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The Vaccine is coming soon.



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The Corona virus is spreading again.

Some neighborhoods are more affected than others.

Far Rockaway, for example, is a “**hot zone**” because it has a rising number of cases.

Rockaway Park is not a “**hot zone.**”

You can find out your neighborhood’s status by calling (888) 364-3065 or checking on-line at www1.nyc.gov. If you go out, try to stay out of “**hot zone**” areas. Always remember to wear your mask covering your mouth and nose while you travel outdoors or are in the company of others.

Vaccine News!

From The Indian Express, Monday, November 16, 2020

US drug maker Moderna, Inc said its vaccine appears to be 94.5 % effective, according to preliminary data from the company’s still ongoing study.

CNN, Wednesday, November 18, 2020 says Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech said their experimental vaccine was 95% effective. Moderna’s vaccine is given four weeks apart, instead of the three-week gap used in Pfizer’s vaccine.



New York State is developing a vaccine distribution plan.

Based upon the information that is available to us at this time, adult home residents will receive the vaccine in February and March. Hospital staff and nursing home residents and staff will be the first to get it, as soon as December 15th. Even though adult home residents appear to be high on the priority list, CIAD is advocating for adult home residents to be among the first to get the vaccine. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

New York State based its **COVID-19** vaccine distribution and administration process on these guiding principles: Safety, Effectiveness, Expert approved, Equitable & clinically driven distribution and Transparency.

Roll Call - **Featured** this Issue!

Belle Harbor Manor (BHM) in Rockaway Park, Queens has been locked down for many months, just like you.

The BHM Resident Council (RC) **President Ruberto A. Rodriguez and the past President Diana Vila, now Senior Advisor, have been in office for almost a year.** They fought for the right to meet (congregate) in the front yard in the Spring. They meet twice a month for their RC and Food Committee meetings. The meetings grew and by Summer they succeeded in getting management to provide seating for 25 outside in the courtyard. Now that it is getting cold, they won the ability to hold meetings indoors since they proved they could maintain social distancing. Diana says, "Each step was not easy, but we fought hard and did not let up."

Through the EQUAL Grant, they secured \$100 a month to provide snacks for the meetings. A new computer, printer, and computer desk and chair were purchased. Each resident also received a \$200 clothing allowance.



Bronxwood Assisted Living in The Bronx, New York
Sal Montero, President, Beverly Brown, Vice President, Glenda King, Secretary

Bronxwood, like all adult homes, has been through trying times over these past eight months. ProPublica and The New Republic have collaborated on a recently published article about the home. The article profiles Varahn Chamblee, the former Council President, Glenda King, Council Secretary, and Renee Johnson, CIAD Board Member and Peer Advocate, along with Faye Washington and Hurshel Godfrey, former Council Vice President. They give a front row account of the daily experiences of residents at Bronxwood and how they tried to cope during the height of the crisis. No doubt many of you will identify with their story. The article appears in the December issue of the magazine and can be found online at <https://www.propublica.org/article/we-dont-even-know-who-is-dead-or-alive-trapped-inside-an-assisted-living-facility-during-the-pandemic>. The good news is the RC has bounced back and is proud to share their accomplishments from this past fall.

- \$200 and a \$75 Gift card for residents for the remainder of the Equal Grant Funds
- New Medical Provider
- Ping Pong Table
- Ice Cream Vending Machine
- Video Game Machine

Contact our support line (866-503-3332) to give us news about your home!!