COVID-19 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.

COVID-19 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 (ALAAANA), 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. If you are both an independent dance worker and part of a dance organization, group or project impacted by COVID-19, please take the survey for each category. Additionally, Dance/NYC recognizes that the Pandemic is ongoing, and encourages you to take the survey multiple times as the impact of COVID-19 deepens over 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.

CORONAVIRUS IMPACT SURVEY

CORONAVIRUS IMPACT DATA FINDINGS ON THE NEW YORK CITY DANCE COMMUNITY

Dance/NYC understands the key role data has in ensuring dance workers and companies are advocated for and that their needs are served at this time. Since launching our Coronavirus Impact Survey, we have been analyzing data on a weekly basis with our current research consultant, Carrie Blake at Webb Mgmt. These data analyses include the current and potential impacts of the virus on individual dance artists as well as dance organizations, groups and projects in the dance field at large.

For live updates on the findings of the Coronavirus Impact Survey, as well as the stories of those impacted by COVID-19 coronavirus and the social restriction measures implemented to contain the disease visit our live data overview here:

DATA FINDINGS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

November 4: PPP Loan Forgiveness

1. According to the SBA, new SBA Forms 3509 (for-profit borrowers) and 3510 (nonprofit borrowers), dealing with PPP “loan necessity,” will be available for “borrowers with PPP loans worth $2 million and above.” The forms have not yet been released.

2. The SBA is asking for comments by November 26 to a process and paperwork points, including whether the collection of information is necessary.

3. Bankers are discovering as they start to process PPP loan forgiveness applications that Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) emergency grants (advances) must be deducted from the forgiven amounts and treated as a loan payable to the bank. Bankers have noted to the SBA and Congress that the non-forgiveability of EIDL advances was not communicated at the beginning of
Increased Tax Incentives for Charitable Giving

1. Legacy proposed legislation would allow seniors to make tax-free IRA rollovers to charities through charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts. This was recently included in comprehensive retirement package legislation that was introduced by Committee leadership and will be re-introduced in 2021.
2. Dance/USA has a current action alert for its members and interested stakeholders to urge Congress not to repeal the Section 179 deduction, which allows business owners to immediately deduct up to $1 million (or $2.5 million for those in the construction industry) in new and used equipment and software costs.

October 28: HEROES Small Business Lifeline Act introduced. Part of this bill is the expanded PPP eligibility for all nonprofits, regardless of size and type, as well as a second round of PPP, a new grant program to provide up to $50,000 grants to very small nonprofits, and other critical assistance. Refer to summary.

October 21: Simplified PPP loan forgiveness application for loans of $50,000 or less. The Small Business Administration, in conjunction with the U.S. Treasury Department streamlined and simplified the loan forgiveness process for borrowers of loans of $50,000 or less. Use Form 3508S to support your application for forgiveness.


The President signed the Continuing Resolution. This Stopgap funding bill allows the federal government to continue operating through December 11.

September 15, 2020: A group of Democratic and Republican lawmakers from the House of Representatives worked together to make a plan for COVID-19 relief:

- The plan proposes $500 billion in aid; extended unemployment benefits of $450 per week for eight weeks; another round of $1,200 direct stimulus payments; funding for testing, SNAP & WIC, rental assistance, schools, childcare, election assistance, and the Postal Service.
- Calls for a second round of Paycheck Protection Program loans, expanded flexibility, and simplified forgiveness, as well as $50 billion for the Employee Retention Tax Credit.
- The plan includes the 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act (S. 4571) bill that would extend two key statutory deadlines for the 2020 Census by four months and require the Census Bureau to continue field operations through October 31, 2020.

September 10, 2020: Department of Homeland Security announces increases on visas for touring artists:

- Fees to obtain visas, which cover individual artists and groups and allow them to work for a period of time in the U.S., will be increased by around 50%.
- A O visa, which applies to “Individuals with Extraordinary Ability or Achievement,” will increase in price from $460 to $705, a 53% increase.
- A P visa, which generally applies to groups or “culturally unique” artists, will increase from $460 to $695, a 51% increase.

September 8, 2020: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell proposed a trimmed-down COVID-19 stimulus bill. The ‘skinny’ bill did not pass in the Senate. There are still very different ideas about what is needed to help during COVID-19 from both the House and Senate. There is concern that there will be no more COVID-19 bills for a while.

September 1, 2020: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an “Agency Order” implementing the President’s executive order on assistance of renters and homeowners. The order provides a blanket eviction ban through the end of the year covering nearly all residential renters. It expressly states, “This Order is a temporary eviction moratorium to prevent the further spread of COVID-19,” thus explaining why the CDC is the governmental entity issuing the order. Renters will still owe the accumulating rent and landlords can still evict individuals engaging in illegal activities.

June 22, 2020: On April 22, 2020, an executive order pausing the issuance of green cards at US Embassies and/or Consulates was signed. On June 22, 2020, a new executive order amended the April 22 Executive Order by suspending the issuance of H-1B, H-2B, L, and J visas at all U.S. Embassies and/or Consulates worldwide, except in limited circumstances, and for select workers (e.g., COVID-19 medical workers or researchers, and/or necessary to the U.S. economic recovery), through December 31, 2020. This does not expressly impact O or P visas.

- Please visit the online resource Artists from Abroad, which contains a variety of updates relating to guest artist visas as well as technical assistance on the visa and withholding process.

June 18, 2020: (S.4014 / H.R. 7241) The Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program Act was introduced in the House and Senate; the bill would allow smaller PPP recipients, with significant losses due to COVID-19, to receive a second PPP loan.

