

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

CB9 Health & Environment Committee November 2020 Zoom meeting

call to order 6:34p

Edwin
Indiana
Monica
Heather
Laquita
Victor
Miriam

Guests: DOH Pauline Ferrante & Lorean Valentin
Manhattan Borough Outreach Director
Test & Trace Corps, Carla Shotwell The Hort

2.1 % positivity CB9

4 weeks 401 persons tested positive— very concerning a rise in 42%, be vigilant
— need to remember to cover and be reminded

some areas are at 6% (Brooklyn & Queens), do not want to this to happen in Manhattan state will shut zip code down

- encourage core 4 wear mask, stay home wash hands, social distance
- need guidelines for holidays
- Lorean Outreach director test and trace: encourage more people to get tested
- **Test and Trace Looking to partner with groups to promote testing sites**

distribute palm cards and masks- multiple languages, organize testing sites promote a testing date, simplified testing site
_- looking to work with all CB joint community virtual webinar testing and trace, to Host a pop up site micro site must be available for 1 week, charge insurance, uninsured

looking for community based orgs that have space, can host for a week or more
community based organization (faith based, schools, libraries)

potential sites:

Q: Convent avenue Baptist Church, Monica to

Q: Laquita: contact heritage health and upper manhattan
150 st broadway Tabernacle - Heather

Monica contact Mt Sinai? use visiting nurses to test?

Home health care agencies to give information out— Can city work with them
City College is Empty— would make a great site

10029—on city watchlist doing outreach tomorrow

committee Q: Need more testing sites in 10031

Food distribution sites can also be testing?

There are some Rapid Testing sites as well-Central Harlem 2238 5th Ave, Riverside 160 W 100th Street and Washington Heights
600 W 168th Street

training on self testing

committee Q: need help getting business aware and on board, work with other CB9 committees
business owners need to be more proactive with crowding and regs or they could be shut down

Bring in Columbia & CUNY to

get business owners

training micro sites- staffed by healthcare workers through a 3rd company

committee Q: are we addressing and checking at small businesses are they testing employees regularly, people are concerned
about losing work and jobs— workers will not want to test = lose work? Is DOH checking up?

DOH: indoor dining 25% capacity + 6 feet apart

committee Q: does city have guideline for outdoor enclosed spaces, some are very enclosed

DOH yes its state guidelines, enforcement is not widespread- its up to individuals to do the right thing

**** DOH can follow up Dept of consumers affairs and DOT do roadshows presenting what is allowed— partner with other
committee to do forum on safe guidelines for businesses

Program still running: free hotel room w/ free meals/wifi if you are infected and do not want to live with your family

committee Q: immigrants has city considered a harm reduction model , not trigger test and trace model for immigrants.

- remind people to pick up phone for contact tracers especially in Immigrant commutes tracing is a problem concerns with ICE

Need immigrant organizations to support educating test/trace folks from community

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Indiana to check

committee Q: Flu shots, where can we get them?

DOH can work with a location — Convent Avenue Northwell Health

****Conversation with Columbia/Mt Sinai to host Flu Shot event

***talk to other committees, in executive committee whole community /all committees need to get aboard and spread the word with their communities

Need more outreach:

DOH needs to do more monitoring/enforcing . They are need local support to keep our numbers down. CB9 can target small businesses better than DOH. Our Wellness walk can expand to do Covid information.

- Q: Columbia and Sinai what are they doing to educate

Community Wellness Walk/ check in:

we need to give out information to barbershops, salons, bodegas, supermarkets

Location: 153 st - 135st Broadway, if we have enough volunteers expand our efforts to key locations on Amsterdam Ave

Work with other committees, especially Economic Development

- We (CB9 provides PPE for volunteers: DOH provides + handouts

***standing walking program, test

people are still afraid to go to the hospital and not getting the care they need

Goal: Incentivize our local businesses to actively self monitor for Covid 4's and to stay ahead of rise in numbers in our zip code.

Also they are on the front lines make sure they have information to share with others on taking care of yourself, follow up with your doctors, high blood pressure, free testing, food pantries, mental health services/protocols

Create a package with all the information from DOH, hospitals, CBO's,

- Include a letter to businesses from CB9 or our committee (no need full board vote) saying we want to help you help yourselves, we need to maintain the safe 4's

in our letter to businesses, ask them to be a COVID CB9 partner, make it important to sign up to be a COVID CB9 partner. Create a nicely designed flyer/decal " I AM A CB9 COVID 19 PARTNER" "Fed up with Covid" for restaurants, a pledge form...

- get some recycle bags from the city Sanitation or other city org to give out, include & raise awareness with packets of info

Will need to do walk on walk in Grant/Manhattanville area as well, consider this soon

Proposed date: Monday night November 16

Logistics:

- design print CB9 letters/ flyers with Staples, get PPE for volunteers

- Keep /create a list of businesses that partner with us, build relationships post Cover acknowledge them.

- print a nice poster/decal

- work with economic Dev. Meeting Nov 3 happening? Laquita , Miriam to check

- Alot of information already out, beware of creating new signage, all posters are downloadable, work with city agencies local CBO's

*** make sure whatever we give out has DOH contact/website (QRcodes)

****we need to partner with our businesses on wellness: we care about our community health businesses health, attention and we care about our community health, businesses health is part of that,

what ways can we support them for PPE, city has a PPE surcharge? Are they in need of it struggling with the cost of PPE longterm

Regroup: Thursday

adjourned 8:43pm