

Neighbors Bulletin



Photo: West Side Campaign Against Hunger

Community Updates

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORS FOOD RELIEF FUND

Columbia is stepping up to help food relief efforts in Upper Manhattan by launching the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund. Bringing together the extraordinary resources of the Columbia community, the Food Relief Fund will heighten awareness, raise funds, and deploy resources to address food insecurity.

The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed the pre-existing food insecurity crisis in New York City to an unprecedented level. Nearly two million residents of the city are experiencing food insecurity, representing roughly half of all people in the state struggling with hunger and limited access to food. As food pantries have been pushed to their limits and the city has scrambled to meet rising demand while restricting physical access to limit crowding at distribution points, many local organizations have increased their food support or pivoted their services. Supporting these organizations will help the more than 400,000 New Yorkers who are out of work, many of whom are especially vulnerable to COVID-19.

Every dollar donated to the fund through the Medical Center Neighborhood Fund and the Columbia Community Service Food Relief Project will be used to support the program.

Learn more at neighbors.columbia.edu/foodrelief or email communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

COLUMBIA WEBSITE HELPS FIND COVID-19 TRIALS



Researchers at Columbia University have developed COVID-19 Trial Finder, a website that provides a simplified way for patients, clinicians, and healthy volunteers to search for COVID-related clinical trials. The system also allows potential candidates to screen their eligibility for the trials through a set of short questions, helping them find trials appropriate for them.

Because there are more than 400 COVID-related clinical trials currently underway in the U.S., the process of finding the right trial can be very daunting. The COVID-19 Trial Finder makes the process straightforward and limits information overload.

For more information, visit covidtrialx.dbmi.columbia.edu

Community Events



DISCLAIMER

Event details may change so be sure to check in with event organizers for the latest updates. More

information can be found on neighbors.columbia.edu/events



Zuckerman Institute Teacher-Scholar Program Application Deadline

June 5

A paid one-year fellowship at the Zuckerman Institute for teachers to learn about neuroscience and create materials for their classrooms.

neighbors.columbia.edu/teacherscholar



YES SYEP Proposal Deadline

June 5 & 12

Organizations interested in becoming partners for the Youth

Empowerment Summer/SYEP can propose a service or partnership for funding.

neighbors.columbia.edu/yesrfp



WHDC Special COVID-19 Impact RFP

Due June 15

The WHDC is releasing \$500,000 in special COVID-19 Impact

Grants to fund MCD9-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

neighbors.columbia.edu/whdccovid



Earth Institute Live

June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, & 24

Science education from Earth Institute scientists! Each themed one-hour

session is targeted to different age groups.

neighbors.columbia.edu/eilive



New York Primary Election

June 23

The New York State primary election for federal and state races

will be held on June 23. Early voting will be from June 13 to June 21.

neighbors.columbia.edu/2020primary