June 18, 2020: (S. 4001) Catastrophic Cash Flow Strain Act was introduced in the Senate; a type of unemployment insurance legislation, the bill would correct the Labor Department interpretation requiring reimbursing employers to pay 100 percent of unemployment claims upfront and get reimbursed later. The text of the bill is similar to the HEROES Act provision.

June 5, 2020: The president signed the Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act (H.R. 7010); the bill passed the Senate on June 4th and the House on May 28th. The bill will:
• extend the PPP through 12/31/2020,
• extend the rehire deadline until 12/31/2020,
• expand the covered period for loan use from eight weeks to 24 weeks,
• expand maturity from 2 years to 5 years for new loans and permit borrower and lender to mutually agree to later maturity
• Forgiveness provisions
  ♦ Eases rehire requirement based on inability to rehire former or similarly qualified employees, or inability to return to operations levels
  ♦ Revises the 75%/25% rule to 60%/40%
  ♦ Defers payments of principal, interest, and fees until either the date the lender receives payment for the forgiven amount of loan or 10 months after the end of the covered period.
  ♦ Makes PPP participants eligible for employer payroll tax deferral (CARES Act Sec. 2302)
On June 12, 2020, the Small Business Administration released new rules implementing the provisions of the Act.

Update: On June 26, 2020, SBA issued an Interim Final Rule - Revisions to Loan Forgiveness IFR and SBA Loan Review Procedures IFR.

  ♦ Expand access to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for all nonprofits
  ♦ Include nonprofits in the Main Street lending program
ACTION ITEM: Congress is debating the next federal relief package and they need to hear from you! Review the talking points below and send your letters to Congress today.

April 24, 2020: Congress passes the Paycheck Protection Program and Heath Care Enhancement Act

♦ Summary:
  ♦ $321 billion to refill the CARES Act's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
  ♦ $60 billion in economic disaster loans for small businesses
  ♦ $75 billion to help hospitals treat COVID-19 patients and address drops in revenue
  ♦ $25 billion for states to increase testing capabilities

March 30, 2020: The Small Business Administration (SBA) launched a new streamlined application platform for organizations and self-employed individuals applying for emergency loans directly from the SBA, including $10,000 advance payments that will be forgiven by the federal government. SBA Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources here.

Update: The U.S. Treasury and Small Business Administration have released the long-awaited guidance on PPP loan forgiveness.

The U.S. Treasury and Small Business Administration have issued a new interim final rule on Paycheck Protection Program guidance.

♦ Summary:
  ♦ Self-Employed individual is eligible for PPP loan if:
    ■ You were in operation on 2/15/2020
    ■ You are individual with self-employed income (e.g. indep contractor or sole proprietor)
    ■ Principal Residence in USA
    ■ You filed or will file 2019 1040 Schedule form
  ♦ Note: If you are a partner in a partnership, you may not submit a separate PPP loan application for yourself as self-employed.
  ♦ Self-employed income of partners can be reported as payroll costs (up to $100k/yr) on PPP loan application by partnership.
  ♦ Note: Participation in PPP may affect eligibility for state-administered unemployment benefits, as well as employee retention credits (ERCs) under the CARES Act.

March 27, 2020: Relief Package #3: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, i.e. HR 748 - CARES Act became public law.

♦ The bill provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations for federal agencies to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and includes new forms of support that can be accessed by individuals and organizations. Federal agencies are currently developing guidelines for implementation.
♦ Highlights of the CARES Act include, but are not limited to:
  ♦ Pandemic unemployment assistance for workers, including self-employed individuals
  ♦ Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Loan Forgiveness: Local lenders backed by the SBA are rapidly preparing to process loan applications from employers with fewer than 500 employees, as well as applications from self-employed workers. These aim to support eight weeks of eligible costs through loan forgiveness.
  ■ The SBA and Department of Treasury issued additional Paycheck Protection Program Guidance, instructing financial
March 18, 2020: Relief Package #2: The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, i.e. the second coronavirus preparedness and response supplemental appropriations act H.R. 6201 became public law.

- 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: Beginning April 1, new COVID-19 related paid leave requirements will be in effect. 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. The U.S. Department of Labor has also created a 59-question FAQ for employers, posters describing employee rights under the new law, and a bulletin announcing limited enforcement through April 17, as employers learn how to come into compliance.

March 6, 2020: Relief Package #1: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, i.e. H.R. 6074 became public law.

- 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

NEW YORK STATE RESPONSE

Update: 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.

Update: The deadline for health insurance special enrollment has been extended through December 31, 2020. New Yorkers without health insurance can apply for coverage through the NY State of Health Marketplace, by phone at 1-855-355-5777, or by connecting with a free enrollment assistant.

Update: The moratorium on commercial evictions is extended until October 20th. This extends protections already in place for commercial tenants and mortgagors in recognition of the financial toll the pandemic has taken on business owners, including retail establishments and restaurants.

November 4: New York State Flu Tracker launched to prepare for flu season. The tracker displays daily and weekly flu data and provides timely information about local, regional and statewide flu activity.

The 2021 NY State of Health Open Enrollment Period is now open. View health plan options here. You can go online at nystateofhealth.ny.gov or call NY State of Health at 1-855-355-5557 for assistance.

Governor Cuomo announced that the State will allow county and city governments to impose mask requirements of their own. More than a third of school districts statewide do not currently have mask requirements in place.

