

CCSI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Promoting Community Connections
& Sharing Resources

HIGHLIGHTS

- Virtual Meeting Updates
 - April 2nd COC
 - April 6th SIBBC
- DOE Food Hubs
- [Regents Canceled](#)
- Health (In)Equity & COVID-19
- Educational Resources

How will we keep in touch?

- Each **BBC** will have 1 hr virtual Zoom meetings on their originally scheduled dates through the month of April at 12 - 1 pm:
 - [The Bronx 4/10](#)
 - [Manhattan 4/16](#)
 - [Queens 4/20](#)
 - [Brooklyn 4/24](#)
- Our **YAC meetings** will be Mondays [4/13](#) and [4/27](#) from 5-7 pm. Links to calendar for Zoom above!
- These newsletters will be delivered every **Wednesday** for the duration of NYC Coronavirus quarantine mandates

VIRTUAL MEETING UPDATES

On April 2nd CCSI ventured bravely into our new virtual meeting landscape holding the Citywide Oversight Committee. All of our COC co-chairs, BBC co-chairs from four of the five boroughs, and parent advocates joined us for our virtual meeting. On April 6th we held the first of our virtual BBC meetings: the Staten Island BBC! We were joined by 33 members, including several guests from other BBCs. In our early forays into this format, what has become clear is that members of the CCSI community have appreciated the opportunity to socially connect and share the realities of life under social distancing. Whether that's the challenge of working and parenting at home, adapting to a completely new set of job responsibilities and expectations, or different ways of doing our current work.

DOE Food Hubs

As of this past Friday, the Department of Education instituted a new policy allowing anyone for any reason to stop by one of 400 school locations in the city and pick up three meals a day. The only regulation is that food must be eaten off location. More information can be found below:

[Free Meals for Any New Yorker](#)

Locations are searchable by borough, school district, and zip code!

In other education news: [New York State has canceled Regents exams for June 2020!](#)

HEALTH (IN)EQUITY & COVID-19

For those of us who have had the privilege of staying at home and following the news and keeping up with the ever-increasing numbers of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, some troubling patterns have emerged. COVID-19 is not the great equalizer as some commentary had suggested several weeks ago.

Impacts on number of cases and severity of cases appears to be falling along lines of race, class, and geography. The Bronx, and neighborhoods with high concentrations of immigrants such as Elmhurst & Corona in Queens, have emerged as local epicenters of the virus, while rates of infection in Manhattan and Downtown Brooklyn stay relatively low.

The map on the next page shows the number of cases by 1000 residents throughout the city. Some patterns are readily identifiable: proximity to the city's airports, places near commuter hubs, neighborhoods with high proportions of black residents, and working-class communities. Many of these working class communities are full of essential workers who don't have the option or luxury of working from home and who have to commute long distances on public transit. There are also some communities with widespread reports of failure to practice social distancing.

A series of links are also provided below where you can learn more about the disparate impact of COVID-19. What are some of the ways that the CCSI community can help to mitigate some of these impacts through our work?

Awesome Home Education Links:

- [Math Game Time](#)
- [Teaching Remotely for Grades K - 12](#)
- [Science for Kids](#)
- [Unite for Literacy](#)
- [TurtleDiary e-learning for kids](#)
- [PBS KIDS](#)
- [Starfall](#)
- [All-in-One Homeschool](#)
- [Thinking Games – Easy Peasy All-in-One Homeschool](#)
- [Funbrain](#)
- [Storyline Online](#)
- [Prodigy Game](#)
- [DISCOVERY #MINDBLOWN](#)
- [AmazingSpace](#)
- [National Geographic Kids](#)
- [TIME Magazine for Kids](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)

Links to NYC DOE Resources:

