As we enter into June 2020, Pattern for Progress continues the important work we have done for more than 50 years: We take on the issues people talk about, but don’t always want to address.

In our 54 years we can think of no time where the convergence of issues has presented us with a constellation of decisions that are so challenging.

Over 40 million people are unemployed in the United States - numbers similar to the Great Depression, when 25% of the nation was unemployed. In the Hudson Valley, there were 224,265 cumulative jobless claims from March 14th to May 23rd, up 1492% from 2019.

More than 103,000 American people have died from COVID-19 during this pandemic - there have been 2,609 fatalities in the nine counties that make up the Mid-Hudson Region and more than 66,000 people who have tested positive for the virus. With no treatment and no vaccine, many people remain afraid to return to work and to engage in consumer activity.

As if the impacts of COVID-19 weren't enough, a police officer in Minneapolis committed one of the worst acts of police brutality during an arrest, in a videotaped encounter that the whole world has witnessed. The events in Minneapolis have cascaded into two weeks of protests around the country - and the world - not just bringing into question police tactics but the broader issues of racial inequality.

We know that the recognition of this issue exists, as our banking institutions and foundations have created programs to address issues of income inequality, financial insecurity and affordable housing to name a few. But during the time of a Pandemic, a national economic crisis, we must also integrate the dynamics of social inequality, as we recover.
At Pattern for Progress, we have continued, throughout this period, the work we have always done. We break down the issues. We examine them and focus on emerging trends that impact all sectors of the Hudson Valley.

Below you will see just a few of the things that we have been working on during this time:

- We’ve provided presentations, educating individuals and organizations about the demographics and critical regional information before and during the pandemic, and outlining possibilities for our future.

- We’ve graduated this year’s Pattern Fellows class, a dynamic initiative designed to identify Hudson Valley leaders and enhance their ability to address issues from a multi-county perspective, a class that persevered during the pandemic to continue that mission.

- We’ve analyzed and revealed vulnerabilities in our regional food system, addressing the very real topic of food insecurity in our region.

- We’ve hosted a discussion with healthcare leaders from Montefiore-St.Luke’s Cornwall, Crystal Run Healthcare, and Cornerstone Family Healthcare, to gain understanding about the experience of our healthcare providers during the pandemic and the impacts it may have on the future of healthcare.

- We’ve hosted a panel of land use and development professionals to evaluate Strategies for Pressing Play, tips, tools and observations that can be used to best position development projects as we move forward out of the NYS PAUSE.

- We continue to find solutions for the issue of the need for affordable housing. We’ve reported on housing trends in our Quarterly Regional Housing Report and through panel discussions with professionals in real estate and development and affordable housing and services.

- We’re provided support to Young Professionals through candid conversations about leadership and community.

- And we have convened professionals from throughout the region to share best practices and strategies to get through the Pandemic and continue to deliver services.

We have done all of this thanks to you, our members, who have continued to provide support. If you are not a member, now more than ever, please consider joining us as we assist the region with its efforts to not just recover but to be better than before. Please feel free to contact us at any time with thoughts about how the Mid Hudson Valley can move forward—together!

Sincerely,

SUZANNE RHULEN LOUGHLIN  
BOARD CHAIR

JONATHAN DRAPKIN  
PRESIDENT & CEO

Reopening New York

The Mid-Hudson Valley Region has met all seven metrics required to begin phase one of the state's regional phased opening plan. Here is a breakdown of
industries opening in phase one:
- Construction
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- Retail - (Limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off)
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade

Pattern Presents

Pattern President & CEO, Jonathan Drapkin, was asked by Orange & Rockland Utilities to provide a virtual presentation to over 150 of their management personnel. The presentation, titled The Economy and the Pandemic, reviewed demographics and critical regional information prior to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, as well as outlined possibilities for change in the future.

Need a personalized presentation for your organization?
Contact Robin DeGroat
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1,597%
Hudson Valley over the year percent change in initial UI Claims for w/e 5/23/20

Nearly 41,000,000 jobless claims have now been filed since the coronavirus was declared a pandemic.
Jeff Cox, CNBC, May 26, 2020

Source: NYS Department of Labor
The Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress Fellows Program is a dynamic initiative designed to identify Hudson Valley leaders and enhance their ability to address issues from a multi-county perspective. The program has graduated over 250 innovators that include corporate managers, academic leaders, nonprofit executives and municipal officials who now have their own Fellows alumni network.

This year's Fellows Class continued the program virtually through the COVID-19 Pandemic, assembling a video time capsule of their shared experiences during the PAUSE.

