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Dance/NYC is working with our constituents, partner organizations, nonprofit coalitions, and in alliance with [Dance/USA](#) to conduct city, state and federal level advocacy on behalf of the dance community during this crisis. Here are some updates:

This week, New York State launched the [COVID Alert NY App](#). Stop the spread of COVID-19 and receive exposure alert notifications without compromising privacy or personal information. Download the app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#).

FEDERAL

1. The House passed the [Heroes 2](#) bill which would provide \$158 billion in aid. Check out this [one-page summary](#) of the Revised House Heroes Act.
2. Secretary Mnuchin offered a \$1.62 trillion COVID relief proposal that included \$250 billion for state and local governments. For more details on the proposed relief package, visit [Rollcall.com](#).
3. The President signed the Continuing Resolution. This [Stopgap funding bill](#) allows the federal government to continue operating through December 11.
4. Census extended to October 31st
 - a. U.S. District Court Judge Lucy Koh [issued an order](#) to continue counting through October 31.
 - b. Get your friends and family to take the census. Visit [www.my2020census.gov](#) or call 844-330-2020.
 - c. Download and share the [Black Census campaign toolkit](#). This toolkit, from [Hester Street](#), provides messaging materials for targeted outreach, crafted specifically for the 12 NYC neighborhoods with the highest percentages of Black residents and the lowest Self-Response Rates in the City.
5. Dance/USA Updates:
 - a. Use Dance/USA's [advocacy action alert](#) to contact your Congressional delegation to urge immediate action to provide pandemic relief for the arts sector, including the dance community.
 - b. Download Dance/USA [#Dance2Vote](#) tool kit.

NEW YORK STATE

1. New York State Legislature is meeting on October 14th on Access to Capital for Small Businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about submitting testimony, requesting to be invited to provide oral testimony, and attending the hearing at the [NYS Senate](#) and [NYS Assembly](#).
 2. An Executive Order was passed allowing jobless New Yorkers to become poll workers for the upcoming election without losing their unemployment benefits. Learn more about Governor Cuomo's new Executive Order in [this article from the New York Daily News](#).
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NEW YORK CITY

1. Voter registration for New York State residents closes on October 9th. Register today, find your polling site, request your [absentee ballot](#), or [manage](#) your online [mail-in ballot](#) by visiting [Vote NYC](#) or calling 1-866-Vote-NYC (6-9-2).
 - a. Join the #NYCDANCEUNITES campaign. Launched on October 2nd, five of New York City's acclaimed dance companies have joined together to create a new online initiative to urge the dance community to do their civic duty and vote. [Learn more and download the campaign graphics for social media here](#)
 2. NYC COVID-19 Updates:
 - a. NYC imposes new regulations on non-essential businesses and schools in ZIP codes designated as COVID hotspots. These include temporarily prohibiting "high-risk activities" such as indoor dining and accessing gyms, and imposing capacity restrictions on houses of worship. Visit [this article in The NY Times](#) for all of the details regarding the new regulations.
 - b. The Commissioner of Health will issue orders to enforce State regulations in hotspots related to social distancing, mask compliance, and capacity limitations. Failure to comply can result in *penalties up to \$10,000 per day*. NYC has imposed [fines up to \\$1,000](#) for those refusing to wear face masks.
 - c. 27% of all positive cases were from [20 hotspot ZIP codes](#). If you are experiencing COVID symptoms or believe you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID, get tested. [Find a testing site](#) near you.
 3. Engaging in a community action in support of dance workers? Submit to be listed on the [#ArtistsAreNecessaryWorkers Campaign Activations page](#). Visit the page for events, actions, and platforms that are independently led by the NYC dance community.
 4. Dance/NYC hosts weekly dance field-wide calls to address our questions, needs, and plans for the future as a field. Calls occur every Thursday, 4:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m. [Register!](#)
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Dance/NYC [Coronavirus Preparedness](#) Resources.
- Dance/NYC [Racial Justice](#) Resources.
- Join the movement: [#ArtistsAreNecessaryWorkers](#).

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