

8th District Council Report

February 19, 2021

1. **Finalizing MSCE Book by Arcadia Publishing:** MSCE is finalizing our book by researching notable people in our history to provide 50 word captions to 150 images
2. **7500 vaccine appts in 48 Hours:** When the vaccine initially rolled out, we worked hand in hand with our Health Commissioner to share 7500 vaccine appointments with our membership that were all dispensed of within 48 hours of our mass email notification.
3. **Healthcare vaccine initiative for healthcare 1a designees:** As the eligible designee classification was broadened to include taxi drivers and restaurant employees, MSCE partook in an initiative to survey all members asking if they or anyone they know in healthcare still needed the vaccine? We asked for them to send us those names and phone numbers of healthcare staff still in need of the vaccine and we sent them to our regional hub points of contact, namely Dr. Nancy Nielsen who has been working down that list.
4. **MSCE and MSSNY Joint Letter to Governor Cuomo:** MSCE partnered with MSSNY to pen a letter to Governor Cuomo on January 15, 2021 asking that he lift the ban on elective procedures on Erie County hospitals on patient safety grounds. On 1/25/21, the Buffalo News Albany Bureau Chief announced the Governor's lift of the ban and said it came after the 1/15/21 letter issued to the Governor by our Societies.
5. **MSCE Letter in Support of our Health Commissioner Published in Buffalo News:** MSCE drafted a letter in support of our Health Commissioner, criticizing an op ed article on 2/2/21 that was critical of our Health Commissioner's compensation. Our letter in support of our Health Commissioner was published in the Buffalo News on February 6, 2021, and is posted on our site www.wnydocs.org under "Advocacy at Work."
6. **MSCE Membership Recruitment Efforts:** MSCE is starting to issue emails to non-members statewide to assist in recruitment and exposure efforts of regional providers and are including a "Join MSSNY" link at the bottom of the communication to encourage membership for all Societies statewide.
7. **Next steps as the vaccine rolls out:** Our leaders are trying to assess when we can have in-person meetings among vaccinated attendees and what those parameters will look like.
8. **Preparing for Advocacy Day on March 2, 2021:** MSCE has contacted the legislators in our districts and created a legislator schedule that includes each legislator's jurisdiction so our members will know which legislator theirs is based on their zip code/township before attending Advocacy Day on March 2, 2021.
9. **New Members:** MSCE is pleased to share that we have 98 new members since July 2020.