

Some of the Initiatives “we” have been involved in:

- *Elizabeth Coalition, Elizabeth*
- *Fulfill Food Bank, Monmouth & Ocean Counties*
- *Jankowski Community Center, Perth Amboy*
- *Mantena Global, Newark*
- *Military Assistance Pantry of Great Falls Rotary, Paterson*
- *Project Kind, Rockaway*
- *Rise Food Pantry, Hightstown, East Windsor*
- *Salvation Army, Perth Amboy*
- *Smile Organization, Passaic*
- *Tri-Boro Food Pantry, Park Ridge*

To contribute to any of these causes, you can paypal:

NJCVC411@gmail.com

Drop offs of food and items are being made weekly

“Look for the Helpers!”



helpers.”

We hope that you and your families are doing as well as possible under the current circumstances. We realize that these are very trying times and the uncertainty of it all can be overwhelming. The lack of information, too much information, not the right information, etc., is maddening. Through this, we are reminded of Mister Rogers and his famous line, “Look for the

Many of you and our members have stepped up in a BIG way to get involved in your communities and across the state. Members are volunteering and showing true leadership in this time of crisis. Leaders joined forces with **Trenton Relief** and small businesses to feed the people of New Jersey. Our leaders collected donations, physically shopped for items, organized mass “virtual Costco orders” of rice, and networked with legislators and others to get things done.

If you have not had a chance to get involved locally but would like to, reach out to your legislator and ask “How can we help? I am in touch with a lot of people in the district. What are the needs? How can we support the community? Food banks, home food delivery, etc.?” If you want to do this but are nervous getting started, reach out to Sue Collins, Melissa Collins or Amara Wagner and they will be happy to walk you through it.



Legislative Update



On the vaccination choice front, we don’t know what will happen at this point. We continue to communicate with legislators and understand their focus at the moment is still on Covid19 and its effects on their communities and we have offered our assistance to help them in areas that are in great need.

There is not currently any legislative activity on the bills we are following. Over the weekend, an Op-Ed pushing the removal of the religious exemption came out and a few members submitted rebuttals.

Some of our members have written wonderful opinion pieces published recently*:

- "Navigating Covid's Treacherous Learning Curve" by Ann Rosen, published in *TapInto*
- "My Mother's Recovering from Covid-19" by Hilary Jersey, published by *Centraljersey.com*
- "Legislators Who Work with Parents to Create Better Public Health Solutions Deserve Our Praise" by Ann Rosen, published in *TapInto*

Not yet published:

- "Keep Vaccination Religious Exemptions" by Kelly Emanuel, MPH

*Articles are included at the end of the newsletter for your reference.

What You Can Do Now

Experiences. Your experiences are crucial in helping others understand what people are facing day to day, so please consider writing up personal stories to share with others (legislators, governor, newspapers), especially if you are "on the front lines" in any capacity. Those making the decisions need to know what the effect of those decisions are – both good and bad. It is up to us to inform and educate. Letters to the Editor are a great way to introduce ideas, pose questions and answers. Get people to think.

Local Involvement. Tune into your municipalities' Board of Education and Town Council/Township Committee meetings. They should be all live-streamed now. Take the opportunity to pose articulate, relevant questions. We need to ask thoughtful questions and look at the data that is available and what is lacking. Get people to think. We have to believe that most want to do what is best for people, and need to have the resources and knowledge to do so.

Sharing is Caring. Share resources, articles about Covid-19 vaccine development and any other developments regarding vaccines studies, issues, relevant discussions. Make sure you separate fact from fiction and opinion. We need to share valid information, not fuel the spread of half-truths that fit our rhetoric.

Relationships. The New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice and its members have worked hard to create a solid, professional and successful organization by creating strong relationships both with constituents, national leaders and with legislators. We must maintain neutrality and non-partisanship.

Now, more than ever, We, as a Movement, need allies, not adversaries. We need positive and respectful conversations and dialog. The number of unknowns is staggering and it is easy to want to point fingers and cast blame. If we are attacking and blaming, we will drive others away and be easily discounted. We cannot afford to vilify any person or group. We need to remain peaceful and look to work with others for solutions that are positive and beneficial. No matter how emotional a conversation can be, we need to work hard to build bridges. We realize that many people are scared right now and the best decisions are not usually made from a place of fear.

The current environment and press is very hostile in many ways. As we continue to navigate the COVID issue and the role that vaccinations may play in all of this, it is imperative that we remain nonpartisan and involve people from all political persuasions. As a group, we must stay focused on vaccination choice.

