A Letter From The Executive Director

Friends,

To say that this has been a tumultuous year would be an understatement. From the arrival of COVID-19 in early March, to the powerful protests against racism in June, to the struggles with reopening schools safely and navigating a contentious election, it has felt like every day has thrown something new at us. But we are still here, and public health is more important than ever.

We accomplished so much this year, despite the challenges we faced. As COVID-19 began to grip New York City, we worked closely with you and our partners at the Health Department to contain the epidemic and to ensure programs could adapt to new virtual settings. We secured funding for 22 projects and raised over $25 million from our institutional and philanthropic partners to ensure continuity and provide struggling New Yorkers the public health support they needed to thrive. These programs represent the wide range of public health, including addressing opioid use, containing the spread of COVID-19, supporting isolated seniors, and reducing disparities faced by mothers and babies. In addition, generous individuals like you contributed over $250,000 to improve the health of all New Yorkers. Thank you.

We also welcomed Dr. Dave A. Chokshi as our new Commissioner of Health and Board Chair. Together, we are proud to support his vision and strategy for public health in New York City. We are grateful for your support, including contributions that enabled us to launch and accelerate programs critical to helping NYC prepare for challenging times ahead, when the need for investment in public health systems will be stronger than ever. These projects have included:

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- Converting school medical forms from paper to an electronic format, to accelerate the transfer of critical health information from students’ health care providers. This information is critical to safely keeping schools open, particularly for students with chronic health conditions (like asthma and diabetes).
- Accelerating construction of a Quickie Lab in Fort Greene and hiring a lab director to oversee rapid COVID-19 testing. This expanded the Health Department’s testing capacity and continues to serve the general population with no payment or ID required.
- Conducting a community-based case-control study of 6,000 participants to more clearly identify risk factors for COVID-19 in NYC.
- Raising more than $450 million in public and private funding for over 400 projects, making New York City healthier and safer for all.
- Working closely with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to pilot, implement, and expand innovative public health programs, many of which are taken to scale city-wide for lasting impact on individual and community health.

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Fighting Epidemics

Epidemics represent some of the greatest challenges to our city’s health, and we must work tirelessly to address them. We continue to respond quickly and creatively to epidemics like COVID, obesity, opioid use, and more to ensure all New Yorkers have opportunities to thrive.

SaTScan

Monitoring diseases and the changing number of cases in populations will always be fundamental public health work. One tool is a statistical software called SaTScan that identifies clusters of cases more precisely and rapidly.

FPHNYC was instrumental in securing support for the expansion and enhancement of the SaTScan software through partnerships with the CDC Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and Open Society Foundations.

The software helped to identify and pinpoint emerging clusters of COVID-19 cases, giving the Health Department critical information as they designed their response plan.

Thanks to SaTScan, the Health Department immediately began public messaging and targeted community outreach to curb further transmission.

Interested in supporting our work fighting epidemics? Consider making a gift to our Epidemics Fund.

Mothers & Babies

2020 highlighted what those working in public health have long known: racism is an ongoing public health crisis.

Maternity Hospital Quality Improvement Network (MHQIN)

In 2015, thanks in part to partnerships with FPHNYC and Merck for Mothers, NYC became the first jurisdiction to implement a citywide system to track life-threatening events related to pregnancy and birth.

The Health Department created the MHQIN to combat high rates of near-death experiences and deaths that disproportionately affect mothers of color, revealed by the stark data emerging from the work supported by Merck for Mothers. This initiative delivers targeted interventions to improve the quality of clinical care and engage community members in advocating for respectful, just, and appropriate care for all mothers.

In response to this work, NYC allocated $12.8 million and New York Community Trust provided a supplemental grant to expand the MHQIN. These efforts are expected to reduce the unacceptably high rates of maternal morbidity and mortality in NYC.

Support projects that empower mothers and babies across NYC. Give to our Mothers & Babies Fund.

The rise of COVID-19 led to immense challenges across our city and our nation, causing incalculable losses. But epidemics can also include other rapidly spreading health threats, dangerous conditions like opioid use, and social conditions like racism.

We’re also witnessing parallel pandemics, such as a mental health crisis, marked by increased fear, grief, anxiety, and isolation; food insecurity; and economic instability.

Together, we’ve raised over $1,500,000 to support the work of our Epidemics Fund, a special initiative we created to accelerate programs critical to NYC’s COVID-19 response.

Chronic stress caused by discrimination can trigger a cascade of adverse health outcomes, including consequences related to maternal and infant health.

In partnership with the Health Department, FPHNYC is working to address systems of inequity, reduce negative maternal experiences, and ensure respectful and culturally competent care for mothers across the city to ensure all families thrive and live long, healthy lives.

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**Other Projects**

From ensuring access to healthy food, to making sure teens get the sexual health education they deserve, we are committed to supporting not only immediate public health needs but addressing the longer-term social determinants of health as well.

**Get the Good Stuff**

Nearly 1 in 5 New Yorkers relies on SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) to purchase food. Through Get the Good Stuff, one of the only programs of its kind in the nation, for every $1 spent in SNAP benefits on eligible fresh, frozen, canned, and dried fruits, vegetables, and beans, shoppers get $1 to spend on eligible foods at their next purchase. Shoppers can earn up to $50 in incentives on their Get the Good Stuff card per day.

The program, which is funded by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant administered by FPHNYC, is currently available at 6 supermarkets located in Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx will expand to 8 additional locations with renewed USDA funding secured this year.

**New York City Teens Connection**

New York City has seen teen pregnancy rates drop by nearly 70% since 2000, but disparities persist. New York City Teens Connection (NYCTC) is a robust program partnering with schools, foster care agencies, colleges, and other nonprofit organizations to implement teen pregnancy prevention programs to over 15,000 youth each year.

In many marginalized communities across the city, NYCTC programs are the sole source of comprehensive, evidence-based, teen-friendly, and high-quality pregnancy prevention and sexual health education. This year, we received a federal grant of $4.5 million to expand this crucial work ensuring access to comprehensive care, education, and support. Since 2010, FPHNYC has received more than $19 million to support the NYCTC program.
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Thank you to all of our supporters this year – your generosity helps us fight to ensure all New Yorkers have an opportunity to thrive.

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