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May 13, 2020



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We're proud to share with you that we've partnered with [WXXI](#) to support educational programming related to COVID-19. The first "WXXI Live Forum" aired last month. In this episode, local researchers from UR Medicine and Rochester Regional Health who at the forefront of the global response discuss the novel coronavirus and how to treat it, track it, and prevent it. View the program [here](#) , and find related stories and resources [here](#) .

In a video blog, [Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce](#) President and CEO Bob Duffy shares an update on his role as the Finger Lakes COVID-19 reopening special advisor to Governor Cuomo and gives advice on how businesses should prepare to reopen when cleared by New York State. Click [here](#) to watch the video.

[Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York](#) invites the community to a virtual engagement event, "A Look at COVID-19 through the Lens of Social Justice," from **1 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14** . This program will examine the pandemic through a social justice lens by exploring the many factors that have made communities of color especially susceptible to COVID-19. Speakers will consider approaches to mitigate disparities and offer a local example of the community coming together to support a group in need. Register [here](#) .

Join [One World Ideas & Action](#) for a virtual event at **8 p.m on Thursday, May 14** with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi and Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha in conversation with One World senior editor Nicole Counts. The authors will discuss inequality as a health crisis in America, and why antiracism and fighting for the most vulnerable is more urgent than ever in a time of confusion and fear. Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.

Join the Small Business Association's Buffalo Office for a webinar, "CARES Act: SBA Coronavirus Funding Program," from **10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, May 15** to learn about relief options for small businesses in the wake of the pandemic. The [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) provides unprecedented aid to small businesses and individuals across the nation. The cornerstone of the CARES Act is the Paycheck Protection Program, it also includes the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advances and other benefits. This webinar features District Deputy Director Victoria Reynolds, who will explain the CARES Act and how it affects your small business. Register [here](#) .

[GrantSpace by Candid](#) is hosting a webinar to share how Nonprofit New York and Candid have shifted gears during the crisis to move their in-person events online. "Shifting Your Events Online During COVID-19," will be held from **2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20** . In this webinar, panelists Taina Sanon, Membership Director of Nonprofit New York; Alexa Salame, Learning and Resources Manager at Nonprofit New York; and Chris Bunting, Curriculum Design Manager at Candid, will have an honest conversation on how they managed programmatic changes and the lessons learned throughout the process. Register [here](#) .

Recommended Reading: [New York Forward Book: A Guide to Reopening New York and Building Back Better](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Federal, State, and Local Financial Assistance](#) compiled by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

[COVID-19 Related Funding Compiled by GrantStation](#)

[Council on Foundations' list of Global Response Funds](#)

RESOURCES

The [Rochester Financial Empowerment Center](#) is offering one-on-one financial counseling sessions for businesses and nonprofits. Services include help with calling lenders to renegotiate loan terms, referrals to grant and loan resources, and more. Call (585) 252-7110 to schedule an appointment.

Browse and share [Protect Your Circle](#) campaign materials, videos, activities and resources from the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

[Center for Urban and Racial Equity](#) (CURE) has launched the [COVID-19 Equitable Response Community Commons hub](#) in solidarity with social justice and health equity movements to ensure all communities receive necessary health care, services and resources. The hub features more than 20 categories addressing anti-racism and stigma, policy demands and calls to action, mutual aid networks, testing and health care services, emergency financial assistance and more.

Jobs available! The New York State Department of Health is hiring contact tracers, team supervisors, and community support specialists to help lead the ongoing COVID-19 response. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Visit the Rural Health [Information Hub](#) for resources, events and COVID-19 news related to rural communities.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS



Support for Families & Caregivers

The [School Mental Health Resource & Training Center](#) is offering monthly educational webinars for families and caregivers.

This month's topic is "Becoming a Resilient Family." On **Wednesday, May 27 from noon to 12:30 p.m.** , learn how to help your family develop resiliency through clear and positive communication, flexibility, healthy coping strategies, a focus on individual and family strengths, and experiences that promote mental health and wellness.

Register [here](#) . View archived webinars [here](#) .

NYS Office of Mental Health

New York knows how hard this is.

We have people standing by to talk about it.

NEW YORK STATE

COVID-19 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT HELPLINE:

1-844-863-9314

8 AM - 10 PM, 7 days a week

 Office of Mental Health

WAYS TO HELP

Help Track COVID & Prevent the Spread

Community members living in the Greater Rochester and Finger Lakes Region are encouraged to sign up for ROC COVID, a health screening tool that could help prevent further spread of COVID-19 throughout our area.

Data collected by ROC COVID will also increase understanding of the virus, measure efforts to slow its progression, and help determine where to focus testing or adjust stay-at-home and physical distancing requirements.

Available in English and [Spanish](#) at [ROCCOVID.org](#) , the online survey tool takes only seconds to complete. It consists of a few questions that residents are encouraged to answer daily, even when they have no symptoms. Questions include whether they have a fever, a cough, chills or other primary coronavirus symptoms, as well as basic demographic information.



Scientists and information technology staff from the University of Rochester Medical Center and Rochester Regional Health developed ROC COVID.

Collected data will be securely housed and analyzed by [Common Ground Health](#) , a regional health planning organization that serves the Rochester-Finger Lakes region.

Community Fighting COVID

Clinicians, healthcare students, and other volunteers are needed for a new effort hoping to disrupt COVID-19's impact in communities of color in Rochester. [Community Fighting COVID](#) is a collaborative group of local partners formed to share information via social media and through educational intervention sites around the city that will start on May 16.

Held in majority black and brown neighborhoods, the sites will provide critical health education and screenings to communities of color who are most at risk. Data has shown that black residents of Monroe County are being disproportionately affected by the coronavirus, with hospitalization rates 4 times higher than white residents.

Free screenings will be held at the intervention sites including a review of COVID symptoms, temperature readings, oxygen saturation and blood pressure checks. Aimed primarily at education, the sites will not provide testing for coronavirus. Click [here](#) to volunteer.



Items Needed

The [Mental Health Association](#) of Rochester and Monroe County has been working with the Monroe County Office of Mental Health to coordinate placement of homeless people into hotels during the COVID-19 pandemic because many of the shelters in our community are overrun.

The Association is creating supply bags to distribute and asking for the community's help. Those wishing to assist may purchase items from the [Amazon wish list](#) or send items by mail to: MHA, 320 N. Goodman St. #202, Rochester, NY 14607.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Making Meaningful Connections

Our partners at the [Whole Child Connection at Children's Institute](#) have been offering a "Community Check-In Conversation Series" to provide an opportunity to connect and build resilience through meaningful conversations with others on topics relevant to our current circumstances.

Each discussion is limited to seven participants, and multiple discussions are being facilitated each week to ensure capacity and to accommodate all interests. View the schedule and register for the virtual events [here](#) .



STRENGTHENING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH



WE'RE HIRING!

We're seeking a Finance and Grants Manager to join our dedicated team as we serve diverse communities and work with dynamic partners to help improve health outcomes in our region.

Recognizing that health outcomes are created by inequitable policies and systems, we seek to effect change at both ends of the spectrum with [values centered in equity](#) , stewardship, partnership, innovation, and integrity.

To learn more about working with us, or to share this opportunity with someone you know, click [here](#) .



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.