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CIDNY December 2021 Newsletter

Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thanks for taking the time to read our December 2021 newsletter.

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 (through 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: 646-846-6875). 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 Like/Follow CIDNY on social media.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CIDNYInc/>

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Coinstar is making some additional modifications to its retail kiosks for an enhanced experience for our blind and visually impaired customers, such as the addition of headphone jacks and oral instructions, including in New York state. These efforts are ongoing. If you need assistance finding such a kiosk or using a machine, please contact Customer Service at 800-928-2274 seven days a week, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. PT. They are here to help and will be able to assist you.

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CIDNY Post-Election Voting Surveys

Your help in the past has identified problems at polling sites we have not been able to get to. With your help this election, we can continue to let the City Council and the Board of Elections know about problems that still need to be fixed. Every voter experience that we can document – including the good ones – makes a difference in our efforts to improve our election process!

If you haven't already, please complete CIDNY's Post Vote Survey online here: <https://forms.gle/mQbHieLiWQFwFfJx7>. If you need assistance completing the survey, please call Monica Bartley at 347-922-1358.

DemocracyNYC also has a short voting survey available. Please consider completing that survey if you have the time. You can complete it online by going to <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/democracynyc/index.page> and following the instructions.

Open Enrollment Health Care

Open enrollment for health care insurance is open and available until December 15. If you're looking for health insurance you can compare your options and eligibility at healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596.

Ida Disaster Relief

Did you have damages from Ida earlier this year? If the storm affected you, you can apply FEMA relief until December 06, 2021. You can find out more and review the full details at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4615>.

Online Education Workshops and Events

Join us and learn more! For the month of December 2021, the Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY) will be presenting the workshops and events below. All workshops for the time being will be presented online, with captioning, as well as other accommodations upon request. The workshops may also be recorded for future use in communications materials, websites, and for other purposes by CIDNY.

CIDNY Writers' Group, facilitated by Avra Wing

Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Since 2009, CIDNY and the [New York Writers Coalition \(NYWC\)](#) have teamed to produce a Writers' Workshop for people with disabilities. The workshop provides a safe space for people with disabilities to express their thoughts and stretch their creativity through writing. Contact Angela Bruen directly at RSVP@cidny.org or (347) 241-2150 if you are interested in joining the Writers' Group.

Fighting Discrimination in New York City with the Fair Housing Justice Center Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A guest speaker from the Fair Housing Justice Center (FHJC) will talk with us about fighting housing discrimination in New York City. Topics will include: who Fair Housing laws protect; common forms of housing discrimination; the Adele Friedman Accessibility Fund; how to report discrimination or request an application; and more.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocuuorjSpGNRvTodprHTphZOBHvT13W5>

Medicaid Managed Long Term Care Webinar: Introduction to MLTC Wednesday, December 14, 2021 at 2 p.m.

This webinar will give an overview of Medicaid Managed Long Term Care, including the covered benefits and how to join. Already enrolled in an MLTC plan? We'll cover how to request new services, what to do if the request is denied, and how ICAN can assist with the appeal process.

Please register in advance clicking here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cMomFCdoQ--UuQzLL8e4RA

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Baran at sbaran@cidny.org.

Renter's Insurance: What to Know When You Can't Afford to Lose Everything Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A guest speaker from Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS Brooklyn) will come talk to us about the benefits of having renter's insurance. We will learn more about what you're paying for and what you're not; how insurance protects you when disaster strikes; how to figure out if you are overpaying or just taking a risk; and more.

You can register for this meeting by clicking here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdeGvpz8oGtGNP8j_jq6MfqcFFjLD7YP9

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RSVP:

If you are unable to use the registration links provided above, you can still register for a workshop by sending your email address and phone number to Angela Bruen at RSVP@cidny.org, or calling (347) 241-2150 at least two (2) days before the day of the event(s).

If you need an accommodation like large print, American Sign Language (ASL), or materials in other languages, please let us know at least two (2) weeks before the date of the event(s).

The link to the meeting will be sent to you via email the day before the event, or if you want to call in for the meeting, you will be provided with the dial-in information.

CIDNY's Action Network Meeting

Join us on December 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly CAN meeting as we review our achievements for 2021.

We want to hear about an advocacy success that has impacted your life and what you would like to focus on in the coming year as we prepare for Lobby Day.

Come prepared to participate in our advocacy trivia and make it an afternoon of fun sharing, and planning. We want to hear your stories. Remember, your experiences help our advocacy efforts.

Please RSVP by calling Matthew at 212 674-2300 or by sending an email to mperez@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

For Mandarin or Cantonese please RSVP by calling Ying at (646) 442-4149 or by sending an email to yyu@cidny.org

CAN call in number +1 929 436 2866 Meeting ID: 875 1463 5512 Password: 986956

Closed captioning will be provided. If you need an accommodation, such as large print or interpretation services, please let us know by December 8, 2021.



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COVID-19 Community Vaccine Navigators and COVID-19 Liaisons

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over. We know you may have some questions, concerns, and needs, and CIDNY is here to help. Please see below for some quick reminders and updates on how to stay safe and the COVID-19 vaccine. We have Community Vaccine Navigators available to answer any questions you might have.

How can I protect myself from getting COVID-19?

- The most important thing you can do to protect yourself against COVID-19 is to get vaccinated.
- In addition, wearing a mask over your nose and mouth, staying 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands often can help protect you from getting COVID-19.
- Where can I get vaccinated?
- Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) and enter your zip code and search radius and whether you are interested in the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson vaccine to find vaccine sites near you.
- Currently, if you get vaccinated at a NYC site, you can receive \$100 for your first dose. You can make an appointment at a city site by going to: <https://vax4nyc.nyc.gov/patient/s/>.
- If you mention that you were referred by the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York when registering online, CIDNY will also get \$100 to put towards helping people with disabilities.

If you have more questions regarding COVID-19 or COVID-19 vaccination, you may call us at 646-442-4186 and ask to speak to a Community Vaccine Navigator. We can also help you schedule appointments.

For assistance with other COVID-19 related needs such as transportation to or from vaccine appointments or questions about benefits that may be available, you can contact a COVID-19 Liaison at 917-810-2565.

CIDNY In The News

Take a look at recent media coverage linked below.

- [San Francisco Rolls Out E-Scooter Program that Accommodates People with Disabilities](#) (Next City)
- [New iPad Add-On Shows Promise for Helping People With Disabilities Communicate](#) (Lifewire)

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- [Taxis For All](#) (Able News)
- [Voting And The 2021 Election](#) (Able News)
- [Employment Opportunities Available With CIDNY](#) (Able News)