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## CIDNY May 2020 Newsletter

### Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our May 2020 newsletter. We hope you're doing well and want to ensure you that we are here for help and as a resource for you.

You can stay up to date on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) updates here: <https://www.cidny.org/coronavirus/>.

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### 2020 Census – Help Make Disabilities Count!

The 2020 Census will help decide where money and resources are used. Make sure you get counted and take the census pledge today at: <https://www.cidny.org/census/>. If you need help completing the census please contact Corinne Varela at [cvarela@cidny.org](mailto:cvarela@cidny.org).

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### Online Workshop: Understanding Your Rights

People with disability often face discrimination in their day-to-day lives. Join the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYS DHR), Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY), and ICS to ensure you know your



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rights and what actions to take when they are being violated.

John Herrion, Disability Rights Director for NYSDHR, will discuss:

- Housing rights
- Employment rights
- Your rights in places of public accommodation
- Process for filing complaints

A Q&A period will follow the presentation.

### Online Workshop Details

Wednesday, May 13 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm

RSVP by Friday May 8 to [sjoati@cidny.org](mailto:sjoati@cidny.org) or call 212-674-2300 and leave a message with your name and email address for the "Rights Workshop."

To ensure we have enough online capacity, please make sure you RSVP by Friday, May 8. Once you have RSVP'd, the link for the workshop will be sent to the email address you give us.

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## Navigator Network

Our Navigator program helps people enroll in health insurance on the NY State of Health Marketplace. If you need help with NY State of Health insurance (the



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Marketplace), CIDNY has six Navigators in Manhattan and Queens who can help you. Please call us at 917-810-2566. CIDNY Navigators have been helping people get insurance since the Affordable Care Act began in 2014, so you have access to the best expertise available.

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## Election 2020 – Important Update

New York has canceled the Presidential Primary on June 23, but local and state primaries are still being held.

To find out more about how to apply for an absentee ballot, and whether you have a primary in your district, you can go to <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting> or contact Monica Bartley at [mbartley@cidny.org](mailto:mbartley@cidny.org).

Anyone who wants to vote by absentee ballot can do so by using the category “temporary illness”. The boards of elections are taking requests for the absentee ballots by email, online and by phone. While the deadline for requesting the absentee ballot is June 16, please don’t wait that long to request the ballot. There will be more people choosing to vote this way than usual and this may create a backlog.

According to the NYC Board of Elections, absentee ballots will be mailed on or after May 8. “If you do not have a primary in your district, you will not receive a ballot.”



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Early voting starts June 13 and goes through June 21. If you have your absentee ballot, you can send it in by mail to the Board of Elections or cast your vote in person by delivering it to your local Board of Elections office.

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## CAN Meeting

Join us on May 20 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly CAN meeting.

It will be good to get together and share our stories. We want to hear from you about how you are coping in this pandemic. Tell us about you or your friends/families struggles with issues such as housing, food, access to health care or to visit family in hospitals, unemployment and virtual education of students. We want to hear your ideas on how CIDNY could be supportive.

Please RSVP by sending an email to [sjoati@cidny.org](mailto:sjoati@cidny.org) and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting closer to the date. You can also join the meeting by telephone at 877-870-9011.

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## NY Connects



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NY Connects at CIDNY is committed to serving you during the coronavirus outbreak. We are working hard to help people with disabilities and older adults access benefits, proper information about city and state changes, food and peer support resources, and more. Our counselors are available 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 1-844-862-7930. You can also request to be contacted by a counselor by filling out this form: <https://www.cidny.org/getnyconnects>.

Our 5 borough offices are closed at this time to walk-ins because we are serving our community remotely. Stay safe and reach out! We are here to help.

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## **All of Us Includes People with Disabilities**

All of Us aims to include communities--including people with disabilities--that have been underrepresented in research to make it the largest, most diverse resource of its kind. The program seeks to enroll "one million or more" participants in a long-term study to improve the ability to prevent and treat disease based on individual differences in lifestyle, environment, and biological makeup, including genetics. If you missed our special guest presentation on



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All of Us, you can still watch it on [Facebook Live](#). People ages 18 and older, regardless of health status, are eligible to enroll. Register at All of Us:

<https://www.joinallofus.org/together>.

There will also be a Twitter chat on Wednesday, May 6 at 3 p.m. If you use Twitter and would like to participate, you can join in by following us on Twitter ([@CID\\_NY](#)) at that time.

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## We Need Your Help!

We're participating in Giving Tuesday Now on Tuesday, May 5, and we'd love for you to help spread the word about our [\\$5 on May 5](#) campaign. Please like and share our posts on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram!



## CIDNY in the News

Join the conversation: online at [www.cidny.org](http://www.cidny.org); on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc](http://www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc)), on Twitter ([@CID\\_NY](#)) and IG ([@cid\\_ny](#))



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Take a look at our most recent coverage in the news below. Some headlines might seem like they're not so great, but they're opportunities for us to make our voices heard!

[Can NYS Run a Safe Primary in June and Accommodate Voters With Disabilities?](#) (City Limits)

[People with disabilities fight to be counted in the battle vs. COVID-19 and depression](#) (Workers World)

[Questions and Concerns About Potential Shift to Vote-By-Mail as New Yorkers Await Further Action from Cuomo](#) (Gotham Gazette)

[Nursing Home Watchdogs Scarce At NYC Facilities As Hundreds Die Within](#) (The City)

## **CIDNY in the News (continued)**

[NY Immunity Law Shields Nursing Homes As Virus Toll Soars](#) (Law360)

[Coronavirus Is Decimating NYC Nursing Home Populations, State Data Shows](#) (Gothamist)



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[Crisis For Disabled Community Amid Coronavirus Pandemic](#) (MetroFocus – PBS/NJTV/WLIW)

[Nursing homes ravaged by rising virus toll in US](#) (China Daily)

[Residents of long-term care facilities: You are not forgotten and you are not alone](#) (Queens Daily Eagle)

[Ombudsman program is here for nursing home residents \(letter to the editor\)](#) (Staten Island Advance)

[Neglect & Death In NY's Nursing Homes: "They're Laying There Rotting"](#) (Gothamist)

[The Issues Facing the Disabled During COVID-19](#) (WNYC The Brian Lehrer Show)

[Mutual Aid Movement Playing Huge Role in COVID-19 Crisis](#) (City Limits)