

**THE FIFTH DISTRICT BRANCH  
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5<sup>th</sup> District Report to the MSSNY Virtual Council Meeting November 4, 2021

The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties.

OCMS The Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) has a virtual annual meeting scheduled for November 16. ~~OMCS~~ continues to participate in ongoing meetings with community partners around vaccine distribution and COVID 19. All three Syracuse hospitals have frequently been on diversion and community physicians report being overwhelmed with staffing shortages and other issues. The search is on for a new Executive Director to replace Erika Barry, who has graciously agreed to act as part time advisor during the search process.

From the County Medical Societies of Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Chenango, Oswego and Cayuga, Kathi Dyman reports that membership continues to decline as a major health system, Mohawk Valley Health System is buying private practices, however remaining private practices have maintained their County and MSSNY memberships.

Kathi also reports that the past year has been personally extremely difficult with the loss of Paul and more recently, her brother due to COVID in February 2021. She is again seriously considering going to part time in 2022.

None of the Counties except Onondaga (virtual meeting) have had regular in person meetings due to the stress that COVID 19 has taken on the members.

Respectfully submitted,

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