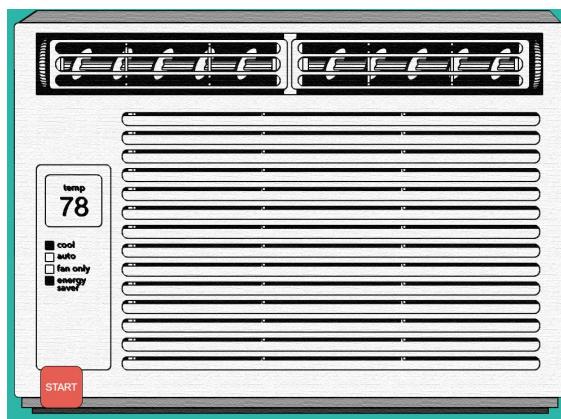




# NEWSLETTER

## BEAT THE HEAT

[Beat the Heat | NYC Emergency Management](#)



### STAY COOL

- Use an air conditioner during hot weather and heat emergencies, even if it is only for a few hours. A setting of 78F (or low cool) can provide a comfortable environment, help save on electricity bills, and conserve energy.
- If you do not have an air conditioner, you may qualify for energy assistance. Visit the [Human Resource Administration online](#) for information about the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).
- Note: Cooling centers are facilities managed by agency partners who determine each site's hours of operation and level(s) of accessibility.

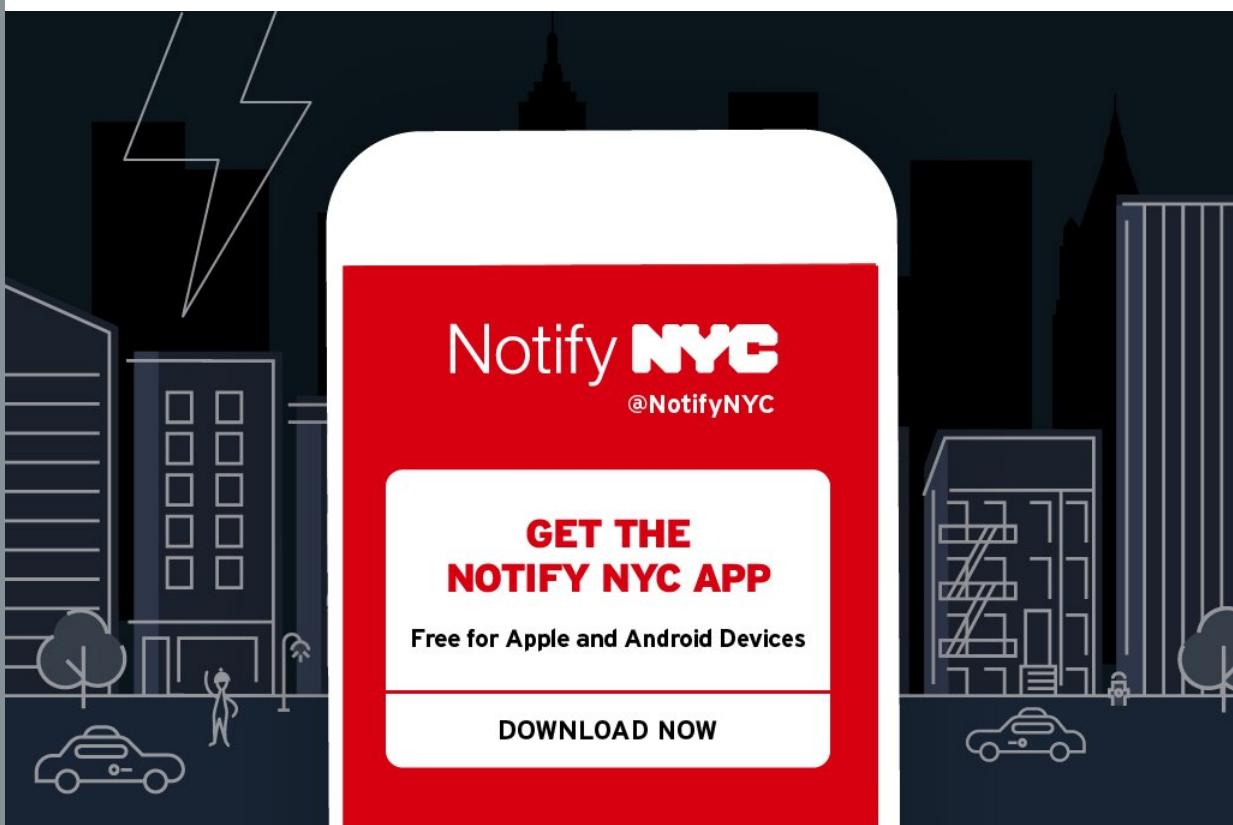
### HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

- Check on your neighbors during a heat wave, especially if they are older adults, young children, and people with disabilities and access and functional needs. Keep in touch by phone at least twice a day during heat waves.
- Heat illness is serious. Prolonged exposure to the heat can be harmful and potentially fatal. Call 911 if you or someone you know shows signs or symptoms of heat illness, including headache, light headedness, muscle cramps, nausea, and vomiting. Learn more about heat illness and heat waves from [the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene](#).

