

COVID-19 Update

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

In this COVID-19 Update, recognizing **LGBTQ staff colleagues** caring for patients, outpatient clinics and EDs get ready **to serve New Yorkers who delayed care** due to coronavirus, free COVID-19 tests now **available to ALL** New Yorkers.

Heroes of the Day: Spotlight on our LGBTQ Staff

During Pride Month, NYC Health + Hospitals recognizes the dedicated members of our health system who identify as LGBTQ and have been providing care during the COVID-19 pandemic. "I am grateful to work for a health care system whose commitment to LGBTQ person-centered care is made clear on a daily basis," said arts therapist Dana Trottier. [Read their Insider Health Care Hero profiles.](#)



Welcoming Patients Back to Care

Ambulatory Care and Emergency Department teams all across NYC Health + Hospitals are ready to serve New Yorkers who have delayed care during the coronavirus crisis, with expanded telemedicine practices, plexy glass partitions, fast-track services and other safety protocols to protect staff and patients. [Read Insider story about Amb Care.](#) [Read Insider story about reengineering ED.](#)

COVID-19 Testing for ALL New Yorkers

Every New Yorker who needs a test will now get one. "Widespread testing holds the key to re-opening our city safely," said Mayor de Blasio, as he marked the launch of our Test & Trace Corps initiative to make testing widely available. Read [Mayor's announcement](#). Visit <http://www.testandtrace.nyc>.

In the News

- [NY1](#) (broadcast), [NY1](#) (online) - Dr. Stuart Kessler of Elmhurst Urges New Yorkers to Lean on EDs for Health Emergencies After Nation-Wide Dips in Visits
- [Explica](#) - NYC Announces COVID-19 Mobile Testing Program as part of Monday's Reopening Plan
- [Queens Chronicle](#) - Elmhurst Hospital Winning the Battle

- [Harlem World Magazine](#) - NYC Health + Hospitals Announces Success of Telehealth Expansion to Address the COVID Crisis
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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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