New York announced a new protocol allowing out-of-state travelers to “test out” of the State’s mandatory 14-day quarantine. Starting today, travelers must be tested within three days prior to landing in New York, quarantine for at least three days upon arrival, and get tested on the fourth day of arrival. If travelers receive a negative test on the fourth day of their quarantine, they can exit quarantine. Read more about the State’s new guidelines.

New York State’s COVID-19 Travel Advisory now includes 39 states and Guam and Puerto Rico. Non-essential travel between New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut is discouraged. Travelers from Level 2 and Level 3 countries (all but 31 countries) and other areas with high infection rates must provide local authorities with contact information and quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in New York. For more information, visit the New York State website or call the hotline at 888-364-3065.

October 28: Gov. Andrew Cuomo excluded neighboring New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania from New York’s quarantine list despite a spike in COVID-19 cases, stating there was “no practical way” to enforce such a limitation. The New York Times reports. He stressed that non-essential travel between the states should be avoided.

Eight additional companies have received support from the State to help produce PPE. Empire State Development, New York’s economic development agency, awarded $4.9 million to eight NY-based companies to help alleviate product shortages.
NY State Rolls Out “Micro-Cluster” Strategy To Contain COVID-19 Outbreaks. The state is employing a strategy on a block-by-block level rather than on a regional or even neighborhood level. Learn more here.

Governor Cuomo announced that the NYS Department of Health has released a draft COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Program that serves as an initial framework for ensuring the safe and effective distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine in New York.

Arizona and Maryland added to the mandatory quarantine travel list. Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania meet the criteria for the travel advisory but due to the region’s interconnectedness, quarantine is not practically viable. Non-essential travel is discouraged. More info here.

October 21: The New York Forward Loan Fund is now available to small nonprofits that received PPP loans. Nonprofits of 20 or less employees who received PPP loans of up to $50,000 are eligible to apply. Nonprofits can apply for a 60-month loan at a 2% fixed interest rate to cover expenses like payroll, utilities and property taxes.

Paid Sick and Safe Leave Law effective as of September 30, 2020. Governor Cuomo signed into law the State Budget (Senate Bill S7506B), which included a provision that amended the New York State Labor Law to require many employers to provide paid sick leave. The City passed bill Int. 2032A-2020, which aligns the City with the State law, including how time is accrued and which businesses are covered.

October 9, 2020: Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo moves forward with new restrictions on gatherings at synagogues and other houses of worship. For more information, see the NY Times article.

Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a new executive order extending the expiration date of vehicle registrations and vehicle inspections to November 3. This new order states that this will not be extended again. For more information, see Executive Order.

September 28th, 2020: Governor Cuomo extended the residential eviction moratorium to January 1, 2021

September 23, 2020: 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.

September 14, 2020: Starting Monday, September 14th, the MTA will issue a $50 fine to riders who refuse to wear a mask on public transportation.

September 1, 2020: Governor Cuomo announced the launch of New York’s absentee ballot portal where voters can directly request an absentee ballot for the upcoming November 3rd election.

July 15, 2020: Governor Cuomo extended the eviction moratorium until August 5.

July 14, 2020: Governor Cuomo Announces New COVID Rental Assistance Program

Starting July 16, 2020, New Yorkers can apply for the state’s COVID Rent Relief Program — an effort that sends a one-time rental subsidy directly to eligible household’s landlords.

June 30, 2020: Governor Cuomo Announces Individuals Traveling to New York From Eight Additional States Will Be Required to Quarantine for 14 Days

Update: A travel enforcement program will commence on July 14th, at airports across the state to help ensure travelers are following quarantine protocols. Enforcement teams will be stationed at airports to ensure compliance with the mandatory State Department of Health traveler form, which is being distributed by airlines to passengers flying to New York State.

Update: Individuals traveling to New York from the following states must quarantine for 14 days. The advisory now applies to 34 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The states and territories are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

June 29, 2020: Five regions of New York entered Phase 4 of reopening. These regions are the Finger Lakes, Central New York, Southern Tier, Mohawk Valley and the North Country. Officials are continuing to carefully monitor health data during the reopening process. Read more about Phase 4 here.

June 28, 2020: Governor Cuomo Announces Lowest COVID-19 Deaths and Hospitalizations in New York Since the Pandemic Began

June 27, 2020: Governor Cuomo signed a new executive order that makes New York employees who voluntarily travel to specified states after June 25 ineligible for this benefit. New York State employees who voluntarily travel to high-risk states will be ineligible for COVID-19 paid sick leave.

June 9, 2020: The State legislature passed A2513/S3695: Repealing Section 50-a, repeals provisions relating to personnel records of police officers, firefighters and correction officers. For more than 40 years 50-a has kept law enforcement’s personal information private during investigations, preventing police departments from disclosing an officer’s disciplinary records.

June 8, 2020: The state legislature passed a number of policing and criminal justice reform bills including:

- A1531B/S8492: Civil Penalty for Based Misuse of Emergency Services.
- A10609/S1830C: STAT Act; requiring court and police data collection.
May 28, 2020: The State legislature passed the Emergency Rent Relief Act A10552 (Cymbrowitz)/S8419 (Kavanagh), which sets aside $100 million for rental assistance for rent burdened tenants.

May 27, 2020: The Tenant Safe Harbor Act (A10290/S8192), passed the Senate and made it through the Rules Committee in the Assembly. This bill extends evictions protections for residential tenants that have suffered a financial hardship during the COVID-19 covered period.


