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CIDNY January 2021 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our January 2021 newsletter. Goodbye 2020, hello 2021. Here's to a new year!

If you know someone who would like to also receive our email newsletter, please feel free to forward this or have them sign up here: <https://www.cidny.org/join-us/>.

As a reminder, due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) our offices are closed to in-person meetings until further notice. However, our programs remain available remotely (though phone and email). If you have a benefits counselor you can reach out to them directly or contact us through email at info@cidny.org or phone (Manhattan: 212-674-2300 or Video Phone: 646-350-2681 | Queens: 646-442-1520 or Video Phone: 347-905-5088). We'll be sure to let you know when anything changes.

Information in this newsletter can always change so if you have any questions please call or email us.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to Like/Follow CIDNY on social media.

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CIDNY's Action Network Meeting - WHAT IS HAPPENING OUT THERE?!

Join us on January 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly CAN meeting.

We will be discussing two items.

1. E-scooter company Lime wants to hear from you about E-scooters accessibility.
2. CIDNY wants to discuss the virtual legislative day on February 8, 2021.

Lime, an E-scooter company, wants to discuss its draft plan to ensure accessible transportation to all NYC residents. This is an opportunity to educate Lime on how E-scooters can meet people with disabilities' needs for full access to alternative transportation such as an E-scooter. It's also important to tell them your concerns as pedestrians.

CIDNY is beginning its first of a series of CAN meetings to discuss our policy agenda. As always, it is important to hear from you.

REMEMBER: Your experiences about alternative forms of transportation needs are crucial.

Please RSVP by calling Shohana at 212 674-2300 or by sending an email to sjoati@cidny.org and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting closer to the date.

For Spanish please RSVP by calling Jose at 646-442-1520 or by sending an email to jlmera@cidny.org.

CAN call-in number 1-929-436-2866 Meeting ID: 820 2285 5013 Password: 767292

Join the conversation: online at www.cidny.org; on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc), on Twitter (@CID_NY) and IG (@cid_ny)



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If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by January 13, 2021.

COVID-19 Rent Relief Program Extended

If you were struggling with rent at the height of the pandemic last spring, the Governor has reopened applications and broadened eligibility for COVID Rent Relief for April, May, June, and July 2020. People who previously applied and were denied will be automatically reconsidered for this next round.

Applications may be submitted until Monday, 02/01/2021. You can apply at <https://covidrentrelief.hcr.ny.gov/>.

To qualify, tenants may now meet these criteria:

- Earned reduced income in April, May, June, or July 2020, compared to March 2020 and paid more than 30% of that income in rent.
- Had a household income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) before 03/07/2020. (See the 80% AMI for your household size [here](#).)

For more information or an overview of the program, you can visit <https://hcr.ny.gov/RRP>.

CIDNY's New ABLE Newspaper Column!

This month CIDNY begins our new column in Able Newspaper. We plan sharing our insight, thoughts, and news each month. Online editions are free when you sign up at <http://ablenews.com/>. We hope you'll read along with us.

COVID-19: Testing and Tracing in the New Year

It's a new year but COVID-19 testing and tracing may be more important than ever. Since we have just passed the beginning of Winter and end of year holidays, we'd like to share some safety precautions again.

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your arm.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if sick.
- Get a flu shot.
- Worship safely: Avoid large gatherings, especially indoors. Wear a face covering, don't share chalices or utensils and avoid close contact with others including hand shaking and hugging — wave instead. If you're singing, you must stay at least 12 feet apart from others.

Visit <https://www.cidny.org/testing-and-tracing/> for updates on testing or Text 'COVID TEST' to 855-48 or go to <http://nyc.gov/covidtest> to find a testing location near you.

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CIDNY in the News

Take a look at our most recent news coverage below.

- [Vaccine Priorities, Precautions for People with Disabilities](#) (Public News Service)
- COVID-19 Vaccines and Nursing Homes and Long-term Care Facilities. (MSNBC)
- [Vaccines are coming soon to hard-hit nursing homes. But plenty of challenges remain.](#) (Yahoo News)
- [Nursing homes are a top priority for Covid vaccines. But vaccinating everyone won't be simple.](#) (NBC News)