



October 2020 Newsletter

Greetings from CPC Manhattan Community Services!

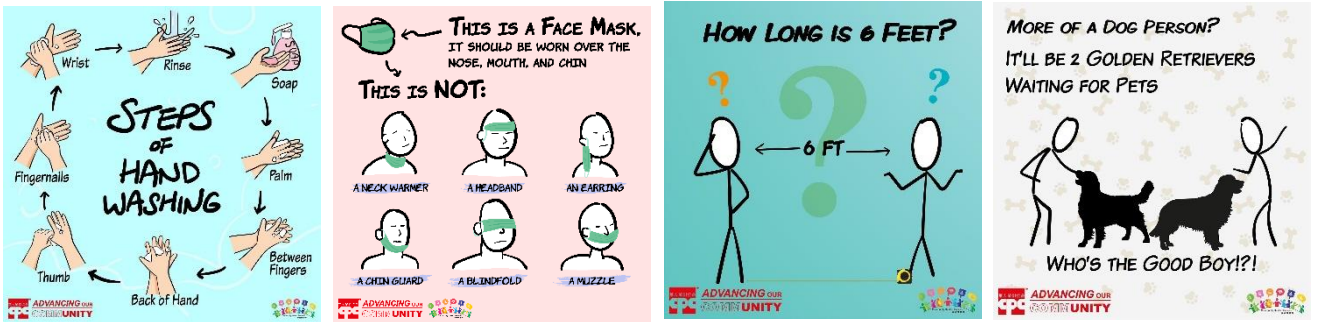
For nearly eight months after closing, CPC is excited to announce the reopening of our community centers in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens starting Monday, November 9th. Having reviewed federal, state, and city guidance on reopening, we spent the past few months developing our own reopening plan, retrofitting our community centers and program spaces, updating our signage, and training staff on new protocols. CPC services and programs will be on an appointment basis, with health screenings and masks required for all staff and community members. CPC will monitor, assess, and provide updates on our modified services on an ongoing basis. For more information on our reopening guidelines, please visit <https://www.cpc-nyc.org/news/2517/cpc-update-covid-19> or contact us by phone with any questions related to reopening and assistance with accessing specific services.

- Twice-daily news briefs are shared on AM1480/AM1380 in Cantonese and Mandarin to ensure our community members have the translations of critical information in real time. CPC also has a WeChat account for distribution of information, updates, and CPC workshops and trainings. Please engage with us by scanning the QR Code.

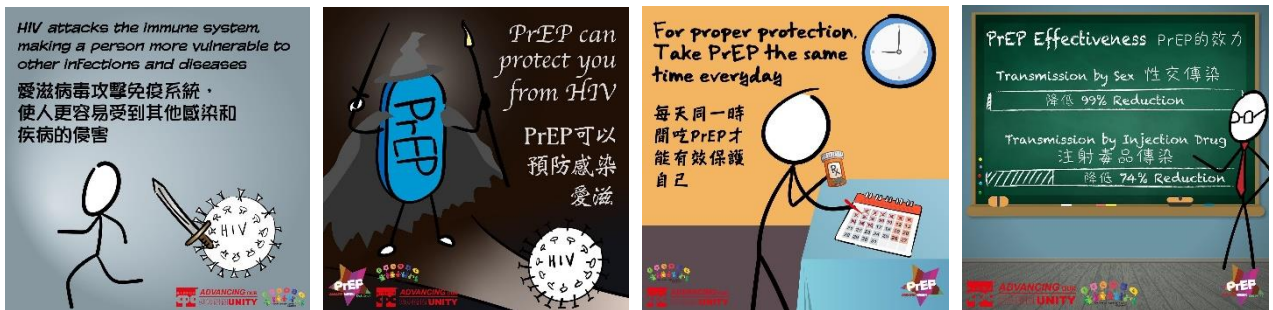


- Asian Family Services (AFS) continues to provide remote services for community members in case management. AFS staff follow up on cases from the Administration for Children's Services through teleconference and address Asian families and children's needs through supportive counseling, parenting skills training, and crisis intervention to keep families intact and prevent placement of children into the foster care system.
- Multi-Social Services (MSS) staff assist community members on applying for housing grants and continue to work tirelessly during and after normal business hours through phone calls and WeChat to help members on immigration matters, medical assistance counseling, SNAP online applications, and unemployment insurance enrollment.

- Community Health Services (CHS), a comprehensive resource for AAPI communities, creates series of educational posters on COVID-19 safety, HIV and AIDS, and other health knowledge that share with community member through Facebook and Instagram. Some of the COVID-19 safety posters currently shared are steps on hand washing, how to wear a mask correctly, and alternative ways to gauge a safe social distance without a measuring tape. To view these posters, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/CPCCHS>



- Oct 20 - 26, 2020 was New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute’s PrEP Aware Week, with activities across the state to increase PrEP awareness and uptake. PrEP (HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis) is a once a day pill (medication) that people can take to prevent HIV transmission. PrEP is an important pillar of New York State's effort to End the AIDS epidemic. Studies have shown that PrEP is safe and has no serious side effects. PrEP is widely available, affordable and effective, and it is covered by most health insurance plans, including Medicaid. CHS has developed a series of educational HIV prevention posters to share among the community members and to raise the awareness of PrEP's availability and efficacy.



- Family Child Care (FCC) Networks has launched an in-language media advertisement in SinoVision to inform the community members that the Networks assist families in applying for subsidized child care, recertification for those currently receiving subsidized child care, and helping parents find high-quality in-network family child care providers in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. The Network staff help those in needs to fill out the application, collect required documents, and submit the application to NYC Department of Education. To view the video, please visit



<https://www.facebook.com/147507985881789/videos/787907868634021>

- Early Childhood Learning & Wellness Services (ECLW) staff continue to assist child care providers in processing their approved New York Forward Child Care Expansion Incentive and Temporary Operating Assistance Grants (CARES 2). As a founding member of the New York City Child Care Resource and Referral (NYC CCR&R) Consortium, CPC ECLW along with the NYC CCR&R Consortium partner agencies are tasked to review the claim forms, collect receipts for the approved expenses, submit the claims to OCFS for reimbursement, and distribute the awards. 2,020 New York City child care programs are approved for CARES 2. In the upcoming months, ECLW will manage and process Child Care Scholarships for Essential Workers under CARES 3 funded by Federal CARES Act.

- Under the new initiative of Infant Toddler Mental Health (ITMH) Project of ECLW, Amy Eng, ITMH Consultant and Program Supervisor, together with Infant Toddler Specialist Kimmy Cheung hosted a virtual workshop for Two By Two Childcare Academy, a family-oriented child-care center in Brooklyn. The 1.5-hour workshop with 14 participants focused on mental health in infants and toddlers, and recognized the interconnectedness between caregivers' mental health and the young children. The workshop also emphasized how to listen, observe, and handle emotions expressed by the children. Amy and Kimmy provided strategies for staff to stay connected with the children during the COVID-19 crisis, as it has direct impact on the families that they serve. Questions and concerns were addressed, and additional resources were shared with the attendees.



About CPC

Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) is the nation’s largest Asian American social services organization. Founded in 1965, CPC promotes the social and economic empowerment of Chinese American, immigrant, and low-income communities of New York City.

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