April 24, 2020: Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Cuomo Issues Executive Order To Make Sure Every New Yorker Automatically Receives A Postage-Paid Absentee Ballot Application

April 15, 2020: Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Cuomo Issues Executive Order Requiring All People in New York to Wear Masks or Face Coverings in Public

March 31, 2020: Governor Cuomo outlined the 2020 Agenda for New York State’s FY2021 budget.

March 29, 2020: Governor Cuomo’s PAUSE Order – which requires all non-essential workers to stay at home and non-essential businesses to close – has been extended through April 29.

March 27, 2020: Governor Cuomo provided guidance for determining whether a business enterprise is deemed “essential” or subject to a workforce reduction under executive order 202.6. FAQs here.

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 22, 2020: Governor Cuomo announced the New York State on PAUSE executive order, a 10-point policy to assure uniform safety for everyone.


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

Update: Register to Vote by October 9th:

- The NYC Board of Elections (BOE) recently launched two new online portals for absentee voting ahead of the November 3 General Election on its Vote NYC website: one that allows residents to apply online for a mail-in ballot and another that allows applicants to track their ballot online.
- If you aren’t registered to vote, or need to change your voter registration address, visit https://elections.ny.gov for more info.

As New Yorkers return to work, the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection posted a Phase 3 reopening guide with health and safety requirements.

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

Find a location to get tested at nyc.gov/covidtest.

NYC Health + Hospitals declared that seeking medical care at NYC hospitals will not impact your ability to apply for a green card or citizenship.

ACTION ITEM: Business Interruption Bill: Call your Assemblymembers in the Insurance Committee and Cities Committee and tell them about your experiences with Business Interruption Insurance in support of A10226B/S8211.

October 28: After Cuomo previewed the State’s vaccine distribution protocols, NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio announced the city’s own version of plans for distributing a COVID-19 vaccine, once one arrives. In the city’s two-phase distribution plan, a limited number of doses will be provided to health care personnel, front-line workers and other vulnerable populations. A second phase will reach more of the general population, and could come in 2021.

De Blasio restores about half of the funding his administration has cut from its housing department budget, in an attempt to lessen the blow of COVID-19 to his affordable housing plans, the Gothamist reports.
New York City is launching a new program to address the mental health impact of the pandemic on young people living in the neighborhoods hit hardest by COVID-19. AM New York reports that the initiative will have current NYC mental health counselors deployed to lead group therapy sessions at 350 schools across the city, and will educate students as well as their caregivers.

October 21: A federal judge ruled that Cuomo can impose COVID-19 restrictions on businesses, learn more in this Daily News article.

October 14: Fines for sponsors of illicit mass gatherings increased to $15,000.??

October 7: 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.

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.

September 30, 2020: The Commissioner of Health issues 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.

June 30, 2020: In the Face of an Economic Crisis, Mayor de Blasio Announces Budget that Prioritizes Safety, Police Reform, Youth Services, and Communities of Color.

May 28, 2020: Mayor de Blasio Offers 1st Detailed Picture of What NYC’s Phase I Reopening Looks Like.

May 26, 2020: Mayor de Blasio Signs COVID-19 Relief Package Into Law.

- Intro. 1914-A designates threatening a commercial tenant based on its status as a COVID-19 impacted business a form of harassment, effective immediately. This includes businesses that were subject to capacity restrictions, were forced to close, or business owners who contracted the virus.

- Intro. 1932-A protects commercial tenants’ personal assets by temporarily prohibiting the enforcement of personal liability provisions in commercial leases or rental agreements involving COVID-19 impacted tenants. Threatening to or attempting to enforce such a provision will be considered a form of harassment, effective immediately.

- Intro. 1936-A expands the definition of tenant harassment to protect tenants from threats based on status as an essential employee or being impacted by COVID-19.

May 21, 2020: Mayor de Blasio Announces Return of Half-Hour Staten Island Ferry Service During Morning and Evening Rush Hours.

May 6, 2020: Mayor de Blasio Appoints Members to Sector Advisory Councils.

April 24, 2020: Mayor Bill de Blasio announced New York City’s plan to address racial disparities in COVID-19 and direct more assistance to the hardest hit communities. As part of their outreach efforts, four tele-town halls with faith leaders and a series of webinars with city commissioners and health officials will be held.

April 23, 2020: Governor Cuomo Announces $30 Million in Child Care Scholarships for Essential Workers and Supplies for Child Care Providers.

April 21, 2020: Mayor de Blasio Announces New York City COVID-19 Immigrant Emergency Relief Program with Open Society Foundations.

April 11, 2020: Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza announce Remote Learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

April 10, 2020: Mayor de Blasio and Speaker Johnson Announce $25 Million in Emergency Funding for Food Providers.

April 3, 2020: Mayor de Blasio Announces Partnership with JetBlue and United Airlines to Fly Healthcare Workers to New York City for Free.

