Coronavirus Preparedness Resources

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Dance/NYC understands the serious impact Coronavirus (COVID-19) is having on our community and continues to closely monitor the news regarding the virus. The health of the New York City dance community is important to us and we are committed to doing our part to address this threat seriously and proactively.

Below you can find a list of resources for how you and your organization can plan for the potential impact of the virus on your dance making activity in the New York City Metropolitan Area.

CORONAVIRUS IMPACT SURVEY FOR THE NEW YORK CITY DANCE COMMUNITY

Dance/NYC appreciates the deleterious financial impact that the Coronavirus may have on the dance community, in particular organizations and artists dependent on in-person gatherings, classes, and performances as sources of earned income, as well as artists and cultural workers without readily available access to healthcare and wage protections. We also recognize that African, Latina/o/x, Asian, Arab, and Native American (ALAANA), immigrant and disabled artists may face additional challenges accessing necessary resources at this time.

In order for Dance/NYC to better serve and advocate for dance organizations and individuals in the dance community, we are asking that you take this brief survey to help us understand the impact the coronavirus is having on your organization and work. It should not take more than 10 minutes of your time.

We value your input and will use it to create public awareness and guide policy, resources, and program development for dance makers and organizations based in the metropolitan New York City area.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

The federal government has dedicated resources to dealing with the virus via the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (HR 6047), which was passed by both houses and signed into law by President Trump last week. This bill funds an $8.3 billion response to the new pandemic including:

- $826 million for developing coronavirus vaccines, treatments and tests
- $300 million to purchase vaccines and treatments once they’re approved
- $950 million in grants to states and localities to help the front-line health departments
- $3.1 billion to buy medical supplies

UPDATE: The Senate passed their version of the Families First Coronavirus Act/HR6201. The legislation guarantees free coronavirus testing, establishes paid leave, enhances Unemployment Insurance, expands food security initiatives, and increases federal Medicaid funding.

- Mandated Paid Leave for Employees: By April 2, the U.S. Department of Labor must write the guidelines for implementation, and will also set the date on which the requirements take effect. In the meantime, the U.S. Department of Labor has posted an overview of coronavirus-related topics, and an outline of the paid leave requirements.
- Relief for Employers: The U.S. Department of the Treasury is currently writing further guidelines for implementation. In the meantime, the agency provides an overview of employer relief provisions.
- Paid Leave for Self-employed Workers Guidelines: The U.S. Department of Treasury, IRS and Labor announce a plan to implement Coronavirus-related paid leave for workers and tax credits for small and midsize businesses.

Dance/USA Overview of COVID Paid Leave and Relief Provisions

NEW YORK STATE RESPONSE

March 25, 2020: New York Senator, Charles E. Schumer negotiated a small business rescue plan that allocates more than $375 billion to forgivable loans and grants to small businesses and non-profits so they can maintain their existing workforce and help pay other expenses during this crisis, like rent, a mortgage or utilities.


March 7, 2020: New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a state of emergency in New York State. As a point of reference, the Governor’s state of emergency declaration provides the following for New York State:

- Expedited procurement of cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer and other essential resources
- Allowing qualified professionals other than doctors and nurses to conduct testing
- Expedited procurement of testing supplies and equipment
- Expedited personnel onboarding
- Expedited leasing of lab space
- Allowing EMS personnel to transport patients to quarantine locations other than just hospitals
- Providing clear basis for price gouging and enforcement investigation

NEW YORK CITY RESPONSE

New York City is updating the case count in the city in real-time and providing information and resources on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene site and social media channels.

New Yorkers should text COVID to 692-692 to get regular updates on the latest developments regarding COVID-19; Text COVIDESP to 692-692 for updates in Spanish.

As of March 17, 2020 the City urges all New Yorkers, healthy or sick, to stay home as much as possible. Restaurants, bars and cafes may only serve food take-out and delivery. Nightclubs, movie theaters, small theater houses and concert venues must all close. All outdoor and indoor events with 50 or more people are now banned. The City continues to monitor and prepare for a potential “Shelter in Place”.

