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## CIDNY August 2022 Newsletter

### Hello from CIDNY

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to read our August 2022 newsletter. Happy Disability Pride Month!

If you know someone who would like to receive our email newsletter, please 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](mailto:info@cidny.org) or phone (Manhattan: 212-674-2300 or Video Phone: 646-350-2681 | Queens: 646-442-1520 or Video Phone: 347-474-7076). We'll be sure to let you know when anything changes.

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

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI0eMkvGCPLf13hzvYXZCVg>

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### CIDNY Manhattan Office Address Change!

We've moved! Our new Manhattan office address is now 1010 Avenue of the Americas Suite 301 New York, NY 10018 (with the entrance on 38<sup>th</sup> Street). Please note that there are still no in-person meetings at this time. We'll be sure to let you know when the Manhattan office opens and look forward to welcoming you to the space!

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## August Primary Election Updates

We have another primary election coming up in August. Here are some important dates to remember:

- August 8: Deadline to request your Absentee Ballot
- August -13-21: Early Voting
- August 23: Primary Election Day for the offices of U.S. House of Representatives and State Senate.

There are also new absentee ballot procedures that apply to 2022 and future elections, as a result of changes in state law. The following is what you need to know, as detailed on the [NYS Board of Elections](#) and the [NYC Board of Elections](#) websites:

- If you have applied for an absentee ballot, you may not cast a ballot on a voting machine for that election;
- However, if you have applied for an absentee ballot, and you want to vote in person, you may complete an affidavit ballot at the poll site during early voting or on election day. Affidavit ballots will be kept separate until the election is completed;
- To ensure that one ballot is received from each voter, election officials will confirm if a voter's absentee ballot has been received. If the absentee ballot has been received, the affidavit ballot will not be counted. If the absentee ballot has not been received, the affidavit ballot will be counted;
- If you request, complete, and return an absentee ballot, and then request a second absentee ballot, the following applies:
  - The first absentee ballot received by the Board of Elections will be set aside unopened, so that you have an opportunity to return the second ballot. The second ballot will be opened and counted unless the first ballot has already been opened.
  - If both ballots are received prior to the return deadline, the ballot with the later postmark date is accepted and any other ballots are rejected, unless the first ballot was already opened.
  - If you return more than one absentee ballot before the return deadline, and you also cast an affidavit ballot, the last received ballot (submitted in person during the election or by mail within the absentee return deadline) will be canvassed.

If you want to request an absentee ballot, the easiest way to do so is to apply online at <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting-0>. Please keep in mind that once you request the absentee ballot, voting in person using the voting machine is no longer an option during Early Voting or on the corresponding Primary or General Election Day.

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## COVID-19 Vaccines, Tests, and Information

CIDNY has been working with groups like the American Association on Health and Disability and the Disability Vaccine Access Opportunities Center (DVAO Center) to help make sure we're all staying safe and have the correct information about COVID-19 and vaccines. If you need help getting the first vaccine or a booster, making an appointment, or just have questions about the vaccine and what you've heard, reach out to us.

You can learn more about COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html>.

Free, accessible, COVID-19 at-home tests are available at <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or by calling 1-800-232-0233. Accessible tests for people who are blind or low-vision were out of stock as our August 1, but you can check back online at <https://special.usps.com/testkits/accessible> or by calling 1-800-232-0233 to see if/when they will be back in stock.

You can find a vaccine appointment at [vaccinefinder.nyc.gov](https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov).

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## CIDNY's Action Network Meeting

There will be no CAN meeting in August. Meetings will resume September 21, 2022 at 1 p.m. Enjoy the rest of the summer. You can find any updates on our website at <https://www.cidny.org/calendar/>.

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## Online Education Workshops and Events

Join us and learn more! For the month of August 2022, 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. Please visit our website for an updated list of events for August and beyond at <https://www.cidny.org/calendar/>.

### Know Your Rights: New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) (English)

Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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



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CIDNY will host a guest speaker(s) who will discuss the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and its duty to accommodate tenants with a wide range of disabilities, how to request a reasonable accommodation at NYCHA, what to do if NYCHA denies, ignores, and/or mishandles a reasonable accommodation request, and other NYCHA public housing rights.

Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvd-Grqz4pGdK13tCHdUxWNW3deAX3dT4V>

### **Discrimination in Housing (English)**

Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

CIDNY will host a guest speaker(s) from the New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) to discuss protections against discrimination regarding viewing and getting housing, living conditions and accessibility issues, and discriminatory harassment and evictions.

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqdemrrDgjHNHbf8t8NXyYTp0GAYWqTJOj>

### **Discriminación en la Vivienda (Español)**

Viernes 19 de Agosto 2022 de 1 p.m. a 3 p.m.

CIDNY recibirá oradores invitados de la New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) para discutir las protecciones contra la discriminación con respecto a la visualización y obtención de vivienda, las condiciones de vida y los problemas de accesibilidad, y el acoso y los desalojos discriminatorios.

Enlace de registro: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud-yhqsrHNxLWu9DbrCAjiv59bza2JaM>

### **Rent Freeze and Property Tax Exemption Programs in NYC (English)**

Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

CIDNY will host a guest speaker(s) from the New York City Mayor's Public Engagement Unit (PEU) Rent Freeze team will give an overview of rent freeze and property tax exemption programs in NYC such as: the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE), the Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE), and the Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE).

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Our presenter(s) will talk about what these programs are and how to figure out if you are eligible for them.

**FIDA-IDD by Partners Health Plan, ICAN Ombuds-Service, and Home Care for People with I/DD**

Friday, August 26, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This presentation will include ICAN materials on FIDA-IDD model for dual eligible OPWDD waiver participants, and discussion of how our individuals get Medicare. It will also include Question and Answers section on applying for home care from your county or Medicaid Managed Care plan.

You can join with the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747403891?pwd=OE9zTit6SFF0ZmMrWG9GWFcyczNDQj09>

Meeting ID: 847 4740 3891

Passcode: 938898

**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 [RSVP@cidny.org](mailto:RSVP@cidny.org), or calling 347-885-543 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.

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**CIDNY In The News**

Take a look at our recent media coverage, linked below.

- [Disability Pride Month: An Eyewitness News Special](#) (ABC News)
- [Activists rally outside MTA HQ, demand more accessible transportation for all](#) (News 12)
- [Before the ballot box, Americans with disabilities have problems getting voting information](#) (USA TODAY)



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- [NYC Subway Aims for Accessibility for Riders with Disabilities \(En Español\)](#) (Public News Service)
- [Manhattan borough president unveils plan to speed up congestion pricing rollout](#) (FOX 5)
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- [Does True Access Exist? A Reflection From Then – 1990, To Now – 2022](#) (Able News)