

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Bronx Community Board No. 8
Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Held on
Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 at 7:00pm
Via
Zoom Conference Call

Present:	Affiliation
Omar Murray	Chair – Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Sebastian Chittilappilly	CB8- Committee Member
Robert Kaplan	CB8- Committee Member
Karen Pesce	CB8- Committee Member

Absent:	
Steve Froot	CB8- Committee Member

Guest (s):	
Iliana Almanzar	LiveOnNY
Erica Peralta- Downing	DOHMH
David Gellman	Chair, CB8-Budget Committee
Tania Ochoteco	Community Coordinator, Bronx Community Board No.8
Angela Soto	DOHMH
Camelia Tepelus	CB8-Committee Member/Community Resident

The Committee meeting is called to order at 7:11 pm. The Chair opens with welcoming all to the January 2022 HHSS Committee meeting. The Chair wishes happy new year to all and states the omicron variant has spread rapidly and for those affected we wish them a speedy recovery. This meeting will be based on organ donation and the status of the covid-19 infection and vaccination. Miss Angela Soto (DOHMH) will be speaking about Covid-19 and vaccinations, while Miss Iliana Almanzar (Live OnNY) will be speaking on organ donation.

Live On NY is a nonprofit organization that facilitates organ donation and transplantation in the greater New York City area. They serve as the federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO) for the greater New York City area. Every day, Live On NY work to further their mission by:

- Facilitating lifesaving organ donations
- Caring for the families of the selfless donors who give the gift of life
- Educating the community about the power of donation
- Advocating on behalf of those who are waiting for transplant

Live On NY Covers 13 counties: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Orange, Westchester, Staten Island, Pike, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam and Dutchess County. The biggest transport center in Bronx is Montefiore Hospital. This list of organ transplant center includes the following:

- Cohen's Children's Medical Center Division of Nephrology
- James J. Peters VA Medical Center
- Montefiore
- New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center
- New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center

- Northwell Health Transplant Center
- NYU Langone Health
- Recanati/Miller Transplantation Institute at Mount Sinai
- Stony Brook University Hospital Transplant Center
- SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- Westchester Medical Center

There are two types of donations: living donation and deceased donation. Living donation provides an opportunity for an individual to save a life while still living. Deceased donation occurs after the prospective donor is declared deceased by a physician. In NYS, you can register to become an organ donor when you visit the DMV, register to vote, apply for an idNYC card, register for health insurance through the health benefits exchange, or at LiveOnNY.org. Those aged 16 and 17 can register their consent to become an organ donor. Parents/guardians will be notified at the time of the potential donation and, if they wish, can revoke the option. Once the registered minor turns 18 the parent/guardian option to revoke consent is no longer available

Organ Transplant Waiting according to organs – US 2021

Type of Organ	New York State	National
Kidneys	7531	91130
Livers	786	11889
Hearts	332	351
Pancreas	165	900
Intestines	6	213

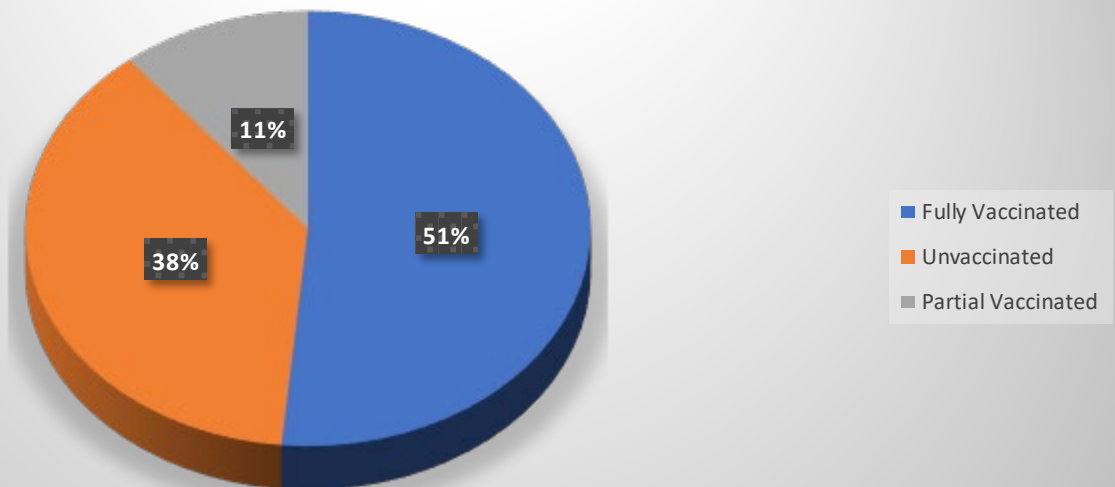
One organ donor can save up to 8 lives. There currently an organ shortage as only 42 percent of NYS residents have signed up for organ donation. NYS falls well below the national average in percentage of registered organ, eye and tissue donation. There is no age limit for donation, the oldest donor on record was 96. Regarding medical conditions, doctors will make a determination regarding the viability of organs at the time of death. Miss Almanzar states she would be willing to participate in a future meeting or a CB8 event. The committee thanks Miss Almanzar for coming and providing helpful and informative data about organ donation.

Miss Soto states the omicron variant of covid-19 is spreading rapidly especially amongst younger children and this is a growing concern. Omicron became the dominant variant in NYC within five weeks after it was first detected. For comparison, the delta variant took 20 weeks to become the dominant variant. many children have remained unvaccinated mainly due to parents' hesitancy and misinformation about vaccines. the infection rate is particularly high in 10471 and 10468 zip code. The expectation is that after holidays the infection rates will begin to decrease.

DOHMH is working with the Department of Education to assists students, teachers and parents to understand the importance of vaccines to help reduce the covid-19 infection rate.

Zip Code	Fully Vaccinated	Partially Vaccinated
10468	68.12%	77.79%
10471	78.33%	85.75%

Percentage of Children According to vaccination Status



Total NYC children 5 to 17 vaccinated

Borough	Population	At Least 1 Dose	At Least 1 Dose (%)	Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated (%)
Citywide	1,180,404	736,865	62% 62%	608,338	52% 52%
Bronx	246,821	143,245	58% 58%	113,722	46% 46%
Brooklyn	392,137	202,020	52% 52%	170,000	43% 43%
Manhattan	155,114	133,022	86% 86%	105,966	68% 68%
Queens	310,711	220,785	71%	186,753	60%

Borough	Population	At Least 1 Dose	At Least 1 Dose (%)	Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated (%)
			71%		60%
Staten Island	75,621	37,793	50%	31,897	42%
			50%		42%

The vaccination rate amongst adults have increased and President Biden has stated that federal government will be working with postal service to deliver at home test kits. Those who have received a positive test on these kits should reports these results to their doctor and the Department of Health. Both adults and children should continue to monitor all health guidance from the CDC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Recorded and Submitted By:
Omar Murray