March 17, 2020: Mayor De Blasio, NYC Health + Hospitals And Bioreference Laboratories Announce Expanded Capacity To Allow 5,000 Daily COVID-19 Tests

March 15, 2020: New York City to Close All School Buildings and Transition to Remote Learning

March 15, 2020: Statement From Mayor de Blasio on Bars, Restaurants, and Entertainment Venues

March 13, 2020: Mayor de Blasio Provides Updates on New York City’s COVID-19 Response

CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

As Congress and the Administration consider new forms of federal economic assistance that may be targeted or widespread, artists and performing arts groups can join with others in the arts and nonprofit sector to speak up to ensure that relief will meet all community needs. We encourage you to consider joining Dance/USA’s online campaign to Congress, or you can opt to weigh in directly with local district staff, to share more about your current needs. We urge you to be as specific as you can about the current and projected impact on yourself or your organization. Congress needs to hear from as many constituents as possible that COVID-19 relief should be made accessible to nonprofit arts organizations and artists.

As opportunities for federal relief do become available, your elected officials will likely be key partners in helping you to gain access, so it is doubly important to tend to these relationships now by initiating a conversation on this topic.

RESOURCES

NEW YORK STATE AND NEW YORK CITY

- ACCESS HRA (One stop shop for rent freeze, food stamps, health benefits, and more)
- The New York State Department of Health
- The New York State Department of Education - School Meals
- The New York State Department of Labor offers information and resources on how to file for unemployment
- NYC & Company is maintaining a toolkit for businesses
- New York Police Department Policy on Hate Crimes/Bias Incidents
- New York City Paid Safe and Sick Leave Law
- New York City Department of Cultural Affairs
New York City Human Resources Administration Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits
New York State has issued Guidance on Executive Order 202.6, for determining whether a business enterprise is subject to a workforce reduction under recent executive orders.

Sign up for the City’s official source for information about emergency alerts Notify NYC. In addition, you can text COVID to 692-692 to get enrolled in Notify NYC to provide important updates about COVID-19 in NYC. You can continue to help us keep track of outreach efforts using this tracker form.

NEW JERSEY STATE

New Jersey COVID-19: Paid Benefits for Employees

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have issued guidance to help businesses and employers prepare for the potential spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) within the United States. The CDC has prepared materials specifically for employers, and community-based organizations. Here is a collection of current resources:

- CDC overview of COVID-19 resources
- CDC guidance for businesses and employers
- CDC guidance on mass gatherings
- CDC guidance for community- and faith-based organizations

FUNDING RESOURCES
The philanthropic community and governmental agencies are considering near and longer-term resources that may be needed to support communities impacted by the coronavirus. We will add to this list as more information becomes available.

Funds for Dance and Arts Organizations
- Arts Administrators of Color Network: Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Fund + Additional Resources
- Brooklyn Community Foundation: Brooklyn COVID-19 Response Fund + Additional Resources for Nonprofits
- Essence Magazine is offering a $100K grant for Black women entrepreneurs.
- Facebook: $100 Million Grant Program for Small Businesses
- SAG-AFTRA Foundation and SAG-AFTRA Motion Picture Players Welfare Fund (MPPWF): COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund available to eligible SAG-AFTRA members who have been impacted by this pandemic.
- Springboard for the Arts: Personal Emergency Relief Fund for artists in Minnesota experiencing career-threatening emergencies.
- The Field has compiled a list of funding and additional resources.
- The New York City Department of Small Business Services: Financial Assistance for small businesses
- The New York Community Trust: NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund created to aid nonprofit service providers struggling with the health and economic effects of the coronavirus
- NYFA provides an ongoing list of Additional Emergency Grants.
- The Soze Foundation and TaskForce: Artist + Activist Relief Fund
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA): Disaster Loan Assistance for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners, and Renters

Funds for Independent Artists
- The Artist Relief Tree (ART): Crowdsourced emergency artist relief fund to donate or request funds. Dance/NYC cannot verify this fundraiser at this time, but are passing it along as a potential resource.
- Bartender Emergency Assistance Program (BEAP) offers grant assistance; you do not need to be a USBG member to apply for a philanthropic grant.
- ConvertKit: The Creator Fund
- Creative Capital: List of Arts Resources During the COVID-19 Outbreak
- The Dance Union: NYC Dancers Relief Fund (COVID-19)
- Mutual Aid NYC is a network of groups organizing to provide aid and support in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- NYFA in partnership with the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation: Emergency Medical Grant Program for Artists
- NYC Low-Income Artist/Freelancer Relief Fund

