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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION REPORT

The following is an update on various projects that MSSNY's Division of Public Health and Education are involved in and occurred over the last year.

MSSNY Joint Organizational Meeting on COVID 19 Vaccines

At the request of the New York State Department of Health, a joint organizational meeting on COVID-19 vaccines, has been convened by the Medical Society of the State of New York. This group is comprised of MSSNY, various medical specialties, county medical societies executives, the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO), local county health commissioners, and officials from the New York State Department of Health. The purpose of this group is to help facilitate and promote COVID19 immunizations, ensures vaccine equity and assist with any distribution of COVID19 vaccine. MSSNY is also assisting the NYS DOH in promoting enrollment into the COVID19 vaccination program. MSSNY has also invited New York City DOH/MH representatives to this call, and they are expected to participate in the call on January 12, 2022 from 12-1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Expected agenda items were Omicron, home test kits and distribution to physician practices, monoclonal antibodies, and anti-viral supplies. It is expected that these meetings will continue throughout the winter and spring. Any physician interested in participating please contact Pat Clancy at pclancy@mssny.org.

Physician Wellness-- MSSNY Peer to Peer (P2P) Program

MSSNY continues to receive request for MSSNY's P2P program. A presentation was expected to be made on January 13, 2022, with St. Peter's Health Partners' Medical Associates—this presentation was to be made by Charles Rothberg, MD and Frank Dowling, MD. MSSNY has also been invited to provided information to a February 16, 2022, program conducted by Monroe County Medical Society, the University of Rochester and Rochester Medical School. Additionally, it is anticipated that there will be refresher training, training on specific topics and training of peers in February 2022.

With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the emotional issues related to this event, may also be troubling for our colleagues. The program is offered to physicians, residents and medical students and is a completely confidential and anonymous opportunity to talk with a peer about some of life stressors. Under the direction of the MSSNY's Physician Wellness and Resiliency Committee the program has established a

confidential helpline phone number (1-844-P2P-PEER) and an email address (p2p@mssny.org) so that physicians may be connected with a peer 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Cayla Lauder serves as the program coordinator for this program and can be reached at clauder@mssny.org.

Veterans Matters Program

MSSNY continues its efforts to education physician regarding the needs of veterans through its Veterans Matters program. The Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative (VMHTI) will provide a live seminar on January 22, 2022 in Lake Place. The title of the program will be The Impact of COVID-19 on Veterans. This same program will be provided jointly with Medical Matters as a webinar on January 19, 2022. Further information or for information of setting up a live program or a webinar for your hospital or county medical society, please contact Melissa Hoffman at mhoffman@mssny.org.

MSSNY Emergency Preparedness and Disaster and Terrorism Response Committee

Registration is now underway for Medical Matters, ***“Military Involvement in COVID Response & the Impact of COVID-19 on Veterans”*** on Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. Frank Dowling, MD, MSSNY Secretary and a member of the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster/Terrorism Response Committee will serve as faculty for this program. Registration is now open for this webinar [here](#). In February, the Committee will present ***The Impact of the COVID Pandemic on Racial and Ethnic Minorities*** with Yvette Calderon, MD, Mt. Sinai.

MSSNY Practice Transformation Initiative and Telehealth Initiative

The Medical Society of the State of New York is collaborating with the Physicians Foundation and American Medical Association on a Practice Transformation Initiative and a Telehealth Initiative. The PTI has helped various New York State institutions assess the wellness of physicians within the institutions and practices and then implement an intervention and then reassess well-being a year after the implementation of the intervention. Currently, MSSNY has joined with the following institutions on this PTI project: Bassett Healthcare, Ellis Medicine, Northwell Healthcare, St. Peter’s Partners, and NY Presbyterian/Brooklyn. This project is nearing completion and two of the six practices are in the process of issuing the final survey.

MSSNY has signed four letters of agreement with practice on the Telehealth Initiative. They are Eger Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, Northwell Health-Telehealth Emergency Medicine, C DOC Medical Group PLLC, and Mount Sinai NOW Emergency Medicine. MSSNY is much further ahead in this process than other states. Various webinars, sponsored by the AMA are being held and MSSNY is also planning to conduct its own webinar to provided information on how to operate a successful telehealth practice. Both the PTI and the TTI are led by MSSNY’s Cayla Lauder.