

NYC For-Hire Vehicle service is essential service

Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Emergency Order For-hire yellow taxi, green taxi, FHV, and paratransit service was designated as essential services and are exempt from restrictions imposed by the Governor's March 20, 2020 Executive Order.

During the COVID-19 health crisis, the TLC, New York City, and New York State took significant steps to support TLC drivers, vehicle owners and businesses.

GetFoodNYC Food Delivery Program

The City created the GetFoodNYC Food Delivery Program to provide food for coronavirus (COVID-19)-vulnerable and food-insecure New Yorkers not currently served through existing food delivery programs.

TLC asked TLC-licensed drivers to participate in this important work by assisting in delivering food to New Yorkers who must stay home.

Drivers received \$53 per route, on all routes citywide, including \$40 per route in base pay and \$13 per route to cover gas and mileage.

April 20th 2020: More than 11,000 drivers have delivered 6 million meals.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/nyc-taxi-drivers-deliver-food-coronavirus-pandemic-program/story?id=70241165>

TLC Institutes For-Hire Vehicle License Storage Option

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission allowed For-Hire Vehicle Owners to place their TLC Vehicle License "on-hold" for a period of no more than 90 (ninety) days. The license was placed on hold through a "storage" process.

All FHV vehicle licensees with TLC plates can put their vehicle license in storage for up to 90 days.

Essential Connector Program

The MTA developed an app to help essential workers get around during nightly subway closures.

Essential Workers are eligible for one free (paid by MTA) trip in a for-hire vehicle per night if:

- A bus trip would take more than 1 hour and 20 minutes
- A bus trip requires more than two transfers, or
- The walk to or from a bus stop is more than ½ mile (10 minutes)

<https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/15/21259761/mta-subway-shutdown-night-app-essential-workers>