



COVID-19  
Update

Thursday, June 18, 2020

# THANK YOU HEALTH CARE HEROES

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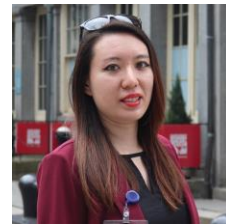
## 7,070 COVID-19 PATIENTS HAVE RETURNED HOME

AS OF JUNE 17, 2020

In this COVID-19 Update, a healthcare hero who helped to **safely transfer patients** during the surge, **Test & Trace Corps** marks milestones, NYC Health + Hospitals opens **new testing sites and mobile testing vans**.

### Hero of the Day: Transferring Patients, with Speed and Safety

As Associate Executive Director at NYC Health + Hospitals/Community Care, Laura Alves was tasked with helping to transfer patients with COVID-19 from the hardest hit hospitals to temporary new settings, like the Roosevelt Island Medical Center. "We helped hospitals decrease patient volume and ensure a better staff to patient ratio. Between the end March through April, the team transferred hundreds of patients safely. When you think of those numbers, it's like emptying out an entire hospital." [View her Health Care Hero profile on the Insider.](#)



### Test & Trace Corps Marks Milestones

Thanks to the work of the NYC Health + Hospitals Test & Trace Corps team, the City is now conducting more than 20,000 tests per day with the capacity to reach 50,000 per day by early July. Since the Corps program launched two weeks ago on June 1st, the team is actively monitoring 4,300 cases and their contacts, and is building capacity to monitor as many as 250,000 New Yorkers and their contacts this summer. Visit [testandtrace.nyc](https://testandtrace.nyc) to learn more.

## More COVID-19 Testing Sites and Mobile Testing Vans

Five new NYC Health + Hospitals testing sites opened this week in the Bronx, Staten Island, Queens and Brooklyn. We also launched two mobile testing vans in the Bronx and Staten Island that will offer free tests for the remainder of the week. We continue to expand access to free COVID-19 tests in communities that need it most and expect to have 10 mobile testing vans visiting hardest hit neighborhoods by July.

That will help bring the cumulative number of citywide testing sites to over 200, with the goal of building capacity to reach 50,000 tests per day by July. [Read the press announcement.](#)



### In the News

- [PIX 11](#) - Dr. Ted Long Discusses Test and Trace Corp Progress
- [Associated Press](#) - 'Still Scared': Health Workers Feel the Toll of Virus Fight
- [NY1](#) - NYC's Test-and-Trace Corps Has Reached Every Positive Case Since It Launched
- [Bronx Free Press](#) - When the Healers Hurt
- [Health Leaders Media](#) - Coronavirus: How New York City's Public Healthcare System Managed Epic Patient Surge
- [Health Leaders Media](#) - How NYC Health + Hospitals Trained 20k Staffers To Combat Covid-19
- [Queens Chronicle](#) - COVID Clinic Coming to Queens

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#### Other resources:

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