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WORLD CARES CENTER UPDATE



NYC COVID-19 Phase 2 Update

Everything you need to know about Phase 2

On Monday, June 22nd, the city entered Phase 2, it's the second of a four-step process that will ease restrictions gradually on business activity and people's ability to move around and socialize in the state of New York.

What reopened?

- Restaurants can offer outdoor dining (customers and employees have to wear masks if they're within six feet of each other)
- In-Store retail (this does not apply to malls, which will remain closed in Phase 2)
- Salons and barbershops
- Real estate services (this includes apartment showings, but only in unoccupied or vacant apartments)
- Car dealerships
- Commercial building management
- Offices
- Playgrounds (with "social distancing ambassadors")
- Houses of worship can reopen at 25% capacity
- The subway remains open with overnight closures for cleaning.

N.Y.C. on Track to Enter Phase 3 of Reopening on July 6

FREE Online COVID-19 Training

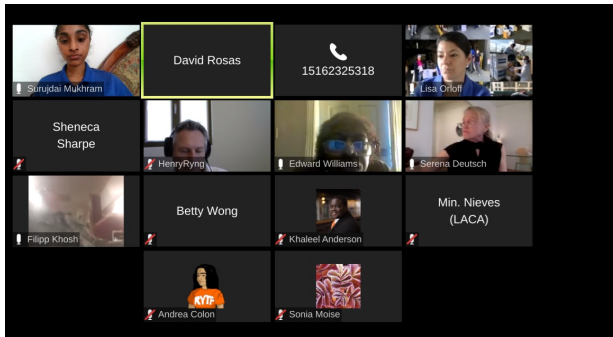
As you prepare yourself for hurricane season during COVID-19, learn how to protect yourself and those around you by taking these FREE online self-paced trainings:

- General readiness: COVID-19 Safety Awareness
- DV101: COVID-19 Safety for Disaster Volunteers
- DV102: Managing & Protecting Disaster Volunteers During COVID-19

Each individual will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

These training are available by registering on the [Disaster Volunteerism Academy](#).

Special thanks



Special thanks to Moriah A. Washington, MPA, Deputy Director of Community Preparedness, NYC Emergency Management and Sam Lawson, Community Outreach Coordinator, Community Engagement Unit, NYC Emergency Management for presenting on community preparedness during the RR Complex disaster response round table on June 26th.

To access notes from the session join the [Ready Responders Network](#)

Upcoming Round Table

Conducting a Vulnerability Assessment for Complex Disaster Response

Date: July 10th, 2020

Time: 1:00PM - 2:30PM

RSVP: Register on www.readyresponders.org and join the RR COVID-19 Round Table group

Zoom call: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83620123132>

Subject matter experts, community leaders, and faith-based leaders join in an open dialogue discussing community response, lessons learned, and best practices with an eye on safety as it relates to COVID-19 and complex disaster response planning. **Hurricane Season is upon us!**

Become a ReadyResponders member now, it's free: www.readyresponders.org and join the RR COVID-19 Round Table Group.

Keeping Your Volunteers Safe During COVID-19

Volunteers play a critical role in disaster response and recovery. Throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency, volunteers have risen to the challenge by helping those in need. It is World Cares Center's position that these volunteers must be provided with access to safety training and protective equipment.

When it comes to worker- volunteer- service provider safety, we should be driven by

the 'precautionary principle' that reasonable steps to reduce risk should not await scientific certainty about the nature of the hazard or risk. Some key considerations include:

- Proper organization and management of volunteers to ensure their safety, promote productivity, and maximize efforts
- Volunteer assignments should be given to volunteers with the appropriate background.
- Individuals with the right experience that have already been subjected to background screenings (e.g., teachers, certain nonprofit organization staff) may be trusted with more sensitive assignments including working with people with disabilities, children, people experiencing homelessness, people with acute medical needs, and others with access and functional needs.
- Non-affiliated volunteers with limited experience can be assigned non-sensitive tasks, alleviating demands on emergency managers..."

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Virtual or In-person

Save the date: **Monday, October 26th** for the **2020 Iron Skillet® Cook Off**, World Cares Center's (WCC) annual fundraiser.

In the past, teams up five firefighters, one from each of New York City's boroughs, have paired up with five renowned restaurant chefs to compete for the best dish.

WEIGH IN!

Email lorloff@worldcares.org and tell us- would you attend in-person or would you prefer a virtual event?

Volunteers' Highlight

Our volunteers are important to us and we couldn't do what we do without them! We want to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements and impact on our organization, so each week, we will highlight a volunteer for you to get to know.

Meet: **Eric Bischoff**



"Tell us about yourself

I began my career as a NYC Firefighter in 1999, in Ladder 24, Herald Square, Manhattan. My company lost 6 Firefighters in the WTC Terrorist attack, including Father Mike, from Saint Frances of Assisi.

How did you hear about WCC?

I heard about the "Iron Skillet Cook Off," an annual fundraiser that brings together firefighters and chefs to support disaster response efforts and became interested. This event was being hosted by WCC and I decided to take part along with two of my firehouse buddies, Tom Vederosa and Matt Ambelas (who was killed in a high rise fire on July 5, 2014 in Brooklyn). We cooked a firehouse recipe, "Chicken Shermanise" and came in second place.

Tell us about how you support their mission.

To show my support, I volunteer my service as a long time party DJ to WCC's Annual Fundraiser. Also, my company, Sound Explosion DJ's, has provided the music entertainment at the event for the last 16 years..."

To continue reading this blog, please visit the [Ready Responders Network](#) and read the "Volunteers' Highlight: Eric Bischoff" blog.

To become a WCC volunteer, [click here](#) and tell us about yourself and why you want to volunteer with us.

Up-to-date Information

For the latest information, please visit the CDC website at [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19)

If you live outside the United States, health and safety tips can be found through the World Health Organization at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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