

COVID-19 Update

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In the COVID-19 Update, a chief resident and **health care hero** serving the hospital where he was born, more **community testing** sites, share your story for social media to help us **celebrate Mother's Day**.

Hero of the Day: Chief Resident Returns to Serve the Hospital Where He Was Born

Dr. Manuel Mendez Santana believes he was always meant to practice medicine at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem, the hospital where he was born. During the peak of the COVID-19 surge, he cared for an elderly Latina woman. "I think about that patient. She didn't speak English," he says. "I can totally imagine how terrifying it could be when you cannot communicate. I hope I gave her some kind of peace while we held hands. I've held a lot of hands in the last six weeks." [Read the Insider Health Care Hero profile.](#)



More Community Testing Sites



NYC Health + Hospitals is expanding access to COVID-19 testing to more communities. Last Saturday, Mayor de Blasio stopped by to thank the health care team at NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Ida G. Israel health center and check out the newly open testing sites. [Click here for the full list of testing sites.](#)

Celebrating Our Health Care Heroes on Mother's Day -- Share Your Story!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10 – and we want to celebrate our fearless health care workers and mothers by featuring your stories and photos on social media. Tell us what it means to be a health care worker and mom during these challenging times. We know many of you have taken added responsibilities of helping kids or grandkids with distance learning, staying at hotels away from loves ones, providing emotional support and keeping your families safe. We want to hear from you! [Click here to learn more.](#)

In the News

- [Gay City News](#) - NYC Health + Hospitals Maintains LGBTQ Care During COVID Crisis
- [Brooklyn Paper](#) - Coney Island Hospital Discharges 500th COVID-19 Patient
- [PIX-11 \(broadcast\)](#), [PIX-11 \(online\)](#) - Patient Escort at Local Hospital Provides Emotional Support

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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