

Two months into New York City's "stay at home" order, we're proud of all we've accomplished together in response to COVID-19. Everything we do is made possible by the incredible generosity of our donors and the hard work of our public health heroes at the New York City Health Department. **Together we've raised over \$1,000,000 to address the COVID-19 pandemic and save lives in New York City.**

YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

We're working closely with our Board Chair, NYC's Commissioner of Health Dr. Oxiris Barbot, and our program partners at the Health Department to identify the most urgent needs and direct resources accordingly. Here are some programmatic highlights made possible by the support of our donors:

- We facilitated a partnership between IBM and the Health Department to **provide pro-bono consulting to the Health Department's lab** and provider reporting systems to keep up with the unprecedented reporting demands of COVID-19 cases.
- The **Be a Buddy program** activated its network of volunteers to check in on over **1,000 older, isolated adults**, many of whom have chronic health conditions, to ensure their basic needs are met. Volunteers are providing social connection and connecting their "buddies" with vital services, such as grocery, meal and pharmaceutical delivery services, as well as mental health counseling.
- We're helping the **Bureau of Vital Statistics upgrade their systems** to keep up with sobering and unprecedented demand for death certificates and burial management orders. Death certificates **provide closure and allow family members to manage maintaining essential benefits** like health insurance uninterrupted and to gain access to much needed financial resources such as IRAs.
- We're supporting the **upgrade of the Health Department's SaTScan software**, used to detect clusters and identify the outbreak of reportable diseases. This will improve the city's capacity to quickly detect and control outbreaks and serve as a model nationwide.
- The Health Department has started **delivering methadone** to New Yorkers suffering from opioid addiction, many of whom are isolated, homeless, or at greater risk for COVID-19. We're ensuring **staff providing this critical service have access to protective gear and cleaning supplies**.
- We **initiated the process of hiring 1,000 contact tracers** to interview New Yorkers with confirmed cases of COVID-19 and help trace, isolate, and support these individuals and everyone they came into contact with. This citywide initiative is now being managed by our partners at the Health and Hospitals system.
- We helped Baby Cafés, which normally provides in-person support and welcoming environments for breastfeeding and expectant mothers, to adapt to provide virtual social and emotional support to women in the Bronx, East Harlem, and Brownsville. The Café's team is **advising expectant mothers on their rights during COVID-19 and connecting them to vital resources** such as car seats and portable cribs.

We're heartened by the increased awareness of the importance of public health and of the specific role FPHNYC plays in protecting the health of all New Yorkers.

We have a long road to recovery ahead of us. We continue to support our colleagues at the Health Department to rapidly develop and adapt programs to the fight against COVID-19 and to the ongoing health needs of New Yorkers as they face the triple threat of disease, the challenges of social distancing, and economic hardship.

Join us in this fight by making a contribution to our Epidemics Fund.

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