

# RESPONSE TEMPLATE

## Public Health Initiatives – Request for Information

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1. Your first and last name

2. Name of your organization

3. Provide a brief description of your organization

4. Provide a brief description of the work your organization does in the public health space

### **Pandemic Response Institute**

5. What suggestions do you have for what a new pandemic response institute could focus on?
  - a. What gaps in infrastructure and other investments did the COVID-19 pandemic reveal locally with respect to:
    - i. Early detection and discovery of the virus (e.g., outbreak modeling, contact tracing)
    - ii. Ongoing management of the pandemic (e.g., PPE management and supply chains, personnel management and training)
    - iii. Ensuring that the emergency health response reached all communities across the City

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- b. What areas of epidemic preparedness would be most beneficial for NYC to build out, both to bolster its own preparedness for future epidemics and to position itself as a global leader in this area?
- c. Are there temporary solutions that were developed in response to the pandemic that should be supported with more resources and scaled to facilitate longer-term improvements?

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### Advancing health equity more broadly

6. Broader problem identification: What gaps in infrastructure and other investments did the COVID-19 pandemic reveal as demonstrated by the unequal health outcomes across different neighborhoods and populations?
  - a. Which of these gaps are most significantly holding NYC back from improving resident health outcomes overall, and particularly among groups who bear the burden of health inequities including but not limited to low income people, Black People, Indigenous People, and other People of Color?
  - b. Which gaps are most feasible to address in the near/medium term through concerted action amongst local public health stakeholders and cross sector partners?

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7. Solutions - leveraging existing infrastructure: What currently supported public health programs/initiatives among local NYC agencies and organizations have been most successful or show promise, where there is an opportunity to scale the effort with more resources, expanded partnerships, etc.?

8. Solutions - building new infrastructure: Besides the Pandemic Response Institute, what ideas do you have around new programs, partnerships, or infrastructure that can meaningfully advance health equity in NYC? E.g., new and/or broader collaboratives that should be formed that will support academia, the local health system, city government, and local communities in working more effectively together in support of public health equity – both during emergencies and beyond?

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9. Community capacity and engagement: What other types of capacity should the City build within government as well as in communities themselves to make sure that the City’s approach to public health is as inclusive of and responsive to the needs and priorities of New Yorkers who bear the greatest burdens of health inequities?
- a. What are the best channels or processes through which government can quickly and effectively 1) gather community input and 2) effectively share information, particularly in times of emergency? Where do we need to bolster infrastructure to support better coordination and collaboration at neighborhood scale?
  - b. What approaches have you seen that have not only built community capacity but also increased collective buy-in and fostered shared leadership in communities?

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10. Economic recovery/jobs: What other ideas do you have for integrating public health efforts with local economic recovery efforts and the creation of new good, paying jobs?
- a. What current roles (jobs) are missing or underfunded in the City that would be critical to bolstering the City’s public health capacity?
  - b. Who are the members of the city’s “care force,” whose critical role in protecting and promoting the health of New Yorkers were illuminated by the pandemic, and how might they fit in to a broader public health workforce?

11. Next steps: What other potential organizations should the City be speaking with and seeking feedback from?