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: 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 & NEW YORK CITY

- ACCESS HRA (One stop shop for rent freeze, food stamps, health benefits, and more)
- Free Meals: New Yorkers can receive free meals, text 'NYC FOOD' or 'NYC COMIDA’ to 877-877 or visit the website for more information
- GetFoodNYC: Food Delivery Services, Delivery workers get paid $53 per route
- LGBTQ COVID Guide
- 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
  - Guidance for self-employed individuals filing for unemployment.
- NYC COVID-19 Food Assistance Resources
- NYC & Company is maintaining a toolkit for businesses
- New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer: COVID-19 Resource Center
- NYConnects: Serves individuals of all ages & income levels wanting to learn more about long term services in NYC
- NYC Cultural Affairs COVID-19 Coronavirus Resources
  - Guide on applying to U.S. Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program
  - Additional guide on the Paycheck Protection Program offered by Dime Community Bank
- All In NYC Neighborhood Getaways Participation Form
- NYC Consumer Affairs: Free Financial Counseling
  - NYC Consumer Affairs has created a Business Reopening Guide. This guide contains information regarding what safety protocols employers must follow, workplace laws, and other City resources.
  - Worker Rights Page. Available in different languages.
- NYC Employee Retention Grant Program
- NYC Health + Hospitals: If you need to self-isolate due to COVID-19 but are unable to stay six feet away from others in your home, or live with someone vulnerable, you may be eligible for a temporary hotel room from NYC Health + Hospitals.
- NYC Housing Connect: The City has launched a streamlined NYC Housing Connect portal, New Yorkers’ central resource for finding and applying for affordable housing.
- NYC Homebase: The City has resources to prevent homelessness, assist with emergency rent, and more.
- NY State Department of Labor: The Shared Work Program
- NYC Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities: COVID-19 Resources for People with Disabilities
- NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs: Resources for Immigrant Communities During COVID-19 Pandemic
- NYC Media and Entertainment Office: COVID-19 Resources
- NYCNightlight Employee Resources
  - Recording of 4/13 Town Call for Nightlife Owners and Managers
  - Recording of 4/14 Town Call for Nightlife Workers and Freelancers
- NYC Profits: Nonprofit Business Continuity
- NYC Safety Guidelines for Organizations and Volunteers
- 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.
- Resources for Unemployed New Yorkers compiled by Gothamist, updated August 9, 2020

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 guidance on use of cloth face coverings to help slow spread of COVID-19
- CDC guidance on what to do if you are sick with COVID-19
- 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**

- Brooklyn Community Foundation: [Brooklyn COVID-19 Response Fund](#) + [Additional Resources for Nonprofits](#)
- CMW Strategies LLC: [Small Business Resources List](#)
- Facebook: [$100 Million Grant Program](#) for Small Businesses
- Giving Compass and the National Center for Family Philanthropy have teamed up to produce a [comprehensive map of vetted funds](#) that are addressing immediate and long-term needs related to the coronavirus.
- [Nonprofit Finance Fund's NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund Application Form](#) and [PPP FAQs for Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- O'Connor Davies: [Webcast - CARES Act Support for Non-Profits: Tax Relief, Loans and Charitable Giving Incentives](#)
- 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.
- Submittable has a [list of funds](#) giving in response to COVID-19.
- 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
- Third Avenue Business Improvement District: (1/2) [Seminario Web de Renovación de Fondos PPP](#), (2/2) [Seminario Web de Renovación de fondos PPP](#) for small businesses in the Bronx who wish to receive assistance on PPP (in Spanish here).
- NYFA provides an ongoing list of [Additional Emergency Grants](#).
- [New York Forward Loan Fund](#) (NYFLF) is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE.
- The Soze Foundation and TaskForce: [Artist + Activist Relief Fund](#). No longer open for applications, waitlist only.
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA): [Disaster Loan Assistance for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners, and Renters](#)

**Funds for Independent Artists**

**UPDATE:**

[Artist Relief](#), a coalition of national arts grantmakers, will distribute $5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19. Apply (Cycle 7: Closes October 21, 2020) here.

- Asian American Arts Alliance: [Financial and Community Resources](#)
- 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. [Fund has closed but you can sign up to receive updates.](#)
- Barkin/Selissen Project: [Dancers Above Water Relief Fund](#)
- Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza: [COVID-19 Emergency Fund](#) grants for Central Brooklyn Residents
- CERF+ [COVID-19 Relief Grant](#) Temporarily closed.
- Creative Capital: [List of Arts Resources During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- Downtown Brooklyn Partnership (DBP) and DUMBO Improvement District (DUMBO) are seeking proposals for the [Downtown Brooklyn Public Art + Placemaking Fund](#). The fund provides grants for eligible public art, performance, and accessibility projects that serve to enhance public space, increase access to cultural programming, and connect the neighborhoods of Downtown Brooklyn.
- [Emerging Artist Initiative (EAI)](#): Temporarily closed.
- Ford Foundation: [Partial list of relief funds](#) and regranting programs for artists, journalists, and media makers.
- [Freelancers Relief Fund](#) specifically for freelancers impacted by COVID-19. If in a position to give, donate to the fund here. Temporarily closed.
- [Mutual Aid NYC](#) is a network of groups organizing to provide aid and support in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [NYC Ghostlight Fund](#): Intended for short-term financial assistance for personal needs that have arisen due to Covid-19. Funding may be awarded for needs such as rent, utilities, medical expenses, psychotherapy, and other personal expenses.
- [New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA)](#) has partnered with the [Hamptons Arts Network (HAN)](#), a consortium of 19 arts and cultural nonprofits located on the East End of Long Island, to [launch a new artist relief effort](#) to support visual artists, choreographers, musicians, and writers living and working in the region who are being adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic: Apply now.
- [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants](#): NYFA has also partnered with the [Robert Rauschenberg Foundation](#) to provide one-time $5,000 medical emergency grants to artists.
SBA: Under the CARES Act passed on March 27, 2020, independent contractors, gig workers, and freelancers affected by the coronavirus crisis are eligible to receive a government grant of $1,000.

Women Arts Emergency Funds - All Art Forms

### Funds for Disabled Artists

- UNLIMITED offers resources for disabled artists and freelancers in response to COVID-19.

