



News from
**Assemblymember
Pamela J. Hunter**

128 Assembly District



Dear Friend:

The month of March has been quite busy! I have been working hard spending the majority of my time in Albany working with my colleagues to finalize the New York State Budget. I look forward to sharing more information once the budget has been finalized.

As always, even though the office is closed for in-person meetings, my office is always available to answer questions and advocate on your behalf. I implore you to remain vigilant, wear a mask and follow health, safety and social distancing guidelines. I wish everyone safety and health.

Warm Regards,

Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

*Assembly extends utility moratorium for
New Yorkers impacted by COVID-19*

(A.6255-A)

Extends the moratorium until December 31, 2021, unless the state of emergency is lifted prior, and for an additional 180 days after to allow customers still facing financial hardship to enter into payment agreements to avoid shutoffs

Applies to services provided by utility corporations, municipalities, telephone and cable companies, broadband providers and water authorities

Expands moratorium eligibility to include certain small businesses with 25 or fewer employees



While much of the activity in Albany has been focused on budget, we are still passing pieces of legislation that impacts the community. Two pieces of my legislation that have passed the Assembly are below:

A.4424: Previously, I had sponsored legislation that provides a tax credit to those that are

mandated to buy flood insurance in Syracuse because so many of these properties are in low-income communities. This bill will build on that enacted law by allowing homeowners to buy the minimum flood insurance necessary to satisfy obligations to a lender while keeping higher coverage as an option.

A.5379: This bill allows for short-term insurance policies and unanimously passed the Assembly. Under current law, insurance policies must last for at least one year. This is unnecessary as many people engage in side activities for extra income. Someone who occasionally provides ride sharing services doesn't need a one year policy. Updates to outdated laws like this will help with our economic recovery and provide New Yorkers with more options for how they'd like to conduct business.



*THANK YOU ESSENTIAL
WORKERS!
YOU ARE APPRECIATED*

COVID VACCINE INFO:

CLICK HERE

*for a list of New York State-operated
vaccination locations with availability
through April 16th!*

*(*AVAILABILITY LIMITED/
APPOINTMENT REQUIRED*)*

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update:

All New Yorkers who are 30+ are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

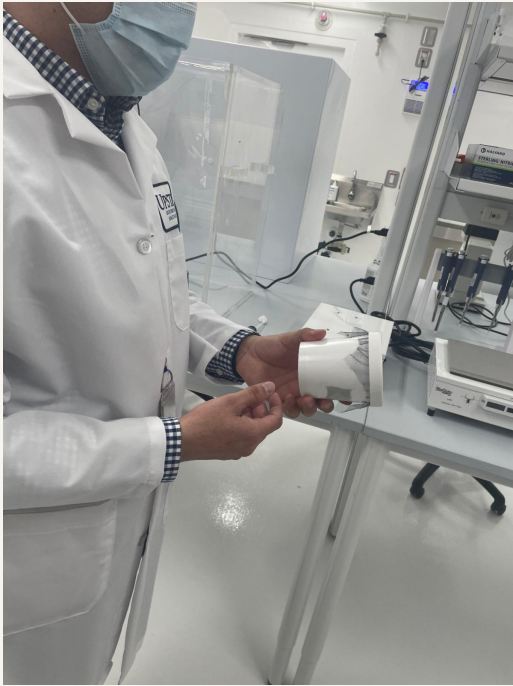
On April 6, universal eligibility for New Yorkers who are 16+ goes into effect.



For more information, visit: am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH SCHEDULING A
VACCINE APPOINTMENT OR ARE WITHOUT
INTERNET ACCESS PLEASE CALL
1-844-245-1922 OR 211**

**UPSTATE OPENS NEW
VECTOR**



"Inside the Lab"

(pictured above)



"Ribbon Cutting to Upstate's new Vector Bio-containment Laboratory "

(pictured above)

In the beginning of March, I was invited to Upstate Medical University where they have opened a new Vector Bio-containment Laboratory, a first-of-its-kind facility to

open and operate at Upstate.

The new VBL facility will allow Upstate to conduct more extensive research on infectious diseases such as coronavirus, Lyme disease, West Nile encephalitis, Zika and more. The new lab is a BSL-3, which means it has an advanced biosafety level as dictated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that includes safety precautions for research on potentially dangerous diseases and their carriers.



March 8th was recognized as

"International Women's Day"

I would like to wish a
Happy International Women's Day to
ALL women!

International Women's Day is...
*"a global day celebrating the social,
economic, cultural and political
achievements of women. The day also
marks a call to action for accelerating
women's equality"*

**Let us continue uplifting each other
and fighting for equality for ALL!**

CONGRATULATIONS

**PLSA at Fowler
on your new Field!**



**I had the opportunity to attend the
ribbon cutting event for PSLA at
Fowler's new field. For the first time in
years, the students from PSLA at Fowler
are practicing and playing on their own
field.**

The brand new field turf stadium was open and ready to go for last fall, but because of COVID, the Syracuse City School District postponed all fall sports. Now with a chance to play in March, the soccer and football teams are making good use of it.

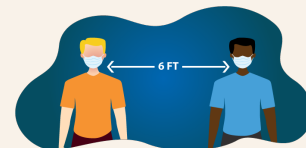
**This is the beginning of an exciting
time for PSLA at Fowler's Athletic
Department and I look forward to
seeing students on the field!**



The Month of April is:
"Volunteer Appreciation Month"
Click the picture below to create a card to...
MAKE A VETERAN SMILE!



WE CAN ALL STAY SAFE TOGETHER:



**Maintain Social
Distancing**

Wear a Mask

Wash your hands

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