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE** about staying safe in the heat by taking this [quiz](#).

During heat emergencies, the City will open cooling centers throughout the five boroughs. Visit the [Cooling Center Finder](#) or contact [311](#) (212-639-9675) for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115 to find out whether a cooling center is open near you.

For additional information refer to the NYCEM Press Release on Summer Heat Safety [here](#).



Sign up to receive alerts from the City's official source for information about emergencies. Or following [@NotifyNYC](#) on [Twitter](#).

## PLAN NOW FOR THE UNEXPECTED

No-notice events can take many forms in New York City and can affect you even if they happen in a different borough or neighborhood. The PlanNowNYC website can give you basic information and simple steps to take to be prepared and take action.

Visit [NYC.gov/plannow](#) so that we can all be ready together.

## Report provides agency's goals for the next four years

**June 28, 2022** — The New York City Emergency Management Department today released its 2022-2026 strategic plan, which highlights the agency's vision and key priorities through 2026.

"Our emergency managers are facing more frequent and complex disasters due to climate change, social and economic inequity, aging infrastructure, cyber threats, and domestic terrorism. We must better prepare for the expanding threat landscape as it poses a number of social, economic, and environmental impacts on our city and its communities," writes **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. "In this [strategic plan], we outline our goals to foster an agile and scalable emergency management capability that responds to new and worsening threats; prioritizes equity practices; and reaches all New Yorkers through trusted organizations and communication channels."

"The threats to New York City are constantly evolving — from climate change to cyber security, to a global pandemic, we must be ready on multiple fronts to keep our city safe," said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. "New York City Emergency Management's strategic plan lays out how we will prepare for, respond to, and recover from these novel threats to build a safer city for all."

The full report can be viewed [here](#), or by visiting [NYC.gov/2022-2026-em-strategic-plan](http://NYC.gov/2022-2026-em-strategic-plan).

### 'PREP TALK' & ¡PREPÁRATE PODCAST!

In line with the release of the report, NYC Emergency Management also has released its latest episode of "**Prep Talk**" podcast, which highlights the strategic plan as well as one its key priorities: talent retention and recruitment, and the agency's goal for its workforce to reflect the communities it serves. The new episode featuring NYC Emergency Management Monitoring and Evaluation Program Manager Jimmy Deats and Deputy Director of Talent & Culture Veronica Geager. **You can listen to the latest episode** on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spreaker](#).

On the latest episode of **¡Prepárate!**, NYC Emergency Management's Spanish-language podcast goes behind the scenes with Abigail Banks, Ready New York's Program Director. Abigail Banks and her team work to inform all New Yorkers (including children) on the steps they can take to stay prepared for all types of emergencies, including fires, power outages, weather emergencies, mass transit disruptions, and more. **You can listen to ¡Prepárate!** on [SoundCloud](#) and [Spotify](#).

**Stay Connected:** Twitter: [@NotifyNYC](#) (emergency notifications)  
[@nycemergencymgt](#) (emergency preparedness info)  
Facebook: [/NYCemergencymanagement](#)

## Ready New York Question of the Week

**Why is NYC's population vulnerable to wind and flooding?**

- a)** Each of the five boroughs touches the coastline
- b)** High population density
- c)** Higher than average rainfall and winds
- d)** Large number of skyscrapers

See the correct answer [here](#)

**Do you own or rent in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)? Learn more about Risk Rating 2.0 Flood insurance webinar, July 13th, register at this link <https://floodhelpny.org/en/risk-rating>**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2022 SUMMER NYDIS TRAININGS FOR NYC RELIGIOUS LEADERS

HOW READY ARE YOU?

**Date:**

**Tue-Thu, Jun. 28-30 @NYDIS, 4 West 43rd Street**

This three-day training prepares faith leaders or institutional chaplains to volunteer as disaster chaplains in mass-care settings or to serve as disaster chaplains within their house of worship, religious community or professional institution.

**DISASTER  
CHAPLAIN  
CERTIFICATION &  
RELIGIOUS  
LITERACY  
TRAINING**

**Register now: <http://nydisnet.eventbrite.com>**

**Questions? Email [LCUMMINGS@NYDIS.ORG](mailto:LCUMMINGS@NYDIS.ORG)**

### JUNE KICKS OFF NATIONAL IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH!

### New York Public Library – Soundview Children Events



**Soundview Library  
Presents: Kids Cinema**  
Wednesday, June 29 |  
3:30 PM

**Introductory Language  
& Culture Workshop  
for Kids!**  
Thursday, June 30 | 3:30  
PM

**Be Creative in the  
Library: Sea Creativo  
en La Biblioteca**  
Thursday, June 30 | 3:30  
PM

**For more Information Visit:**  
<https://www.nypl.org/locations/soundview>

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## **Climate Refugees: Supporting Receiving Communities**



After Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in 2017, within the first year, about [130,000 people](#) fled the island. More than one-third of them [moved to Florida](#).