Funds for Disabled Artists
- CRIP Fund is pooling money for chronically ill, disabled, and immunocompromised people in serious financial need.
- Chronic Illness COVID-19 GoFundMe

Funds for Theatre Professionals
- Broadway Cares: COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund, aimed to help The Actors Fund provide health care and emergency assistance to those in the entertainment community.
- Indie Theater Fund: Provides direct support and emergency relief to independent theaters and artists. Application link here.
Funds for POC/LGBTQIA+ Communities

- **Arts Business Collaborative (ABC)** is a nonprofit consulting firm committed to improving the quality of life of people of color through the arts and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math). Services offered include accounting, grantwriting, and more.
- **COVID-19 Mutual Aid Fund for LGBTQI+ BIPOC Folks** is a crowdsourced fund created specifically to cultivate mutual aid for LGBTQI+ BIPOC folks.
- **COVID-19 Trans/Queer Relief Form** offers opportunities to donate and provide relief for folks who identify as queer/trans.
- **DecrimNY, Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100), and Black Alliance for Just Immigration** have teamed up to support Black New Yorkers impacted by COVID-19. Follow these links to: 1) Request Aid, 2) Offer Support, and/or 3) Donate.
- **Nueva Yorkinos** has provided a comprehensive and ongoing coronavirus updates and resources page.
- **Revolutionizing Asian American Immigrant Stories on the East Coast (RAISE)** has initiated a fund to support undocumented workers in the service industry who will not have the privilege to apply for unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 health crisis and mandated lockdowns. Contact: undocuworkersfund@gmail.com

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**Additional Resources For Arts Organizations**

- **Advance NYC** consists of a creative team of experts ready to help advance mission-based non-profits through business consulting, fundraising, growth strategies, and more.
- **Americans for the Arts’s Coronavirus Resource and Response Center**
- **ArtsReady** is an online service by and for arts and culture nonprofits, and provides ongoing guidance in support of emergency preparation. [The ArtsReady homepage](https://artsready.org) features advice specific to the coronavirus, including consideration of how to review what is covered by insurance policies. ArtsReady has also shared this [guidance](https://artsready.org/guidance) to support arts organizations, including information on communicating with audiences and stakeholders, preparing your facility, and supporting your staff.
- **Council on Foundations** has provided [news and updates](https://www.cfonline.org/resources/coronavirus) related to Philanthropy’s Response to Coronavirus.
- **CultureAid** (Culture Active in Disasters) is a collaborative network of stakeholders and service providers committed to strengthening NYC’s cultural community before, during, and after disasters.
- **Dance USA** has prepared a [resources page](https://www.danceusa.org/coronavirus) and encourages the dance field to guard against fear and stigma related to the Coronavirus and Chinese and/or Asian Americans. Read more about this on the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website and on [NPR](https://www.npr.org).
- **Lawyers Alliance**
- **National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response** is a network focused on emergency response and resiliency for cultural groups and artists, offering best practices, advice for preparation, tools and reports.
- **New England Foundation for the Arts Coronavirus Resource and Response Center**
- **New York Council of Nonprofits** has [announcements and resources](https://www.nycnonprofits.org/coronavirus) for Nonprofits navigating the pressing implications of COVID-19.
- **SMU DataArts** has provided [resources and guidance](https://www.smuarts.org/coronavirus) in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **The Theatre Communications Group** hosted a webinar on [Coronavirus Preparedness for Theatres](https://www.theatreremarks.org/COVID-19) and has provided a [COVID-19: Mutual Aid Fund for LGBTQI+ BIPOC Folks](https://www.theatreremarks.org/COVID-19).

**Additional Resources For Independent Artists**

- **Center for Cultural Innovation**, [Emergency Resources](https://www.cciart.org/emergency) for artists and freelancers.
- **COVID-19 & Freelance Artists** offers a list of resources specifically designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested in supporting the independent artist community.
- **Freelancers & Community Resources**, prepared by Cards By De.
- **HowlRound Theatre Commons** has posted a [recording of their Artists in a Time of Global Pandemic panel](https://howlround.com/podcast), which entails discussion of how COVID-19 is impacting freelance artists from all disciplines, shared resources, financial best practices, and more.
- **The National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures (NALAC)**: [Arts Resource List for independent artists and cultural workers as well as arts organizations and collectives](https://www.nalacfund.org/coronavirus).
- **The Actors Fund**: [Entertainment Assistance Program](https://www.theactorstfund.org) functions as a conduit for emergency financial assistance in time of pressing need or in response to catastrophic events.

