VISION SCREENING FOR NYCHA RESIDENTS

Free on-site eye exams are now being offered to residents ages 40+ at some NYCHA complexes. The exams aim to help prevent vision loss, especially as many have put off routine medical care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Around 50% of people with glaucoma and 25% of people with diabetic retinopathy don’t know that they have these conditions. Early detection can help prevent vision loss.

This program, part of a study by the Department of Ophthalmology at Columbia, has already screened more than 80 people. Residents of the Polo Grounds, Rangel, Lincoln, Drew Hamilton, and St. Nicholas houses who are age 40 and older are eligible to participate by calling 325-241-9369.

Learn more at neighbors.columbia.edu/visiontest.