

WORD ON THE STREET

NAVIGATING COVID-19 CONVERSATIONS

WHAT ARE OUR NAVIGATORS HEARING?

"Will I need a booster shot? Is this a third dose?"



SOURCES SAY:

The vaccines have shown to work incredibly well at keeping people safe from serious illness and death. However, as time goes on there are two reasons someone might receive a third shot:

Additional dose after a primary vaccine series: For those who have weaker immune systems, the first two shots might not have been enough to protect them in the first place. These “immunocompromised” folks need a third shot to protect them from getting seriously sick or dying from COVID-19.

Booster dose: For everyone else, the protection they received from their first two shots may decrease over time. These folks may need a third shot to get them back to that original place of high protection against serious illness and death from COVID-19.

It is important to know that right now, the booster is being considered for 8 months since the second Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. We are still awaiting guidance for those who received the Johnson&Johnson vaccine.

Learn more: [The CDC on COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters](#)

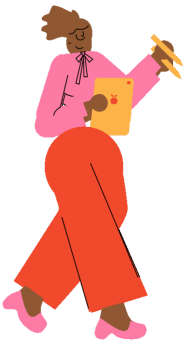
What are you hearing? Share the 'word on the street' from your perspective by filling out this form.

SENSITIVE CONVERSATIONS

You're talking to a community member who has not yet been vaccinated. They ask you about the booster shots and make a comment such as: "Why do we need a third shot if we already have two doses? Maybe they should have taken their time getting the science right the first time around."

How do you respond?

HELPFUL TIPS FOR RESPONDING



- *Listen to and understand their concerns with empathy and sensitivity.*
- *Respond to their concerns in a helpful way.*
- *Ask permission to share what you know.*

You might say: "Like you, many people weren't expecting to need a booster dose of the vaccine, but we've learned more about how long the protection from these vaccines last. Would you like to hear more about what I know?"

FROM UNSURE TO VACCINATED: STORIES FROM THE FIELD

National News: *They held out on getting the coronavirus vaccine. This is what finally changed their minds.* Soo Youn, The Lily, August 13, 2021. Read [here](#).

Do you know someone who had their doubts or questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, but later decided to get the vaccine? If they are comfortable sharing their story, we would love to hear it and learn from it.

Contact us today so we can highlight them in an upcoming newsletter by filling out [this form](#).

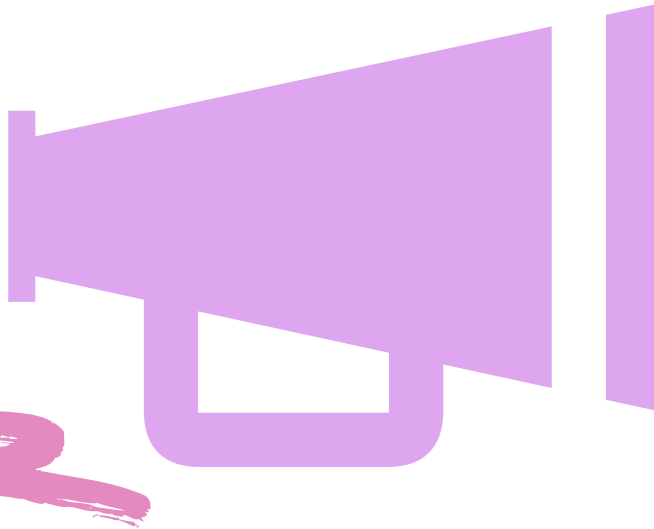


NAVIGATOR SHOUT OUT

My name is Hector C Alicea Jr. I work for RiseBoro Community Partnership. Born and raised in NYC, I am a true native New Yorker. With parents from Puerto Rico descent, I have seen my share of struggles on people of color in everyday life, such as a decent and affordable place to live, access to healthy and nutritious foods, good education and most of all quality health care. Growing up in the streets of Brooklyn NY, bordering the communities of Bedstuy and Bushwick, I have seen our neighborhoods at its best and its worst. My passion for helping others has moved me to become a community health worker. Although my past experiences allowed me to help those with language barriers, translating important documents for people. The effects of "social determinants of health" is something I have witnessed first-hand with family and friends. COVID-19 has forever changed me and as I view New Yorkers, because we are resilient and have perseverance and we can adapt.