Seventeen years after Hurricane Katrina, [30,000 people from New Orleans remain](#) in Houston, and tens of thousands more are displaced around the state and the remainder of the country. The city has regained only [80% of its pre-storm population](#).

A February 2022 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change found that: "Over the next 30 years, 143 million people are likely to be uprooted by rising seas, drought, searing temperatures and other climate catastrophes."

Despite its common usage, "climate refugees" are not a recognized class of people and are not protected under International Refugee Laws.

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy is hosting a webinar on **July 14, 2022 2 p.m. ET / 1 p.m. CT** to provide funders with information about the issue of climate migration. For more information, [Visit or REGISTER HERE!](#)



## Stormwater in NYC

More than 70% of NYC is impervious area

### Stormwater runoff can cause:

- Localized flooding
- Water quality issues

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) includes numerous programs designed to reduce pollution in storm water.

Read the 2021 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Draft Report [HERE](#).

Submit comments on the report by July 1, 2022 to  
[MS4@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:MS4@dep.nyc.gov)



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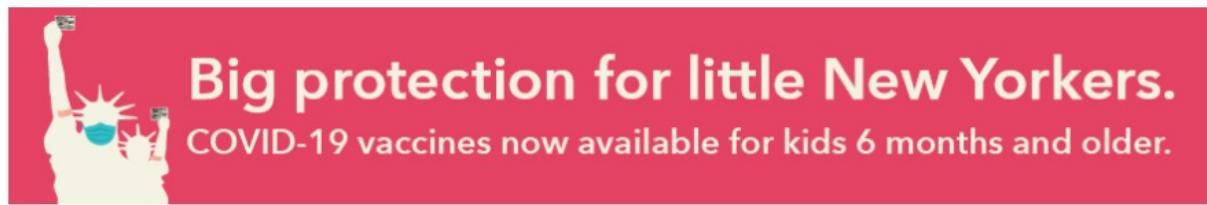


City of Water Day brings together communities throughout the New York and New Jersey metropolitan region to raise awareness about the risk we all face from floods and rising seas, and champion climate resilient shorelines and waterfront communities.

**City of Water Day is July 16, 2022**

City of Water Day—this year on Saturday, July 16—is a region-wide day, organized by the Waterfront Alliance and its partners, to raise awareness about

the risk we all face from sea level rise and climate change. A featured component of the day will be Art at the BlueLine, a climate-focused art exhibition hosted by Waterfront Alliance. Join us in Lower Manhattan's Seaport at the many local events occurring In Your Neighborhood throughout New York City and New Jersey! Stay updated on where events will be taking place in, and around, your neighborhood by checking [this website](#).



## Now Eligible: Ages 6 Months to 4 Years

Children 6 months to 4 years old should get a COVID-19 vaccine. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have been authorized by the federal government for this age group.

Children can receive the Moderna vaccine at sites operated by the City. Appointments are recommended for these sites, but walk-ins will be accepted as well.

Ask your child's pediatrician if they will be offering the vaccine. Some pharmacies may offer vaccine to children 3 years and older.

Parents or guardians must consent to have their child vaccinated. Children younger than 15 years must have an adult with them when they get vaccinated.

[Learn more about getting your child vaccinated.](#)

## Get Vaccinated Today

To find a vaccination site, use the City's Vaccine Finder:

[FIND A COVID-19 VACCINE](#)

Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692) to schedule an appointment at certain sites, as well as to get other vaccination assistance.

If you are a New York resident who is homebound or at least 65 years old, you can [sign up online for an in-home vaccination](#) or by calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).



## Watch, Learn & Practice

**We Speak NYC** videos tell the stories of New Yorkers who have come from all over the world to make New York City their home. The show helps English language learners improve their language skills, learn about their

rights, and access City services.

The videos focus on important topics and model language that you can use in your everyday lives.

**NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM)** has created a toolkit specifically for ESOL classrooms. The toolkit contains a 25-minute episode, called [The Storm](#), focused on emergency preparedness and City resources. To order a free toolkit, please email [readyny@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:readyny@oem.nyc.gov)

## Services featured in "The Storm" episode

### Ready New York

- Learn how to prepare for all types of emergencies in New York City.

### Notify NYC

- Information about emergency events and important City services.

### Community Preparedness

- A community readiness program that works for emergency preparedness

**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>**