



# NEWSLETTER

## Volume I – End of Summer Review 2020

### A Message from County Executive Laura Curran

As COVID-19 infection rates continued to drop in Nassau County, County Executive Curran delivered her 118<sup>th</sup> and final daily COVID-19 press briefing on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The County Executive expressed her gratitude for the County's response team, medical and essential workers and to our Nassau County residents for the shared efforts in flattening the curve and fight the disease. "We have made great progress. But, as coronavirus cases spike dramatically across the rest of the country, we are reminded that we must continue to stay alert, practice proper social distancing and continue to adhere to common-sense guidance. Nassau County has proven to the rest of the country that it's possible to re-open the economy and protect public health at the same time and we want to keep on this track," **said County Executive Curran.**

### Census 2020

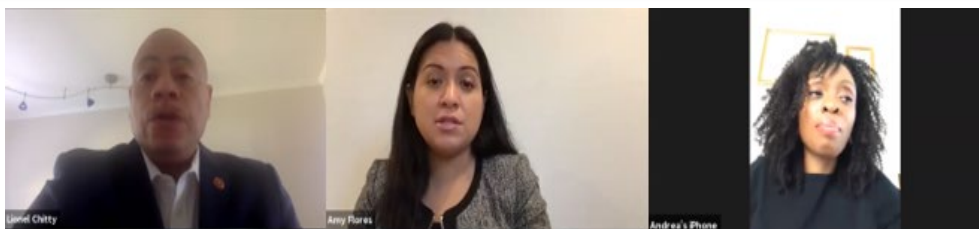
We urge all our residents to respond to the Census. It will determine the flow of billions of dollars in federal programs to our area and allow for our voices to be heard in Washington. For more information, visit <https://www.census.gov/> Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, including to law enforcement agencies and immigration officials.

### COVID-19 Response

#### Communities of Color Chat: Minority Health Equity

On April 17, 2020 a video chat was created to discuss the effects of COVID-19 on Communities of Color. Panelist included: Lionel Chitty, Executive Director of Minority Affairs, Amy Flores, Executive Director of Minority Affairs and Dr. Andrea Alt-Brutus, Director of Health Equity, Nassau County Dept. of Health

Racial/ethnic data for New York State shows that African American and Hispanics are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 across the State. This informative video discussed some of the reasons why these communities were hardest hit. Discussed was important information on how resident could stay safe, where to get tested, available resources, and answered specific questions on this topic.



Click Here to watch this video: <https://www.facebook.com/NassauMinorityAffairs/videos/1167083833622675>

## Mental Health and Well Being

During these challenging times, OMA urges community members to seek help if they are feeling stressed and anxious.

### HELPFUL TIPS FOR SELF MANAGEMENT DURING COVID-19

CLICK THE **LINK BELOW** FOR HELPFUL TIPS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS (Link to be inserted is below)

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4983/Tips-for-Self-Management-During-Covid-19>


- Tips Helping Children and Teens Manage Emotional Distress and Anxiety About COVID-19
  - Managing Anxiety During COVID-19
  - Managing Addition During COVID-19
  - Managing Grief in Times of COVID-19

## County Resources and Language Access

OMA collaborated with other County Departments to ensure that critical COVID-19 information was available in the languages spoken by members of our community. OMA handled translations for the Haitian/Creole Community:

- Know Your Rights
- Community Resources Booklet
- COVID-19 Testing Locations
- Community Resources Booklet
- Message from the NC Dept. of Health
- Text Updates in Haitian/Creole

