



# 16 Ways NY Counties Lead Through the COVID-19 Pandemic



## Health Care & Health Systems

- Maintaining public facilities: hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and related facilities play a key role, especially in hardest hit areas
- Medicaid coverage: Counties and NYC finance \$7.6 billion annually and administer these programs locally on behalf of the state, launching tele-medicine initiatives to help bring health care into homes.



## Public Health Departments

- Disease surveillance, monitoring, testing, educating the public on what to do (hygiene, masks, social distancing, etc.)
- Enforcement of county and Governor's EO on social distancing and essential businesses - mandatory and precautionary quarantines
- Providing and coordinating acquisition of PPE and other equipment
- Providing mortuary services



## Mental Health

- Providing mental health educational resources to the public
- Ensuring access to counseling and substance abuse services



## Emergency Response

- Staffing and managing Emergency Operations Centers that organize disaster response.
- Maintaining and staffing 9-1-1 systems that respond to urgent calls for help



## Social Services

- Providing families in need with services like child care, cash assistance, emergency housing, responding to domestic violence situations, child and adult protective services, SNAP, LIHEAP, foster care, etc.



## Economic Development

- Assisting small business with bridge loans and working capital until small business administration loans process
- Employment training



## Services for the Aging

- Ensuring vulnerable seniors continue to receive essential services
- Coordinating meals on wheels, medical supplies and prescriptions
- Reaching out and health monitoring