### Funds for Women-Identifying Artists

- Women Arts Emergency Funds - All Art Forms

### Funds for Theatre Professionals

- Indie Theater Fund. Provides direct support and emergency relief to independent theaters and artists. Application link here. Temporarily closed.

### Funds for BIPOC/Undocumented/LGBTQIA+ Communities

- Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund for US-based BIPOC artists and administrators. To donate to this fund, please go here.
- Asian American Alliance: COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented Communities
- Borealis Philanthropy’s Fund for Trans Generations, Destination Tomorrow’s TRANScend Community Impact Fund, and Third Wave Fund have launched the COVID-19 Collective Fund for Trans Communities to get financial resources to trans-led organizations and transgender, gender nonconforming, and non-binary communities who are organizing in response to the COVID-19 crisis.
- 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) Offer Support, and/or 2) Donate.
- Hispanic Heritage Foundation: Recording of - Your Finance, Your Future during COVID-19 LOFT Charla (Recorded on April 17, 2020)
- India Center Foundation: South Asian Arts Resiliency Fund.
- LGBTQ Coronavirus Resources – NYC Unity Project
- Make the Road New York’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund provides direct support to the most vulnerable workers and low-income immigrant families.
- Pillars Rapid Response Fund for Muslim Artists and Activists. Temporarily closed.
- Protecting Immigrant Families: Immigrant Eligibility for Public Programs During COVID-19
- RAISE NYC: Undocu Workers Fund. Temporarily closed.
- Reunion Relief Fund: in support for LGBTQ+ and cultural producers of color post-pandemic.
- Silent Partners is providing monthly $1,000 grants to Black Brooklyn-based artists & Movement workers.
- Transgender Legal Defence & Education Fund: Know Your Rights During COVID-19
- TransLash offers COVID-19 Trans Resources, and will continue to share stories about the impact of COVID-19 on TGNC communities of color and host virtual meetings led by the Transgender Law Center and other trans-led organizations about coronavirus.
- UndocuBlack is currently working to raise funds to distribute to undocumented immigrants impacted by COVID-19. Learn more and/or donate here.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Additional Resources For Arts Organizations

- Artists’ Literacies Institute (ALI) Covid-19 Economic Impacts Project includes a recording of the “Real Numbers: Relief for Vulnerable Arts Workforce in the COVID-19 Era” Webinar and resource links for Impact Data
- 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, features advice specific to the coronavirus, including consideration of how to review what is covered by insurance policies. ArtsReady has also shared this guidance to support arts organizations, including information on communicating with audiences and stakeholders, preparing your facility, and supporting your staff.
- BYP Group is documenting government responses around the world to the impact of COVID-19 on the arts and creative industries.
- Council on Foundations has provided news and updates 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 offers COVID-19 resources, news/press releases, 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 website and on NPR.
- Dance Business Weekly has provided a COVID-19 Update: Action Dance Studio Owners Can Take Now.
- EMCArts has new online offerings including weekly online articles, personalized virtual “Office hours,” four weekly online sessions
Additional Resources For Independent Artists

- Fiscal Strength for Nonprofits (FMA) offers COVID-19 Response Resources & Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Toolbox for nonprofits that are updated on a regular basis.
- Goldman Sachs’ US Small Business Center offers resources and guidance on Emergency Relief Benefits for small business owners and employees.
- King County: COVID-19 Handbook for Creative Industries
- Lawyers Alliance resources
  - Return to Work FAQs
- MailChimp is offering a free custom domain for up to 5 years for businesses.
- 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.
- National Council of Nonprofits has gathered local and national resources for nonprofits in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic; offers weekly Wednesday COVID-19 webinars and launched an email hotline for emergency loan assistance for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
- New Yorkers for Culture & Arts (NY4CA) news and related findings.
- New York Foundation for the Arts: Pivoting during the pandemic
- Nonprofit Finance Fund: COVID-19 Tools and Resources for Nonprofits
- New England Foundation for the Arts COVID-19 resource page
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- COVID-19 Relief for Artists, Freelancers, and Gig Workers webinar with NY federal, state and local elected officials and freelancer advocates.
- Creative Capital: Online Workshop on Coping with COVID: Financial Implications for Creative Individuals
- Dance Magazine: A Freelancer’s Guide to Unemployment Benefits—and Other Financial Help
- DanceUSA: Artist’s Legacy Toolkit for developing your personal archive.
- Fractured Atlas: Emergency Resources for Artists in the Wake of COVID-19 & Resources for Artists and Freelancers to Learn about Government Relief Options, including PPP
- Freelancers & Community Resources prepared by Cards By Dé.
- Harriet Hapa in collaboration with Black Girls Sew are selling and shipping face masks for added safety/protection during COVID-19.
- HERE Arts Center: Community Resources for Freelance Artists during COVID-19
- HowlRound Theatre Commons has posted a recording of their Artists in a Time of Global Pandemic panel which entails discussion of how COVID-19 is impacting freelance artists from all disciplines, shared resources, financial best practices, and more.
- Money Geek: Resources for Workers Impacted by Coronavirus Layoffs and Lost Wages
- NYC Artist Coalition: COVID19 Relief: Community Space Insurance Tips
- NYC Consumer Affairs: If you are a freelancer and are facing nonpayment issues, file a complaint
- New York Immigration Coalition: COVID-19 Community Resources (available in multiple languages)
- New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer: COVID-19 Resource Center
- NYC Consumer Affairs: Free Financial Counseling
- NYFA: Emergency Resources as well as free online learning.
- New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG): COVID-19 Legal Resource Hotline 929-356-9582 (M-F 10am-1pm)
- Pentacle: Financial Resources + Pro Bono Financial Urgent Care Program
- TamizdatAVAIL: For performing artists who are in the U.S. on an O or P visa and who do not have access to the advice of an immigration attorney, TamizdatAVAIL can provide limited pro bono legal counsel. Contact TamizdatAVAIL for free legal assistance by email at avail@tamizdat.org, or phone at 1 (718) 541-3641.

