

MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT  
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- **JOSE DAVID, M.D. INSTALLED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF ALBANY COUNTY:**  
Dr. José David was installed as the new president of the Medical Society the County of Albany in September. He succeeds Dr. Gregory Threatte who served two years beginning in 2018. Dr. Threatte had also previously served as president of the Onondaga County Medical Society. This will be the second time Dr. David has served as president, first serving in 2014 to 2016. He is also currently the president of the Third District Branch of MSSNY. New York County Medical Society past president Dr. Malcolm Roth has been made President-elect, while Drs. Jonathan Halpert and Robert Jordan have been named secretary and treasurer, respectively.
- **ST. PETER’S – ELLIS HOSPITALS SIGN LETTER OF INTENT TO MERGE:**  
St. Peter’s Health Partners (SPHP), a member of Trinity Health, and Ellis Medicine have signed a letter of intent to examine the joining of both health care systems. The letter of intent builds on a long-existing relationship between the two health care systems. SPHP and Ellis Medicine have worked closely for years on many initiatives including the Innovative Health Alliance of New York (IHANY) and The Alliance for Better Health, and – together with other health care systems across the region – have worked in concert throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to provide a coordinated response to best care for and protect the community. The signing is a preliminary commitment to a joint affiliation and the first step in a careful review process. Work to develop a partnership structure has begun and will continue over the next several months. A final agreement will require approval by the boards of trustees of both organizations, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies.
- **AMC PRIZE WINNERS WIN NOBEL PRIZE:**  
Emmanuelle Charpentier, Ph.D., and Jennifer Doudna, Ph.D., recipients of the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research, were named 2020 Nobel Prize winners in Chemistry for development of a method of genome editing. The two were among an unprecedented five recipients of the Albany Prize in 2017 honored for their groundbreaking research on CRISPR-Cas9, which has transformed biomedical research in the last decade. The \$500,000 Albany Prize has been given annually since 2001 to people who have altered the course of medical research and is one of the largest prizes in medicine and science in the United States. A total of eight recipients of the Prize have gone on to win a Nobel.
- **COVID CASES ON THE RISE IN ALBANY COUNTY:**  
Unfortunately, the number of Covid 19 hospitalizations in Albany County are on the increase. The number of hospitalizations increased to 13. 139 residents of the county have died since the beginning of the pandemic.