**SELF CARE & MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

- **CDC’s Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19**
- **Community Healthcare Network**
- **Coronavirus: Wisdom from a Social Justice Lens Podcast**
- **Facing COVID-19**
- **Free Coaching Session for Freelancers Struggling with COVID-19 Stress**
- **Gibney Cares Podcast**
OKAY, LET'S UNPACK THIS was created in part through GDC's Advocacy Fellowship Program and is is a collective effort to normalize the conversation on mental health in the dance community.

Read: InfiniteBody: It's also okay to take time to grieve.
Taking Care of Your Mental Health in the Face of Uncertainty
The Institute for Family Health

ONLINE DANCE CLASSES, PROJECTS & PERFORMANCE STREAMING SERVICES

- Alicia Graf Mack Ballet Class at Juilliard (One-time)
- Ballez Classes (Free)
- Corvino Ballet Classes (Ongoing)
- Dance Church (Free)
- Dancing Alone Together (Ongoing) - Offered via Instagram Live, Facebook and Youtube Live
- Dance Place Virtual Adult Dance Classes
- Dancio Classes (Two Weeks Free)
- Free Live Streaming Service from OntheBoardsTV
- Gaga Classes (Donation-Based)
- Kinetic Light Instagram #CreateConnectKL Project (Ongoing)
- Loni Landon Kaatsbaan Residency Classes (3/16–3/19)
- Modo Yoga Classes (Ongoing)
- Movement for Hope Classes (Ongoing)
- New York Live Arts (NYL.A) Streaming (Weekly)
- Nightly Met Opera Streaming
- Operation: Tap ($15–$40/month)
- Steezy Classes (7 Day Free Trial)
- Yin Yue/YY Dance Company In-Home Classes (Ongoing)
- 1,200 museums and cultural sites to visit on a virtual tour

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

- Americans for the Arts Impact Survey
- Arts Beyond Sight Survey
- Ask Congress to Include the Dance Community in COVID-19 Relief
- Petition to Include Entertainment Workers in Relief Package
- Petition for Act To Suspend Rent & Real Estate Financial Obligations During COVID-19
- Sign onto an Open Letter to Our Government Leaders from New York City’s Nonprofit Sector in Response to COVID-19
- Sign up for Advance NYC Pro Bono Office Hours (Weekly: Wednesdays/Fridays 3-4pm)
- Support people with disabilities at risk for COVID-19 (Partners for Youth with Disabilities)
- Take Art Beyond Sight’s Coronavirus Impact Survey
- Take the Dance/USA Coronavirus Impact Survey
- Take Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment Survey for Nightlife Workers, Freelancers, and Businesses Impacted by COVID-19
- Take the NALAC Field Survey: Responding to COVID-19
- Take New York Cares survey for orgs engaging volunteers & matching form to volunteer.
- Track philanthropic response to coronavirus & share your grants data here.

EVENT MANAGEMENT TOOLS

- HowlRound TV offers a guide to Livestreaming: Ways of Gathering in the Age of COVID-19
- Springboard for the Arts has provided principles for ethical cancellation of public events and gatherings affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Teaching Theatre Online: A Shift in Pedagogy Amidst Coronavirus Outbreak,” originally created by Dr. Daphnie Sicre
- The Event Safety Alliance has hosted a webinar on preparing your organization for the Coronavirus disease outbreak
- World Health Organization: guidance on mass gatherings

COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES

- Captioning options for Videoconferencing and Learning Management Systems prepared by Tina Childress.
- Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education: #DeafEdTips: E-Learning Accessibility
- Meetings Means Business has developed a series of organizational materials focused on messaging and media.
- PR Boutiques International, a group comprising 40 PR agencies, put together a good list of best practices for communicating during the Covid-19 crisis.
- Advice from well-regarded expert Peter Panepento on communicating during a time of crisis with a link to advice on creating a crisis communications plan

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