



# To the Curb



June 2021

## Kick COVID-19 Community Corps Moving & Shaking

Early this year, Lackawanna County, the City of Scranton and 20 community partners, joined forces to form **Kick COVID-19 Community Corps** (“Community Corps”) – a grassroots collaborative made up of local health care providers, social service agencies, faith groups, cultural organizations, economic and educational institutions, and dedicated volunteers. As member of the HHS COVID-19 Community Corps, Kick COVID-19 Community Corps supports the national [We Can Do This](#) campaign.

Community Corps focuses on unified information sharing and public education about COVID-19 and the available vaccines. While we work to reach as many people as possible, we prioritize our most vulnerable populations, including the elderly, non-native English speaking, minority, medically homebound and economically disadvantaged residents. In addition to sharing clear and simple messaging that empowers, we motivate people to be vaccinated and connect them with nearby opportunities.

Thanks to **Lackawanna County Commissioners Jerry Notarianni, Debi Domenick, and Chris Chermak, Scranton Mayor Paige Gebhardt Cognetti, and State Rep. Bridget Malloy Kosierowski**, who signed on to our big ideas early and immediately saw the value that an organized effort could have on the region’s ability to bring the pandemic under control. The County invested significant resources establishing a central staging location for large, publicly accessible vaccine clinics, and funded many of our activities, including a series of public service announcements. Demonstrating their willingness to put skin in the game, these leaders are wonderful examples of government working effectively for the people.

This month, Community Corps will launch our PSAs (see a few pics, at right). Along with the efforts of so many, we believe our work is paying off. **As of June 8, 105,791 Lackawanna residents are fully vaccinated, and another 19,174 have one of two shots needed.** Yet, there’s work to do!

## Kick it to the Curb, June 18, Downtown Scranton

Community Corps is hosting ***Kick it to the Curb, a Celebration of Community Action***, on **Friday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, at the **Scranton Cultural Center**. The event features a **free vaccine clinic for ages 12 and older**, and a **free fresh food market**, where guests can select from a variety of fruits, vegetables, milk, meat and other products, plus prizes and giveaways. **Anyone eligible (age 12+) who is not yet vaccinated is strongly encouraged to attend.** Appointments can be made at <https://bit.ly/3naklgR>, and transportation assistance will be available. **Call 211 for help scheduling a vaccine (including medically homebound residents in Lackawanna County) and/or transportation. We will also welcome walk-ins.**



Rev. Mark Alexander,  
Bethel AME Church,  
Scranton



Pennsylvania State Rep.  
Bridget Malloy Kosierowski,  
114<sup>th</sup> Legislative District



Chandra Sitaula,  
President, Bhutanese  
Cultural Foundation,  
Scranton

## Upcoming

### Vaccine Clinics

Visit our [web site](#) for a listing of upcoming first and second dose clinics, registration links and details.

## Connect

### Join Our Facebook Group

Through our public [Facebook group](#), we promote upcoming educational and vaccine events for our communities, and our partner organizations share the information posted with their social networks. You are welcome to join our Facebook group and we invite you to share away! As we repeatedly urge our members . . . don't just like it, share it!

### Bookmark Our Web Page

In addition to serving as a central repository for all upcoming first and second dose vaccine clinics, the [Community Corps web site](#) includes robust public education resources in various languages, links to trusted resources, and our volunteer signup form. Please visit our site and bookmark or save it as a favorite!

### Volunteer

We have many upcoming volunteer opportunities for everyone. To join Community Corps as a volunteer, in any way that suits your interests, skills and/or schedule, simply complete and submit our [volunteer form](#). A representative will reach out to learn more about you.

### Reach Out

If you have questions about Community Corps, to request educational information or a presentation, or if you wish to inquire about hosting a vaccine clinic, submit your question or request through this [online form](#).

## Toot, Toot

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS, JANUARY – MAY 2021

- Supported 32 local vaccine clinics
- Provided COVID-19 education and translation support for clinics and materials targeted to English, Nepali, Swahili and Spanish-speaking communities
- Actively managed and met the needs of our medically homebound residents
- Recorded eight public service announcements in six languages (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Swahili, Nepali)



## Partner Organizations

- [Bethel AME Church](#)
- [Bhutanese Cultural Foundation of Scranton](#)
- [City of Scranton](#)
- [Catholic Social Services](#)
- [CEO Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank](#)
- [Commonwealth Health Ambulance](#)
- [Commonwealth Health – Moses Taylor Hospital](#)
- [Congoese Community of Scranton](#)
- [Delta Medix](#)
- [Diocese of Scranton](#)
- [DePietro's Pharmacy](#)
- [Friends of the Poor](#)
- [Hometown Health Care of NEPA](#)
- [Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development](#)
- [Interim Healthcare](#)
- [Lackawanna County](#)
- [Lackawanna County Arts & Culture](#)
- [Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging](#)
- [Lackawanna County Medical Society](#)
- [Lackawanna County NAACP](#)
- [Lackawanna County Re-Entry Program/PA Prison Society](#)
- [Medicap Pharmacy](#)
- [Moses Taylor Foundation](#)
- [Netratar](#)
- [Scranton School District](#)
- [Scranton Primary Health Care](#)
- [Service Employees International Union \(SEIU\) Healthcare](#)
- [St. Luke's Episcopal Church](#)
- [United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA](#)
- [United Way of Lackawanna & Wayne Counties](#)
- [University of Scranton](#)