Additional Resources For Independent Artists

- Artists Thrive has compiled resources, tools and opportunities for independent artists.
- Arts Administrators of Color Network resources.
- Center for Cultural Innovation: Emergency Resources for artists and freelancers.
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The Actors Fund: Entertainment Assistance Program functions as a conduit for emergency financial assistance in time of pressing need or in response to catastrophic events.

The Moving Architects Movers & Shapers Dance Podcast
The Spanish Group - How to Protect Yourself and Others

- Spanish
- Chinese

Additional Resources for Disabled Artists

- NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities: COVID-19 Resources for People with Disabilities
  - The Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities is accepting submissions for their virtual exhibition celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Learn more.
- Center for Independence of the Disabled: Coronavirus Resources

Additional Resources for Latinx Artists

- 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.

SELF CARE & MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- Asbestos: Printable Pain Trackers
- Addiction Treatment Resources during COVID-19
- CDC's Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19
- Community Healthcare Network
- Coronavirus: Wisdom from a Social Justice Lens Podcast
- Child Mind Institute: Supporting Families During COVID-19
- Crisis & Trauma Institute (CTRI): Webinar on Mental Health and Resilience During COVID-19
- Facing COVID-19
- Free Coaching Session for Freelancers Struggling with COVID-19 Stress
- Gibney Cares Podcast
- Guide to Parenting & Family Health During COVID-19 courtesy of Sprout Therapy
- Headspace: Collection of meditation, sleep and movement exercises
- Mental Health and Tech
- Mental Health Apps
- MyWellBeing offers a free matching service to find a therapist offering remote sessions.
- NYC COVID Care Network: A volunteer network of support for essential workers, their families and any uninsured New Yorkers. Essential workers, family members, and uninsured individuals can request care through their website.
- NYC Well: Text "WELL" to 65173 or call 1-888-NYC-WEL
- OKAY, LET'S UNPACK THIS has compiled a list of therapists and counselors generously offering FREE services to dancers during this challenging time.
  - Sign up for FREE online group support for dancers.
- New Yorkers can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling
- Read: InfiniteBody: It's okay to take time to grieve.
- Taking Care of Your Mental Health in the Face of Uncertainty
- The Institute for Family Health
- Self-Love Remote Work tips courtesy of Rosemary Reyes
- 44 Mental Health Resources for Black People Trying to Survive in This Country - SELF
- 60 Digital Resources for Mental Health available for specific populations - Social Work License Map

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 OntheBoards.TV

hireartists: Hire accomplished, dedicated practitioners from across the arts to share their knowledge or to help with both creative and your every day.
• **Gaga Classes** (Donation-Based)
• **Inside Voices** by Kickstarter: An open call for projects made from home
• **Kinetic Light Instagram #CreateConnectKL Project** (Ongoing)
• **Lights On**: An initiative inviting creators using Kickstarter to help sustain their creative businesses during COVID-19 closures.
• **Lori Landon Kaatsbaan Residency Classes** (Ongoing)
• **Modo Yoga Classes** (Ongoing)
• **Movement for Hope Classes** (Ongoing)
• **New York Live Arts (NYLA) Streaming** (Weekly)
• **Nightly Met Opera Streaming**
• **Onassis**: A multi-round micro-commissioning program for new pieces native to quarantine (but not necessarily digital) at onassis.org/enter.
• **Open Doors: The Collection Open Call for Artists with SCI and other disabilities**
• **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**
• **COVID-19 Dance Worker Narratives Project**: the Jerome Robbins Dance Division of The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts seeks participation in a peer-to-peer interview project across dance communities in NYC and nationally. The initiative is requesting submissions through May 31, 2021.

**ADVOCACY RESOURCES**

• **Ask Congress to Include the Dance Community in COVID-19 Relief**
• **Add your name as a Citizen Co-Sponsor of the bill to expand paid sick leave to gig workers**
• **American Immigration Council: Sanctuary Policies Fact Sheet**
• **Artists’ Literacies Institute: Data Findings from Artists, Culture Workers, Freelancers, Gig Event Economy Losses Due to Covid-19 Cancellations**
• **Become An Arts Hero**
  • Be an #ArtsHero is an intersectional grassroots campaign comprised of Arts & Culture workers, Unions, and institutions in the United States pushing the Senate to allocate proportionate relief to the Arts & Culture sector of the American economy.
  • Follow and Amplify Be an #ArtsHero on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com), and [Twitter](https://twitter.com).
  • Download and share Be an #ArtsHero’s [social media images](https://www.beanartshero.com).
  • Learn more at [https://beanartshero.com](https://beanartshero.com)

