

Committee Chairs : Jimmy Li & Anita Bulan

Attendees: CB7 Immigration Committee members & board members, Pauline--New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH), Mon Yuck - Academy of Medical & Public Health Services (AMPHS), ??? --Center For Family Life (CFL)

This emergency panel discussion/meeting was put in place after the revelation of an uptick in Coronavirus cases in Sunset Park area. Thank you to Cesar, Jeremy, and Natasha, we were able to put together an emergency meeting in a week through WebEx. The purpose of this panel discussion was to discuss what we as a community should do to contain this virus and provide our immigrant communities with up-to-date information on what resources are available to them. Pauline shared 4 core messages from her DOHMH agency in combating this virus: 1) please stay home if you are sick 2) wear face covering when you are out 3) maintain social distancing 4) wash your hands frequently. She shared Brooklyn Army Terminal and other testing sites information with the audience. When asked about testing data, Pauline mentioned that it is possible that not all folks being tested positive live in Sunset Park area. One question raised during the discussion was some visitors to those sites were being asked for ID & insurance information. Pauline assured that everyone will be tested for free, regardless of his/her immigration status. Another question was what happened if someone who tested positive but doesn't have insurance and can't afford for the treatment. Pauline advised people who have those concerns to seek treatments from NYC Health + Hospitals. When asked about city's outreach plan to non-English speaking immigrant communities, Pauline said her agency has folks who speak different language and her agency is partnering with immigrant community's CBOs to bring more awareness about this virus. Literatures are being translated into different languages. AMPHS and CFL both talked about their services that are available to the community and the outreach they have done since this coronavirus outbreak. Like DOHMH, they both agreed that social distancing and mask wearing are two important things for our community to contain this virus.