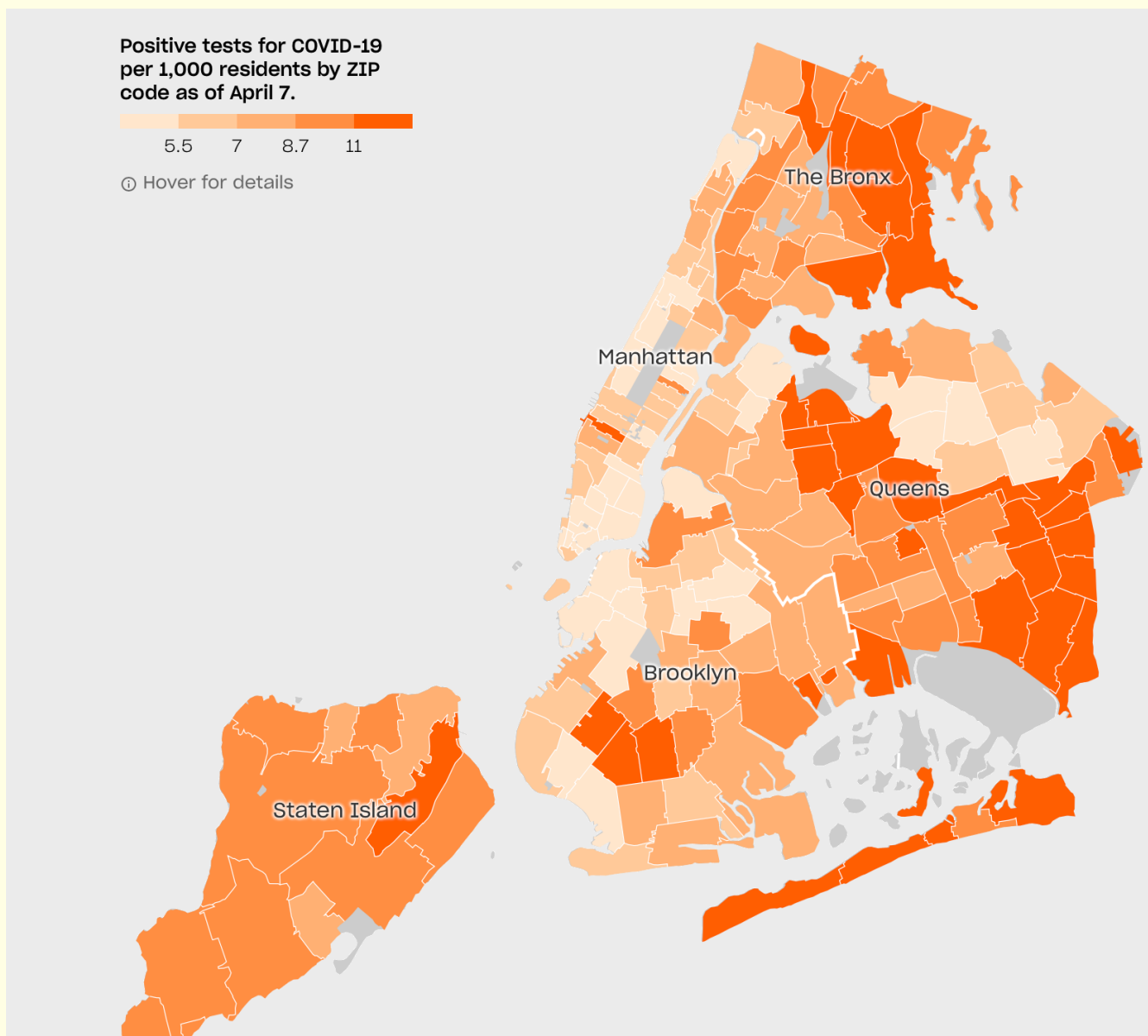
- [Free Meals](#)
- [DOE Student Accounts](#)
- [Remote Learning Device Request](#)
- [Learn At Home Main Page](#)
- [Chancellor's Message to Families](#)
- [DOE Middle School Enrollment](#)
- [High School Offer Letters & Waitlists Updates](#)
- [DOHMH COVID-19 Guidance for Colleges](#)

Relevant News Articles on COVID-19 & Racial Disparity

[Coronavirus in New York City: Tracking The Sread of the Pandemic by The City News Outlet](#)
[Officials Urge Cuomo, De Blasio To Act On 'Uneven' COVID-19 Death Toll](#)

[The coronavirus is infecting and killing black Americans at an alarmingly high rate by The Washington Post](#)

[Black Americans Face Alarming Rates of Coronavirus Infection in Some States by The NYTimes](#)



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