

HARLEM UNITED

COVID-19 Response



As an essential healthcare provider, we have continued all of our services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, never shutting our doors. Harlem United responded quickly to implement telehealth services; to provide mental health and drug-use related services to more people struggling with the pressures of the pandemic; to initiate a public service campaign to educate our community about COVID-19; and to vaccinate eligible New Yorkers to protect against COVID-19.

Harlem United is a certified COVID-19 vaccination provider with NYC DOHMH, as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). In the first two months of our vaccination project, Harlem United administered more than 1,500 doses. Participants include essential workers and eligible populations from communities hit hardest by COVID-19.

4400

Telehealth visits for mental healthcare

1200+

COVID-19 Vaccine doses distributed in January and February 2021

100

Smartphones distributed to clients to access Telehealth

\$51K+

PPE and other COVID-19 safety supplies donated

Harlem United has mobilized rapidly in response to the COVID-19 crisis, adapting most of our programs to rely heavily on telehealth and continuing to treat other chronic conditions to keep hospitals and other healthcare resources available to fight the pandemic.

Because our clients typically come from communities of color and/or have underlying conditions that make them more susceptible to COVID-19, Harlem United swung immediately into action to create a multi-pronged COVID-19 response strategy.

Our communities need more care in the face of this pandemic and depend on our extra help. 90% of Harlem United's clients come from communities of color in Upper Manhattan and the South Bronx, who are at twice (or more) the risk for COVID-19 fatalities as other New Yorker according to the [NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene](#). Further, a [recent NYS DOH study](#) found that people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) were diagnosed with COVID-19 almost 1.5 times as often as the general population, and were nearly twice as likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19.

By offering a glimmer of hope in the fight against COVID-19, Harlem United will continue to expand and adapt our services to meet needs of the community. As we have done since 1988, we're ready to stand together and address healthcare inequality.



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