**Text" COVIDNASSAU1 to 888-777 to Receive COVID-19 Updates in Haitian/Creole**



**LAURA CURRAN**  
DEPATMAN EGZEKUTIF KONTE NASSAU

## RESOUS KOMINOTÈ

**RESOUS**

- Avantaj SNAP Siplemantè pou ijans disponib pou fwaye ki pa deja ap resevwa avantaj maksimòm pou mwa mas 2020 ak avril 2020 yo.
- Aplikasyon pou SNAP [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov)
- HEAP - Program Ed pou Enjiyè nan Kay (Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP) ou ka resevwa avantaj HEAP an jans si ou gen risk pou gaz ou fini ouwa yo pral koupe sèvis leta bay tankou dlo, elektisite, telefòn.
- Aplikasyon HEAP - [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov)
- Asistans Tanporè (Temporary Assistance, TA) - si ou pa ka travay, ou pa ka jwenn travay, ouwa travay ou pa peye ase, TA kapab ede ou pou peye pou depans ou yo. Ou bezwen ranpli yon aplikasyon avèk Depatman Sèvis Sosyal nan Konte w la (aplikasyon yo disponib tou nan sant Sante Famiyèl Hempstead ak Freeport pou pasyon k ap resevwa tès COVID-19 yo).
- Pou wè si ou kalifye, al gade nan [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov)
- United Way nan Long Island INI ANSANM: Yon Fon Repons pou COVID-19
- Asistans sèman pou moun k ap touche youn si lèz kò nan travay epi ki te fèk pèdi travay yo ouwa yo te voye yo chita lakay yo pou tès efè COVID-19 la.
- Aplikasyon yo dwe satisfè kondisyon revni pou kalifye yo.
- Rèl 211: ouwa rèl 1-888-774-7633 si ou pa abite nan Konte Nassau ouwa Suffolk, ouwa aplikasyon [www.unitedway.org/COVID19HELP](http://www.unitedway.org/COVID19HELP).

**SÈVIS POU IMIGRAN**

Ou ka chèche epi resevwa swen medikal bilèzwen zityasyon ou ak imigrasyon ouwa si ou pa gen asirans sante. Swen medikal ki gen rapò ak COVID-19 (ki gen ladan swen preventif, tès, ak tretman) pa gen okenn enpak sou tès "chaj piblik" la.

Imigran san papye ka kalifye pou pwoteksyon Medicaid pou "Sèvis (an Sèman)" si ou satisfè kondisyon pou kalifye pou Medicaid konplè men ou pa ka kalifye akizite zityasyon ou ak imigrasyon. Tès laboratwa, evalyasyon, ak tretman pou COVID-19 epi Medicaid Eta New York ap ranbousse w pou li.

**MEDICAID**

Pou kesyon ki gen rapò ak Medicaid, rele liy ed sèvis kliyan Konte Nassau a nan 516-227-8000.

**ASIRANS SANTE ETA NEW YORK**


Si ou pèdi asirans sante w, kontakte New York State of Health - Rele 1-855-355-5777 ouwa ale sou sitwèb [www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov)

**MOUN AJE YO - Nimewo telefòn apèlman**

- Depatman pou Moun Aje NC - 516-227-8900
- Liy ed pou moun aje LICC - 516-679-0000
- Ti Viti FCA (moun aje 1 ed tan pa jou) - 516-743-2389
- FCA LINK-AGE - 516-292-1300 ekstansyon 1245 (35 lane ouwa pès, jeyon dosye, rapa, evalyasyon enfimye, depoze medikaman)
- Liy ed asosyasyon pou Alzheimer (24 sou 24) - 1-800-272-3900
- Long Island Cares - 631-582-3663 (diversyon manje ak depo alimantè)
- Long Island Harvest - 631-873-4775 (diversyon bay veteran ak asosye ak anjèl jey)
- Mary Brennan INN - 516-486-6243 (viti pran plat manje a pote a lakay)

**SANTE MANTAL - Nimewo telefòn apèlman**

- Liy ed pou Konte Nassau - 516-227-8255 (227-TALK)
- Telechaje Aplikasyon Nassau CARES
- Liy ed Moun Aje nan Sant Kris Long Island - 516-679-0000
- Sant Kris Middle Earth nan Long Island - 516-679-1111
- Asosyasyon Sante Mantal nan Konte Nassau - 516-489-0100 Ekstansyon 1
- Liy Sipò Emosyonèl nan Eta New York - 1-844-863-9314
- Crisiscenter.org ([jiles.home.bay47471.com](http://jiles.home.bay47471.com) pou konnèt ak yon konsayè)
- Alyans Nasyonal pou Sante Mantal - 1-800-950-6264




**LAURA CURRAN**  
NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE


## TÈS POU COVID-19

Tès pou COVID-19 disponib nan Hempstead, Freeport ak Elmont  
Si w panse ou menm ouwa yon moun nan fanmi w gen COVID-19,  
**RELE NAN (516) 396-7500**


Tès pou viris COVID-19 la limite nan Eta New York.  
Si ou gen nenpòt nan sentòm ki anba yo, rele pou yon tès depistaj:



**TOUS**



**LAFEV**



**SOUF KOUT**

Nenpòt moun ki gen nenpòt nan sentòm sa yo ta dwe teste pi vit ke posib

**Yap fe tès yo sou randevou SÈLMAN nan yon enstalasyon deyò nan:**

South Ocean Care Health Center  
101 South Bergen  
Freeport, NY 11520

Hempstead Health Center  
135 Main Street  
Hempstead, NY 11550

Elmont Health Center  
161 Hempstead Turnpike  
Elmont, NY

Westbury Health Center  
682 Union Ave.  
Westbury, NY 11590

**Tout kote yo louvri pou fè tès lendi-vandredi 9:00 A.M. a 1:00 P.M.**

**Tout tès yo se sou randevou.**

**Rele (516) 396-7500 pou mande yon randevou.**

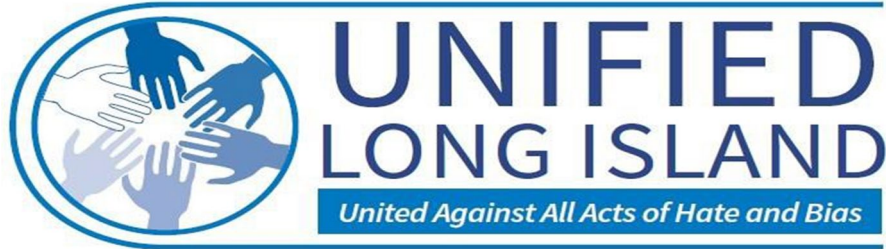
Tout moun kapab rele, kit ou gen asirans imigrasyon kit ou pa gen asirans ouwa kelkeswa estati imigrasyon ou. Mèsi epi tanpri souple rete ansante.

Sevi sa a disponib gras ak yo patnership avèk Konte Nassau ak Long Island FQHC INC. Pou plis enfòmasyon sou LIFQHC, vizit [LIFQHC.org](http://LIFQHC.org)

**Stay Informed - Nassau County Text Updates in HAITIAN CREOLE:**  
**Text "COVIDNASSAU1" to 888-777**

For information in other languages please go to:

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4985/COVID-19-Informational-Fliers>



Unified Long Island is a bi-county taskforce that will serve to empower communities to stand united against all acts of hate and bias that are based on antisemitism, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, disability or sexual orientation. The taskforce will partner with existing stake holders, leaders and residents as well as law enforcement agencies, human rights advocates, community organizations, religious institutions, government offices and education platforms to advocate for unity, acceptance, and diversity. **OMA Deputy Director, Bishop Lionel Harvey**, is the Nassau County Chair for this endeavor.

The taskforce is developing an action plan to identify, and document hate and bias incidents while working towards strengthening the bonds of friendship and respect within and amongst the communities across Long Island.

#### **Police and Community Trust (PACT):**

On 7/16/2020 Nassau County Executive announced the creation of PACT - A committee of community activists, Nassau County Police Commissioner, police union representatives, the County Executive and other public officials brought together to create meaningful dialog designed to repair the relationship between the police and Communities of Color.

PACT will also engage the Nassau County District Attorney, Office of Minority Affairs, faith-based groups, and Human Rights Commission to seek and gather ongoing input. **OMA's Program Supervisor Victoria Roberts** is our liaison for this community effort.



#### **Serving on Important County Committees:**

Members of OMA's staff have served on a number of additional committees, including recent selection committees related to the selection of developers for affordable housing projects and transit-oriented development funding.



### Supporting Minority Businesses

OMA has assisted MWBEs with County, State and federal loan applications and helped promote the County's Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kit giveaway, in conjunction with Nassau County IDA's Non-Profit arm, LEAC. We've also advised businesses on NYS closure rules and re-opening guidelines and participated on the County Executive's COVID-19 Economic Advisory Council, with LIAACC, Long Island Hispanic Chamber and the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce.

#### **Re-Opening Safely:**

Our OMA Team has been out and about visiting our MWBE's as they re-open their businesses. We are here to help our business owners during these challenging times -- Our small businesses are the economic engines of our communities!

