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Dear Partners,

Election Day is upon us! Make sure your voice is heard and your vote is counted!

NOW is the time to make a plan to vote. If you haven't already taken advantage of early voting, or are planning to head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3, verify your polling site, and plan ahead for transportation. You can find your early voting site and Election Day polling site here.



If you're voting absentee, those ballots must postmarked no later than Nov. 3, however, officials say it's best to submit the absentee ballot **as soon as you can** to avoid potential postal delays. Absentee ballots may also be dropped off at polling sites on Election Day, and dropped of at early voting polling sites.

In New York, employers are required to provide two hours of paid time off for voting. Don't forget to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and maintain social distancing.

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT



<u>Lifespan</u> is offering 16 free, online workshops in November for older adults and caregivers. Workshops cover information on housing options for older adults, Medicare and Medicaid, fitness options, and more. View the full schedule and register <u>here</u>.

FOR OLDER ADULTS & CAREGIVERS

Coordinated Care Services, Inc. presents "How Community Schools Provide Stability to Families and Neighborhoods," Wednesday, Nov. 18, from noon to 12:30 p.m. Learn how formal

partnerships between schools, health care providers, and community-based organizations support children and families to get the resources they need to prioritize academic success. Community schools distribute efforts so teachers can focus on curriculum, and on-site professionals can provide needed links to housing, food, social-emotional health care, primary health care, and other supports. Register here.

UR Medicine Pediatric Behavioral Health & Wellness is hosting a series of online webinars sponsored by the Health Foundation to discuss topics related to child and teen mental health. Next up: "What you Need to Know about Deciding if and When to use Medication for Behavioral Health Challenges in Youth," at **noon on Thursday, Dec. 3**. Click **here** to register for the free webinar.

Recommended:

From New York State Health Foundation: New NYSHealth Issue Brief: Life Expectancy by Census Tract in New York State. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is likely to increase disparities in life expectancy across the State. Although the estimates for life expectancy used in this report predate the pandemic, the data can point to neighborhoods that are particularly at risk of lowered life expectancy because of COVID-19. Access the brief and interactive maps here.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Farash Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Fund provides unrestricted support to non-profit organizations located in Monroe and Ontario Counties. General operating support is intended to invest in an organization's mission and impact, and to help support the infrastructure and operational needs of an organization, rather than a specific project or program. Learn more and apply here. The fund is restricted to organizations with a mission specific to arts and culture, education, or entrepreneurship/workforce development. Rolling applications are being accepted throughout 2020.

The <u>W.K. Kellogg Foundation</u> is looking for game-changing ideas to advance racial equity through its \$90 million #RacialEquity2030 challenge, a global call for bold and actionable solutions to drive an equitable future for all children, families and communities. The Foundation is inviting teams of visionaries, change agents and community leaders from every sector to join. Learn more <u>here</u>.

Through a call for proposals, the <u>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</u>, under its <u>Policies for Action</u> program, will fund research that addresses systemic racism in public policy. Approximately \$2 million in funding is available for this opportunity. All proposed research studies must include a plan to translate findings into actionable evidence about how, and how well, policies work to improve racial equity and racial justice. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.

Greater Rochester Health Foundation Funding Resource Page

Community Crisis Fund activated by the United Way and Rochester Area Community Foundation

COVID-19 Related Funding Compiled by GrantStation

Council on Foundations' list of Global Response Funds

COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID-19 Test Site Locator

Monroe County Office for the Aging

DHS COVID-19 Information Page for Monroe County

COVID-19 Resource Navigator for Businesses in Monroe County

CDC Resources for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs



COMMUNITY EVENTS

(click on the graphics below for more information)





ATTENTION PARTNERS & GRANTEES:

Do you have a story, event, or funding opportunity to share with us?

Email Communications Officer Tiana Stephens.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



YMCA Opens Center for Equity

Congratulations to our partners at the YMCA of Greater Rochester on the opening of its Center for Equity in the Scio Street and Marketview Heights neighborhood last month.

The initial goals of the Center are to increase student achievement and empower young people to make positive change in their lives and their community.

The Center will build upon four ideals: race equity, health equity, sex/gender equity and newcomer/national origin equity.

As needs around virtual learning are most pressing, the Center is currently offering free, drop-in academic support for students taking online classes as well as free meals in partnership with Foodlink.

Programming will continue to grow as the Y engages neighbors to find out what they need and would like to see happen in this space.

SHARABLE PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

Keeping Kids Healthy

The New York State Department of Health is requiring all students - regardless if they are learning remotely or in person - to have their vaccinations done before November 11 to avoid interruption in learning.

The Department of Pediatrics, comprised of Rochester Regional and URMC, has joined the ROC the Future to launch the 'Keeping Kids Healthy' campaign to help get the word out.

Click <u>here</u> to visit the campaign page for more information, including sharable flyers listing primary care practices and school-based sites offering immunizations. Please share within your networks!









STAY HOME OR STAY SIX FEET APART



STOP THE SPREAD

The mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.