As Frank Sinatra sings... "If I can make it here, I'll make it anywhere, New York."

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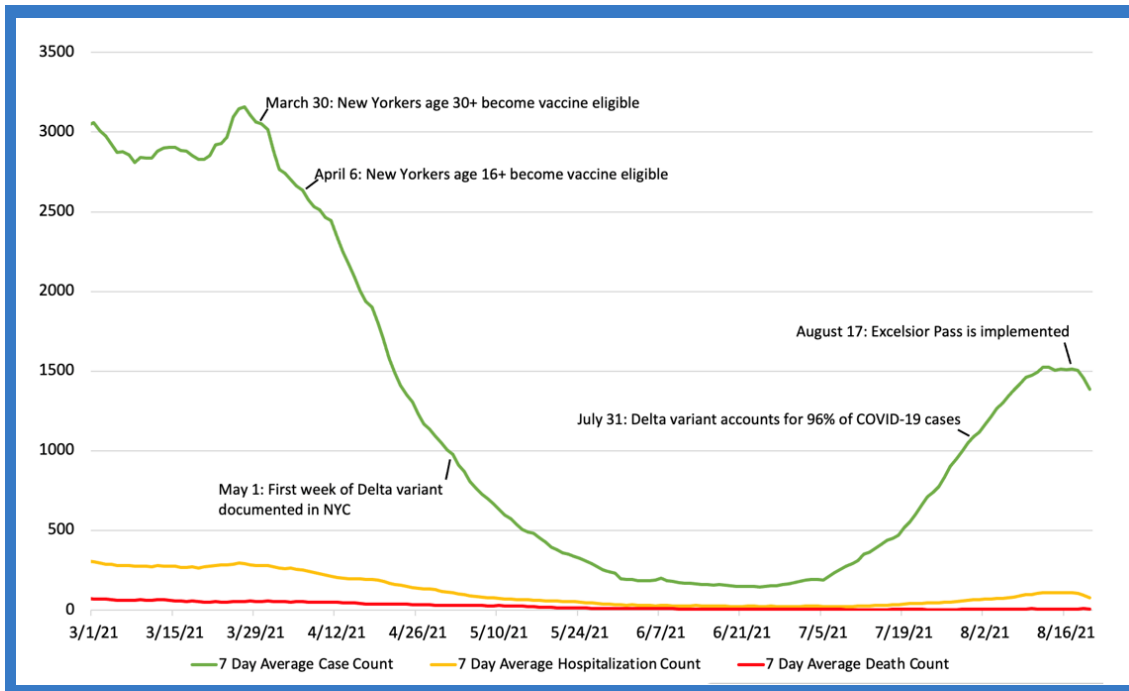
Our navigators and community healthcare workers are working hard every day to make a big impact on NYC's public health. We want to highlight you! To share your bio and photo, or to nominate a colleague, complete this form!

WHAT WE'RE READING / LISTENING TO:

- [The Patch \(August 18, 2021\): COVID-19 Booster Plan Unveiled. Read here.](#)
- [CNN \(August 23, 2021\): US FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine. Read here.](#)
- [Key to NYC: Vaccination Proof for Indoor Activities \(NYC.gov\). Learn more here.](#)

DATA SNAPSHOT

7-Day Average Counts for COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths



The data displayed contains citywide daily counts of deaths, cases, and hospitalizations. Deaths are aggregated by the date of death, cases are aggregated by the date of diagnosis, and hospitalizations are aggregated by the date of admission. To address variation in the numbers of deaths, cases, and hospitalizations, the data displays the daily 7-day average (mean).

Source: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. NYC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Data. (cases-by-day, deaths-by-day, hosp-by-day). New York, NY: Citywide Immunization Registry. Web. 24 Aug 2021. <<https://github.com/nychealth/coronavirus-data/tree/master/trends>>