### **The Office of Minority Affairs Visiting MWBE's As They Re-Open for Business**



#### **Re-Opening Nassau – What Businesses Need to Know**

Click the Link Below for Important Information and Resources on Re-Opening

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4996/Reopening-Nassau>

#### **Small Business Loans:**

OMA recognizes the financial toll this pandemic has caused on small business owners. We have assisted businesses with information on County, state and federal loan programs. We encourage businesses and non-profit with under 20 employees to please go to [www.boostnassau.net](http://www.boostnassau.net) to apply for the County's low-interest loan program, which is part of the Governor's New York Forward Loan Fund.

# **BOOST NASSAU**

Additionally, federal Emergency Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) provides loans of up to \$2 million dollars to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue due to the coronavirus. This program expires December 21, 2020. PPP is a forgivable loan that incentivizes small business owners to retain their workforce and rehire laid-off workers. To contact the SBA Customer Service Center, call 1-800-659-2955 or (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or email: [DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov). Visit [sba.gov](http://sba.gov) to learn more. If you are having difficulty filling out the application due to language barriers, please contact our office for assistance.

## OMA's New County Certification "MWBE App":



NASSAU COUNTY, NY

Minority Affairs  
Minority or Women Business Enterprise Directory

We are happy to announce that as of June, OMA has a fully functional online system for the entire MWBE Nassau County Certification Process. This system was conceived and developed by **OMA's Deputy Director, Dr. Regina L. Williams**, supported by NC Department of Information Technology. OMA thanks IT Commissioner Nancy Stanton, Christine Levitsky and staff. The teams worked collaboratively to create and test the new "MWBE App" both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring the June launch. **OMA's Program Coordinator, Michelle Crosley**, functions as Certification Analyst laboring diligently with our MWBEs. Although having to handle all MWBEs via telephone calls and emails during the pandemic, the "MWBE App" in its functionality has been a seamless tool in navigating the enormous influx in filings.

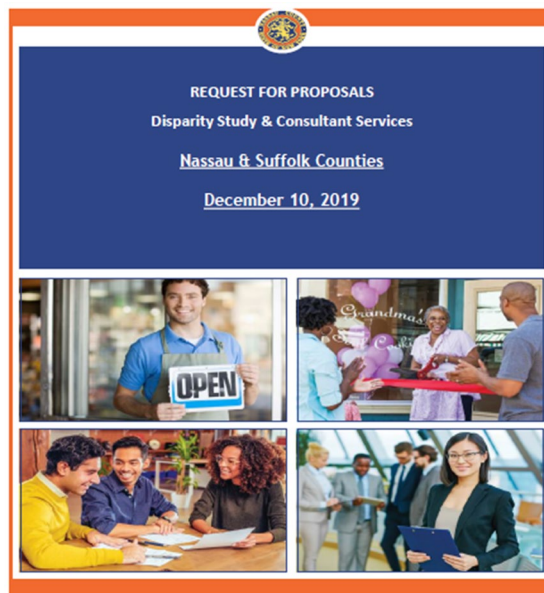
### Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs MWBE Online filing Tutorial – 2020

SCAN THE CODE BELOW WITH YOUR SMART PHONE OR IPAD  
To View Tutorial



## Nassau County Contracting – MWBE Disparity Study:

The upcoming Disparity Study a critical component to setting meaningful goals for MWBE participation in County contracting. With funding authorized by the Nassau County Legislature and included in County's Capital Budget we are anticipating issuing a Notice of Award soon – so Stay Tuned!



## Diversity & Community Engagement

This new arm of our department links OMA to all County residents by providing invaluable information to bring resources to our residents during these unprecedented times. **Bishop Lionel Harvey is OMA's Deputy Director for Diversity and Community Engagement.** A concerted effort has been in researching and building a database which now encompasses over 200 Faith-Based and Community Organizations. Our recent focus has been to assist with County Initiatives such as the Community Food Distributions, COVID-19/Antibody Testing Sites in minority communities and the distribution of PPE equipment to our business partners for safe re-openings. **OMA's Special Assistant, Lynne Poole,** plays an essential role in the success of this endeavor.

### **Nassau County Community Food Distributions**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran established a Community Food Distribution program that has served over 25,000 families to date, utilizing federal funding and partnerships with Island Harvest and Long Island Cares. Hundreds of volunteers joined team members from numerous County offices, including Housing, Human Services and OMA, to collaborate with school districts, nonprofits, community groups to try to address the tremendous food insecurity created by the health crisis and record unemployment. Communities served have included Hempstead, Roosevelt, Uniondale, Freeport, Glen Cove, East Meadow, Hicksville, Valley Stream and Long Beach.

