



Dear Neighbors,

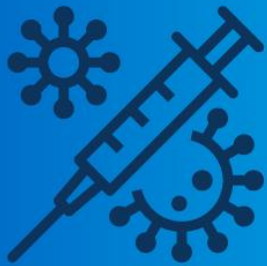
This week, as students head back to in-person classrooms around the district, I want to say good luck to all of the kiddos heading back for a new year! I especially want to send strength, patience, and courage to all of the parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff. Thank you for everything you do to keep our students safe and for all your hard work to support their mental and emotional well-being.



New York State is partnering with counties to provide in-home vaccinations for those who can't travel to a vaccine provider for medical or nonmedical reasons. To find a provider near you, visit:

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/distribution-vaccine#in-home-vaccination>

Do you know someone who wants to get vaccinated, but can't get to a vaccine provider?



**In-Home Vaccination is available
for homebound New Yorkers**



Cayuga Health & YMCA Partnership

Last week, I was thrilled to join my friends Dr. Martin Stallone and Frank Towner to announce the new collaborative partnership between Cayuga Health and the YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County. The agreement will bring critical programs to the local Y, including: sports performance and injury-prevention clinics, older adult education classes, and flu vaccinations, biometric screenings, and nutrition classes. This partnership will go beyond a typical health and fitness program; by partnering with Cayuga Health, The

YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County will deliver much needed education, treatment, and health service to our community.



Head and Heal Farm Tour

It has been a true honor for my team and I to visit farms across Cortland and Tompkins Counties this summer. Agriculture is the heart of our district! A few weeks ago, Karli Miller-Hornick and Allan Gandelman invited us out to tour their gorgeous farm in Cortland where they operate Main Street Farms, an organic vegetable farm, and [Head & Heal](#), where they grow hemp and produce USDA Certified Organic CBD (cannabidiol).



Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

I want to thank the amazing folks at the [Prevention Network of CNY](#), [Healing Hearts Collaborative](#), and [Healing Cortland](#) for creating a space for the community to mark the 20th anniversary of **International Overdose Awareness Day** and remember those we have lost to drug overdose. For far too many of us, this epidemic has hit close to home and I was humbled to share in the heartbreak over the friends, neighbors, family members, and children lost to overdose by all who attended.



Cornell University Tour

Earlier this week, my team and I toured Cornell University and learned about some of the amazing research conducted in the School of Public Policy, the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the College of Human Ecology. We also visited Cornell's Covid Test lab and were impressed by the robust operation the university has set up to protect our community. This frequent and mass testing allows the university to catch covid cases upfront, and perform swift action to contain the virus and keep the rest of the campus body safe.



In good health,

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