

# The Key to NYC and what it means for you

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## What is the Key to NYC?

Key to NYC is a key part of New York City's historic effort to encourage New Yorkers to get vaccinated. With over 8 million New Yorkers, the COVID virus, in particular the Delta variant, is a serious concern. But there is an antidote to this monster – get vaccinated. One of the lowest vaccination rates in the city is among my age group (18-34 year olds). Key to NYC will help keep our city safe by urging my peers to get vaccinated so we can continue to go to concerts, fun workout classes (not an oxymoron!), dine indoors at restaurants and bars, and safely return to the glory days (aka pre-COVID) of 4 a.m. indoor dance parties in the world's greatest city. We have come so far since the dark days of Spring 2020 and this is another tool to ensure we continue to beat back this virus.

## What challenges did you face in drafting the Key to NYC Emergency Executive Order?

We needed to draft an executive order that respected the rights of New Yorkers, but also ensured all of us remain protected. This required multi-agency coordination across several agencies and a lot of creative problem solving to ensure that we thought through and tackled the many difficult issues we faced in this order.

## Do I need to be fully vaccinated to enter a restaurant or gym?

No, you only need to



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demonstrate that you received one dose of a vaccine authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration or by the World Health Organization. We want New Yorkers to have fun and experience all the amazing things this city has to offer, but to do so safely by being vaccinated.

## What do I need to know before I go to a restaurant or gym?

Make sure you have proof of vaccination! This can be your paper vaccination card or a picture of your card, the NYC COVID Safe App or Excelsior Pass. Also, you will need identification with your name and date of birth or name and photo to verify it matches your proof of vaccination. This can be a driver's license, IDNYC, school ID, pass-

port etc. And most importantly, remember to get out there and celebrate all the wonderful things this city has to offer! For more information, check out our FAQs available on Twitter @NYCMayorCounsel or <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/counseltothemayor/guidance/faq.page>.

## When will Key to NYC end?

We hope that together, if we take aggressive steps to defeat the Delta variant, programs like this can come to an end. The best way to beat COVID is to get vaccinated, so I'm calling on my peers in the city to help make NYC the most vaccinated major city in the country! Getting vaccinated is fast, easy and free, we will even come to your house (and leave you a \$100 gift card)!

## Affordable Apartments for Rent

Ludlow Street Development, LLC is accepting applications for studio and 1 bedroom apartment waiting list for affordable units at **188 Ludlow Street** in the **Lower East Side** section of **Manhattan**.

### Affordable Units at 40% of Area Median Income

Apartment Type	Family Size	Monthly Rent*	Total Min Annual Income	Total Max Annual Income**
Studio	1	\$772	\$27,856	\$33,440
Studio	2	\$772	\$27,856	\$38,200
1 Bedroom	1	\$823	\$29,700	\$33,400
1 Bedroom	2	\$823	\$29,700	\$38,200
1 Bedroom	3	\$823	\$29,700	\$42,960

### Affordable Units at 50% of Area Median Income

Apartment Type	Family Size	Monthly Rent*	Total Min Annual Income	Total Max Annual Income**
Studio	1	\$981	\$35,380	\$41,800
Studio	2	\$981	\$35,380	\$47,750
1 Bedroom	1	\$1047	\$37,674	\$41,800
1 Bedroom	2	\$1047	\$37,674	\$47,750
1 Bedroom	3	\$1047	\$37,674	\$53,700

\* Monthly rent subject to change. Rent includes cooking gas.

\*\* Income limits shall be subject to change and updates based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Area Median Income figures.

Qualified applicants will be required to meet income and additional eligibility criteria. The submission of an application does not guarantee you an apartment, and in no way binds the housing company to reserve or assign an apartment to you.

Applications may be requested by mail from **Ludlow Street Apartments, LLC, c/o Stanton Norfolk, Inc., P.O. Box , 981 New York, NY 10002** or by email at [ludlow@stantonnorfolk.org](mailto:ludlow@stantonnorfolk.org).

Please include a **self-addressed stamped envelope** with your request. Completed applications must be returned by **regular mail only** (no priority, certified, registered, express, or overnight mail will be accepted) to a post office box that will be listed with the application, and must be post marked by [September 15th, 2021]. Applications postmarked after [September 15th, 2021] will be set aside for possible future consideration. Applications will be selected by lottery; applicants who submit more than one application will be disqualified.

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