One County-sponsored event, at the Nassau Coliseum, was the largest food distribution effort ever in the County, serving over 4,000 families. "As we work to revive our economy, Nassau County will remain committed to addressing the food insecurity crisis triggered by COVID-19. We've reached every corner of the County with our food distribution events, and we're not done yet. We will continue putting food on the table for families in need." said **County Executive Laura Curran.**

OMA staff and interns have been out assisting wherever needed to meet the needs of our constituents



### **OMA Salutes Our Essential Workers**

We express our gratitude to the doctors, nurses and first responders who battle COVID-19 daily, and also the essential workers including janitors, grocery store clerks, sanitation workers, delivery personnel and the other unsung heroes that selflessly work to ensure communities have access to essential services and goods.







### OMA's Millennial Chat Series

The Millennial Chat was part of the County's Black History Month celebration and focused on important issues facing millennials in Nassau County. Topics included affordability, workforce development, civic engagement and community goals. This discussion with County Executive Laura Curran was moderated by **OMA's Program Coordinator, Dexter Hedgepeth** allowed our younger residents to share ideas, troubleshoot problems and brainstorm solutions. Upcoming topics in this series will focus on mobility, transit-oriented development, environment and the Census. Each chat will allow participants a one on one platform with the Nassau County Executive and relevant department heads and the ability to have an open and collaborative dialogue.



### OMA Celebrates Juneteenth Virtually, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Jubilee. Liberation. Emancipation. These are a few words used when we think about June 19, 1865 when General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston Texas with the news that the Civil War was over and slavery had ended. Slaves were free. Juneteenth will continue to stand as a day of remembrance to honor those that came before us, those that struggled, those that fought, those that sacrificed and those that gave their lives. Juneteenth is observed worldwide and is an annual celebration of the rich African American culture, heritage and its people. We Celebrate this day in remembrance.

County Executive Laura Curran joined our group of presenters for this informative and powerful presentation. Presentations included, Storyteller, Morrow Family Hair Care Artifact Collection, Visual Art Presentation of Works Inspired by Juneteenth, Spoken Word and an Economics presentation on "The Power of Economics for Moving the Community Forward During These Times".

## OMA Celebrates Juneteenth Virtually, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (continued)

Participants listed from top to bottom / from left to right  
Ashley Liverman & A'Shaya Dawson / Lionel Chitty / Phyllis Hill Slater  
Bishop Lionel Harvey / County Executive Laura Curran / Cheryl Morrow  
Professor Alicia Evans / Deputy County Executive Evelyn Tsimis / Lauryn Graham



A special "Thanks" to Professor Alicia Evans who helped coordinate and moderate this wonderful event.

### Snapshot of OMA Events/Workshops 2020

- OMA attends Nassau County's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Ecumenical Service and Scholarship Luncheon
  - OMA attends Nassau County Police Department's Black History Community Forum
    - OMA sponsors Black History Month – NC Leg.
  - OMA sponsors Millennial Chat with County Executive Laura Curran
    - OMA Black History - Amistad Case with Youth Services
- OMA sponsors Minority Breakfast-Nassau County IDA and L. I African American Chamber of Commerce
  - OMA attends The Project Restoration: Terrace Ave. Press Conference
    - OMA-Minority Health Presentation. – OHA-OMHE
    - OMA Interview with County Executive Curran on Ire Jam Radio
  - OMA Joins CE for Juneteenth Kickoff in Manhasset
    - OMA attends ABBA Mother's Day Celebration
  - OMA hosts Virtual Juneteenth Celebration - Zoom
    - OMA Interview Tower Talk Business
    - OMA attends Uniondale Community Council – Zoom
    - OMA attends Hempstead Chamber of Commerce – Zoom





### OMA's Summer Youth 2020

The Summer Youth have been assisting us with the enormous amount of MWBE work that we're handling by updating records in the MWBE App. They've started the process of scanning our Paper Files totaling 1,136 as of December 31, 2019. Our goal is to scan the documents for each MWBE File into our automated system to have everything accessible online.

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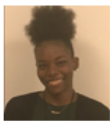
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