a Covid-19 test. Special thanks to NYC Health + Hospitals acute care facilities and Gotham Health center teams who will be tabling and distributing patient education flyers in their communities to drive more folks to the H+H testing sites. Visit testandtrace.nyc to learn more.

Free Scrubs for NYC Health + Hospitals staff - Order by July 9!

NYC Health + Hospitals leadership recognizes how hard-working and committed our staff has been in keeping our patients and community safe during these unprecedented times. To meet the needs of staff to have an extra set of high-quality scrubs, and as an extension of our appreciation, NYC Health + Hospitals collaborated with the Jack Rudin Family Foundation, FIGS, and other donors to provide you with a pair of FIGS scrubs (top and bottom). [Click here to learn more and order your scrubs today!](#)



Emotional and Psychological Support Training Sessions

Ongoing trainings are available to **ALL** staff, specially to our Helping Healers Heal (H3) Peer Support Champions and emotional and psychological support volunteers as they embark upon aiding frontline workforce members coping and working with the COVID-19 pandemic. These trainings are intended to provide information to enhance hard and soft skill-sets, as well as provide helpful tips, and concrete tools to assist staff in approaching workforce members who may be experiencing anxiety, depression, burnout and fatigue. Check out the training sessions through the end of July. [Click here to learn more.](#)

In the News

- [New York Times](#) - How a COVID-19 Contact Tracer Spends her Sundays
- [El Diario](#) - New Yorker's Urged to Answer Calls from Contact Tracers Without Fear
- [The Riverdale Press](#) - Trying to Understand Work, Numbers of Contact Tracing
- [Colby Magazine](#) - In a Pandemic, Healthcare as a Right
- [WBAI](#) - Dr. Wallach Discusses Antibody Testing
- [NBC New York](#) - NYC Expands Free Antibody Testing City-Wide; Results Within 24-Hours
- [BBC](#) - City's Test & Trace Corps. Provide Update on Progress
- [Gothamist](#) - New York's Contact Tracers Are Still Facing Challenges
- [NY1 Noticias](#) - Elmhurst Mom Gives Birth to Premature Twins During Pandemic
- [NY1 Noticias](#) - Elmhurst Re-Opens Ambulatory Care Clinic, Urges New Yorkers Not to Delay Care
- [Becker's Hospital Review](#) - 5 EPIC Program Execs Share Tips on Optimization During Times of Crisis

If you have questions, write to us at COVID-19Readiness@nychhc.org.

Other resources:

[Health Care Heroes page](#)

[Evidence Digest](#)

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

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