



Legislative District 14 Update:

Dear Resident,

Yesterday, both myself and the other members of the Nassau County Legislature's Majority Caucus hosted a hearing to examine the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine within the county. After collectively receiving thousands of emails and phone calls on this issue, we felt that a hearing, enabling the public to participate (albeit via email) was the most appropriate cause of action to take. The Nassau County Department of Health Commissioner, Larry Eisenstein, M.D., as well as the Commissioner for the Department of Human Services joined us to answer the many questions we had. As a result of the hearing, we gathered meaningful information through testimony provided by these representatives. We also received and submitted many questions, comments and concerns from the public that were made part of the official record.

During the course of the hearing, I joined my fellow legislators in urging Governor Cuomo to open up a mass vaccination site in Nassau County at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. You may have heard just the other day that he is opening up such a site at Yankee Stadium where as many as 15,000 vaccines will be administered weekly, starting today.

In a letter to the Governor I signed along with my colleagues, we emphasized that Nassau County continues to be among the highest areas with COVID-19 cases in New York State. While the numbers are improving, the Governor has repeatedly referenced, "Long Island, Long Island, Long Island" when referring to the high infection rate here which still remains a cause for concern. We also noted in our letter that according to the latest data from the Nassau County Health Department the population ratio of Long Island residents who have received the vaccine is at 10.6% while NYC's is at 12.4%.

A mass vaccination site at the Nassau Coliseum makes perfect sense. It will allow more residents to get vaccinated, lower our infection rate, and allow more businesses to open and continue to rebuild. The location is ideal with plenty of space and parking to accommodate staffing and provide the necessary protocols to maintain safe social distancing. As the supply of doses increases, this site would also be able to accommodate more people on a daily basis who want to be vaccinated.

I will continue to do everything I can to work with my colleagues in the legislature to make this happen. However, the question now is whether the Governor will do what's in the best interests of Nassau County residents by working with us to put this plan in motion as soon as possible. Read more about our request to the Governor [here](#).

On another note, the deadline to pay your 2021 general taxes has been extended! Now, the last day to pay without a penalty is Friday, **March 12, 2021**. Remember, the first half of the 2021 general tax payments must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service **on or before March 12, 2021 to avoid penalty**.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any thoughts and ideas you may have with respect to the County or on any particular issue that you think I may be able to assist you with. You may contact me at (516) 571-6214 or by email at LSchaefer@NassauCountyNY.gov.

Sincerely,



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Transparency in government is vital. I shall issue online newsletters frequently to ensure that residents always know what your Legislature is doing. Please visit my Facebook page, my website and join my "E-team" for updates. To unsubscribe, please reply "UNSUBSCRIBE".

DRIVE UP - DROP OFF - DRIVE AWAY!

**SHED
THE
MEDS!**



DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
**TAKE-BACK
DAY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Carle Place High School - 168 Cherry Ln., Carle Place

DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS:

- Keep all medications in the original containers
- Block out name for anonymity
- Do not cross out medication information
- Illegal narcotics may also be dropped off anonymously

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Needles, sharps, aerosol cans, thermometers, over the counter ointments, hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, medication from businesses and bloody or infectious waste.



Legislator Laura Schaefer is joining with the Nassau County Police Department and the Carle Place School District to host a "Shed the Meds" Drug Take-Back Event so residents can safely dispose of their unwanted, unused and expired medications. Accepted items include prescriptions and prescription patches, prescription medications, prescription ointments, over the counter medications, vitamins, sample medications and medications for pets.



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