



Dear POINT community,

As news develops, impatience weighs in and our daily lives continue to be shaken by this pandemic, many folks are asking “When will things go back to normal?” Although we empathize with the sentiment of this question we believe that this isn’t the correct inquiry. Last week, Ed Yong [wrote](#) “That outlook ignores the immense disparities in what

different Americans experience as normal. It wastes the rare opportunity to reimagine what a fairer and less vulnerable society might look like. It glosses over the ongoing nature of the coronavirus threat. There is no going back.” Although we are treading through an uncomfortable spring and into a bizarre summer, THE POINT is committed to assuring that this pandemic does not become an excuse for a retraction of our freedoms and for the further marginalization of our neighborhood. We have the opportunity to megaphone our disparities across the nation and demand local and federal protections of our community. This only works when you get involved and we organize as a collective. Here are some ways to join the effort and resources we would like to offer:

### ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Tuesday, April 21st, the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance released their latest report, NYC Climate Justice Agenda 2020: A Critical Decade for Climate, Equity and Health which outlines urgent recommended strategies to enact a Just Transition, including specific timelines and concrete financial and legislative commitments to create healthy and resilient neighborhoods; tackle emissions in an equitable way; support climate adaptation for frontline communities; and generate good, green jobs in the process. Additionally, the report includes an analysis of the overlaps between environmental justice and COVID-19. Read the full report [here](#).
- If you or somebody you know lives in Hunts Point, Longwood, or the South Bronx, in general, that is vulnerable (elderly, chronically-ill, differently-abled, single parent) please have them register into our Be-A-Buddy network. Our network of volunteers, from the neighborhood, will check-in on you and inform you about local resources you can tap into. Join [here](#).



