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New york's rebound

The New York Times states “While there are signs that the city is coming back to life, the path forward is anything but clear.” One Discourse Community that has impacted me and influenced me on who I am today is being a New Yorker. New York might just be the most diverse city in the United States. New York's incredible multi-ethnic defines the city's culture and brings us New Yorkers together. The beauty of New York is that there's a little something for everyone in this eclectic city no matter where you're from or what your ethnicity is. People of all cultures and religions decide to settle in New York. But recently Covid-19 hit the City that never sleeps roughly during 2020 which affected many New Yorkers.

For about a whole year, Broadway was still dark and subway platforms were very quiet at rush hour. Many asked how is this possible? Many believed it would take years to recover and just wanted the nightmare to end. Hospitals were overwhelmed with critically ill patients and the city struggled to find space to store those who died leaving people terrified of this horrific disease. Dealing with these unforeseen challenges was very difficult for everyone worldwide. The United States had the largest numbers confirmed of cases compared to other countries. This caused New York to declare restricted measures such as the city lock down and stay at home

orders to contain the pandemic at a local level. However many citizens were left to wonder what if authorities would've taken action sooner, imagine all the lives that could've been saved.

A year later is when the first vaccine dose arrived and sparked many believing that the pandemic was coming to an end. New York City will become the first U.S City to require proof of at least one vaccine dose to be able to participate in activities such as indoor dining, gyms, and also to return back to work. Authorities are mandating it, such as Mayor de Blasio and Joe Biden. But with this vaccine dose doesn't mean that it wouldn't have its pros and cons on New Yorkers. Many New Yorkers don't believe in the vaccine and are being forced to get it. Mayor de Blasio announced that New York City was officially supposed to make its comeback this September 2021 and with this comeback the vaccines are mandatory for certain activities. Broadway theaters reopened, stores, restaurants, and office workers returned back to work which is exciting to hear. But with this comeback has come the regulations that us New Yorkers must all be vaccinated. It's either get vaccinated or lose your job, get vaccinated or you won't be able to enter any public activity space. Many restaurant owners are upset with the mandatory vaccine, they believe it can destroy their business. As stated Massino Felici who owns three states island restaurants "This could destroy my business. There are too many people who are unvaccinated. Right now it's summer, so it's not too bad to eat outside. But soon it will be really cold. A lot of people are going to get fed up and leave." They feel as if they are going to lose customers knowing many don't believe in getting vaccinated but this is also for safety precautions. If these businesses don't follow these precautions they may face up to \$5000 fines. Hospitals are facing up to \$100,000 if they find out that any staff members are doing fraud by selling fake vaccination cards and would cause them to lose their license. New York City is leaving New Yorkers with no other option but to get the vaccine.

Over 800,000 New Yorkers lost their Federal unemployment Benefits this September. After over a year of not working and getting paid off unemployment many New Yorkers got comfortable which left many New Yorkers jobless without any aid at all and in search of new jobs. This is allowing the New York job market to recover. In the article “New York City’s Jobs Picture Grows Cloudier as Fall Approaches” it states “Worse, two out of three unemployed New Yorkers have been without jobs for six months and almost a quarter have been out of work for a year. People who are unemployed for that long tend to face great difficulty in finding a job, experts say.” Now since the unemployment Benefits have ended it has become difficult for New Yorkers to find jobs. Many people stood home when jobs started to open back up and continued to receive unemployment because they were getting paid to be in their own home. In the article it also states “The city’s jobless rate ticked down to 10.2% in August from 10.5% in July — only because New Yorkers are no longer looking for work: Since April, the city’s labor force has dropped by 118,000 people, with the participation rate falling to 60.7% from 62.2%.” Some were scared to go back to work and would rather take precautions.

New Yorkers wished that the city would make its economy rebound. Between January 2020 and January 2021 we experienced a very big difference in just one year. The pandemic was something that caused a very dramatic change and affect of those New Yorkers. As a discourse community New Yorkers experienced a very traumatic experience in the past year. As New York makes its rebound New Yorkers should be taking safety precautions still because we are still in a pandemic. As stated in The New York Times “But it won’t be easy. Neighborhoods remain pockmarked by vacant commercial real estate, and the city’s unemployment rate remains almost twice the national average.” Furthermore New York is going to struggle making an official comeback, when we are facing other issues such as our neighborhoods being pockmarked by

vacant commercial real estate. With the struggles we all deal with individuality, we as a community can come together to help solve these problems bringing back the city that never sleeps.