• **“Call to action”**: Call your Assemblymembers in the Insurance Committee and Cities Committee and tell them about your experiences with Business Interruption insurance in support of [A10226B/S8211](https://nyLAGOV.nysLegislation.com/法案/A10226B)
• **Complete the 2020 Census: Stand strong with your fellow New Yorkers at this time: Billions are at stake. Fill out the census today at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)**
• **Complete the SPEAK Up Survey** (by texting COVID to “77948”) to deliver better care and ensure that communities have access to the resources they need. Survey is available in eleven languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, French, Polish, Urdu, Russian, Arabic, Bengali, and Haitian Creole. Learn more about the survey in this video.
• **Connect with Asian Americans Advocating Justice (AAJC)**
• **Contact your US Senator for [Unemployment Insurance](https://nycnow.org/s pport-unemployment-insurance) for freelance gig workers**
• **Dance/USA: Informational Papers from the Task Force on Dancer Health**
• **Join Americans for the Arts’ Arts Action Fund** (for free)
• **NYC Artist Coalition: Advocacy Toolkit**
• **Join the [Housing Justice For All Initiative](https://housingjusticeforall.org)**
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• **Read NY4CA Impact Survey Findings**
• **Register for Bystander Intervention Training** with hollaback! In response to the rise in Anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment
• **Sign on to Human Services Council open letter urging State representatives to ensure that human services, arts and cultural, and philanthropic nonprofits State contracts are paid fully and on time, so we can continue to support New York communities.**
• **Sign onto an Open Letter to Our Government Leaders from New York City’s Nonprofit Sector in Response to COVID-19**
• **Sign the Nonprofit Position on Rent Relief and NYS legislation**: This letter supports meaningful rent forgiveness, rent relief, reimbursement for loss of rental income, resources for administration, community resources and relief for workers.
• **Sign the Open Letter from NYC Small Business Owners to State and City Leaders**: The Western Queens Small Business Coalition has written an open letter to NYS Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl M. Heastie, Mayor Bill de Blasio, and Council Speaker Corey Johnson regarding urgent matters threatening small businesses.
• **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 Americans for the Arts Impact Survey and track the Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Arts and Culture Sector.**
• **Take Art Beyond Sight’s Coronavirus Impact Survey**
• **Take Artist Relief’s COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers**, designed by Americans for the Arts, to better identify and address the needs of artists.
• **Take Council Member Brad Lander’s Freelancer Survey**
• **Take the Dance/USA Coronavirus Impact Survey**
• Take The Freelancers Union COVID-19 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
• Tell Mayor De Blasio & Gov. Cuomo: Take action NOW to protect those in New York jails from COVID-19
• Track philanthropic response to coronavirus & share your grants data here.
• Urge Support for the Arts During the COVID-19 Outbreak

EVENT MANAGEMENT TOOLS
• CIG Performing Arts Group has a guide to reopening theatrical venues
• Ethical Event Policies for Artists, Best Ticketing Apps for Artists & Artists, Use a CRM and Spend More Time Creating courtesy of Fractured Atlas
• CDC: COVID-19 Employer Information for Office Buildings
• NY Forward: A Guide to Reopening New & Building Back Better says each re-opening business must develop a written Safety Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out this template to fulfill the requirement, or may develop its own Safety Plan. This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval. A copy of it must, however, be retained on premises for inspection. Include details on:
  ◆ social distancing measures
  ◆ provision of personal protective equipment (PPE)*
  ◆ sanitizing of property and space
  ◆ other precautionary measures (such as employee training)
• New York's Office for People with Disabilities: Digital Accessibility Resources
• 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 American Institute for Architects published The Re-occupancy Assessment Tool which includes Programming, Administrative Controls, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
• The Event Safety Alliance has hosted a webinar on preparing your organization for the Coronavirus disease outbreak
  ◆ Event Safety Alliance Reopening Guide
  ◆ Event Safety Alliance OSHA Training is available to ESA Members. Registration is currently closed, but ESA is scheduling additional courses due to popular demand. Check their website for more information.
• The National Endowment for the Arts Office of Accessibility is the advocacy-technical assistance arm of the Arts Endowment to make the arts accessible for people with disabilities, older adults, veterans, and people living in institutions. Visit this page for more information.
• World Health Organization: guidance on mass gatherings

COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES
• ACRE Resources to Address Zoombombing
• Captions 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

RELATED PRESS
• A Philanthropic Stimulus Plan for Progressive Nonprofits
• Art in the Time Of Coronavirus
• ArtNet News: 3 Arts Groups Have United to Give $5,000 to 100 Artists Every Month Until September
• Arts Groups Fight Their Insurers Over Coverage on Virus Losses
• Arts nonprofits received $1.8 billion in Paycheck Protection loans
• Arts Organizations Are Heading Into a Crisis. A Few Things Might Mitigate the Disaster
• Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) Disability Policy News
• Broadway World Interview with Dance/NYC Executive Director, Alejandra Duque Cifuentes
• Councilmembers Gibson and Cohen: Opinion: Nonprofits Will Lead the Recovery—if we Give Them a Chance
• CRAIN'S New York Business: City's art world assesses wreckage of coronavirus—every afternoon, together
• Dancers Navigating CDC Guidelines
• Does Arts-Funding Advocacy Need a Famous Face?
- Excluded in the Epicenter: Impacts of the COVID Crisis on Working Class Immigrant, Black, and Brown New Yorkers
- Forbes
- From Coughing Fits to Closings, Cultural World Girds for Coronavirus
- Grantmakers in the Arts
- Individual Wellbeing Is Critical to Organizational Wellbeing
- Performing Artists and the Financial Fallout of the Coronavirus
- Proposed NYC Legislation Could Create More Outdoor Performance Opportunities, Alleviate Roadblocks
- Survey of US Arts Organizations Points to Devastating Losses During Pandemic
- U.S. Arts Organizations to Lose $6.8 B. Because of Pandemic: Report

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