View their project:
The Pattern Fellows | COVID-19 Time Capsule

Congratulations!
The Pattern Fellows
Class of 2019-2020

Fernando Ahumada
Travis Biro
Gina Carminucci
Christopher Castro-Gonzalez
Kelly Ellenwood
Kerri Foley
Freddimir 'Freddy' Garcia
Javier Gomez
Johnnieanne Hansen
Alice Rae Kurman-Kostrubal

Maximillian Mahalek
Stephanie Paruolo
Michelle Pfeffer
Brandi Rider
Jaime Schmeiser
Michael Spencer
Janelle Taylor
Jeanne Traugot
Danielle Watson
Thomas Zupan

VULNERABILITY REVEALED:
COVID-19 and the Hudson Valley Food System

This report explores the growing issue of food insecurity in the Hudson Valley, recent disruptions to food supply, and ways to improve our regional food system.
and increase access to food.

The recent news is full of images from across the country of people waiting in long lines that sometimes stretch for miles to pick up groceries from drive through food pantries. Food banks, local governments, and others who help with food access are overwhelmed by the sudden rise in need. Here in the Hudson Valley, county and municipal governments have redirected resources to meet the urgent and dire situation of food insecurity, and many others have joined the effort to assist those most in need.

Not only are millions of Americans struggling to afford to put food on the table, the food supply chain that we all rely on for our groceries is facing disruptions.

The food system in this country is a complex web. Several components of this web are beginning to fail due to the current crisis. These failures have ripple effects throughout the system that affects food access for consumers.

READ THE REPORT

HEALTHCARE | The COVID-19 Frontline

Our healthcare system has been the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic -

Join Jonathan Drapkin, President & CEO of Pattern for Progress, for a discussion with Hudson Valley healthcare leaders from Crystal Run Healthcare, Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall, and Cornerstone Family Healthcare as they serve our Hudson Valley communities during this unprecedented healthcare crisis. Hear directly from healthcare leadership about their frontline experience during the COVID-19 pandemic, as they explore the challenges, the triumphs, and how this epidemic
Strategies for Pressing Play:
Tools for Success When NY UN-PAUSES

Join a panel of land use and development professionals in a discussion of tips, tools and observations that can be used to best position development projects when restrictions related to the State’s response to COVID-19 are lifted. We are in uncharted waters in the current landscape of construction stoppages and widespread closures of non-essential businesses.

Let’s join together (while maintaining social distance!) to share insights, inspiration and strategies for keeping business moving forward and preparing for the realities that will be awaiting us on the other side of this crisis.
The Center for Housing Solutions is keeping a watchful eye on the Hudson Valley Housing Markets. Tune into virtual panel discussions with Industry Leaders as they discuss how COVID-19 has impacted the Housing Market, as well as how the industry has adapted, and expectations as we move forward.

Hudson Valley Regional Housing Market Report

The Center for Housing Solutions and Community Initiatives, a unit of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, is pleased to present the Spring 2020 edition of the Regional Housing Market Report.

This edition includes the Quarterly Market Snapshot for the First Quarter of 2020, and explores the initial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Hudson Valley Real Estate Market.
Housing Update I COVID-19 IMPACTS
Real Estate Markets
May 1st 2020

Housing Update I COVID-19 IMPACTS
Affordable Housing & Services
May 7th 2020

Stay in tune with Housing in the Hudson Valley!

Detailed information about the Mid Hudson Housing Market - including market reports & trends, panel discussions, research & policy - delivered right to your email inbox! Know your market.

LIFT/HV Remote Roundtable

Join LIFT/HV Remote Roundtable for Young Professional focused conversations surrounding professional development, leadership, communication and connection.

Watch Episode 6

This month, Dr. Lubna Somjee, PhD,
Psychologist & Executive Coach, moderates this panel discussion surrounding leadership.

Watch the Premiere
Wednesday, June 17th at NOON.

LIFT/HV in your inbox.
The Future of the Hudson Valley is HERE. Leading the Initiative for Future Talent in the Hudson Valley - LIFT/HV. For Young Professionals. By Young Professionals.

Positive Patterns

In the midst of the chaos of these unprecedented times, we see so many people coming together, so many organizations rising to the occasion, to serve the needs of our community. We look for positive patterns in our research and analysis so we can guide communities to shape policy that will make our communities a better place.

We feel so inspired by the goodness we're seeing and we want to share some of these great ideas with you. We hope these ideas support and inspire you, too

*Share your good works and positive patterns you see with us:*

Submit Positive Patterns

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