When it is time, we will need to call out the mishaps and effectively organize. Stay the course! We feel our energy is best reserved for addressing concerns and providing facts and information and being prepared for a mandatory vaccine that may roll out. We are watching the legislative calendar and will act and respond accordingly.

We must continue to gather information and have conversations. Our ability to remain "calm" has been instrumental in our capacity to continue to build relationships and enable people to start to question and want to take their health and medical decisions into their hands. Remember that everyone processes and

handles things differently; we must try not to take things personally. No matter how emotional a conversation can be, we need to meet people where they are and work to build bridges. Doing this will ensure that we are growing respect and momentum for our movement.

Elections. As some of you may be aware, the Primary Election has been moved to July 7, 2020. Make sure you are registered to vote. If you are registered, make sure your family and friends and are all registered to vote. To vote in the Primary, you must be registered by June 16, 2020. To vote in the General Election, you must be registered by October 13, 2020. For more information, please visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

For more information on candidates, please visit:
<https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/election-information-2020.shtml>

Initiative for People of Color:

My Black Health



“My Black Health” is an organization with a mission to support black families in their quest for good health. The show “Moving Mountains” produced on the MBH platform is hosted by Sheila Ealey, and two of our own members, Sumayyah Simone and Aisha Battle. Moving Mountains is a show that talks about issues pertinent to the black community. Please support them by following them on social media.

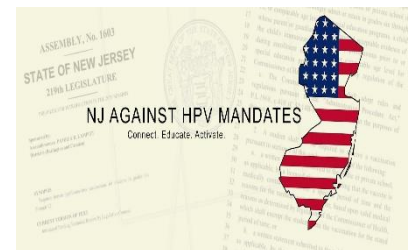
Follow them on twitter @myblackhealth, Instagram @myblackhealth, <https://www.facebook.com/myblackhealth/> and tune into their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE7CBePAvt2ShPyAZFgY-tA>

HPV Truth Initiative

The HPV Truth Initiative was formed to unite parents against mandatory HPV vaccinations. Their goal is to share factual information, data, studies, safety and efficacy issues about the HPV vaccine in an effort to allow people to make informed decisions about this pharmaceutical product and take action

against HPV mandates and removal of parental choice in the case of minors. Activities may include sending e-mails, making phone calls, meeting in person with other activists, meeting with legislators, and other action items. We are not pro or anti. We are pro-truth, pro-choice, and against government overreach. You find more information at

www.facebook.com/groups/NJAgainstHPVMandates



Additional Resources:

www.nvic.org

www.njleg.state.nj.us

www.state.nj.us/state/elections

New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice, LLC is a non-partisan organization focused on promoting vaccination choice, informed consent and personalized medical decisions.

Our advocacy includes a grassroots, volunteer coalition of New Jersey citizens who work to build relationships within our local communities and with our local elected officials.

If you would like to support our work, please donate via paypal to njcv411@gmail.com.

While your donations are not tax deductible, we appreciate your support.

Thank you for your continued involvement and dedication to maintaining medical freedoms, vaccination choice and informed consent!

Want to take your activism up a notch?



We the People - Jersey Strong

Join "We the People – Jersey Strong"

This bipartisan initiative was started to encourage and promote grassroots political activism across the state of New Jersey.

Leaders from our group have amplified the relationship building efforts with current NJ legislators and federal level candidates. These relationships are built at the ground level by helping citizens become part of the political system (by volunteering on campaigns, supporting our leaders, county committee seats and more) thus enabling our views and priorities on medical freedom and many other issues be shared from the "inside". They work with candidates on both sides of the aisle.

The success and importance of these efforts cannot be overstated. They are asking for volunteers to help grow the group and maximize impact. They need volunteers of all political persuasions.

Teams are needed to focus on:

- * Social media activity in the group
- * Recruiting members
- * Connecting with campaigns of candidates running this year
- * Voter and mail in ballot registration
- * Local community outreach / networking
- * Organizing local efforts

District 24

NJ Legislative District 24 partnered with Family Promise to host a local food drive on May 29, 2020. Packaged food donation and monetary donations will be accepted. Perishables should be donated on May 28, 2020 to ensure freshness. Drop off address is 8 Forest Drive, Newton, NJ: small items may be left in mailbox, large items can be left in front of garage door. For monetary donations, please venmo @George-Tsiattalos (receipts will be furnished once items are shopped for).

The following items are needed:

<i>Canned fruits</i>	<i>Canned vegetables</i>	<i>Beans</i>
<i>Cereals</i>	<i>Peanut butter</i>	<i>Jelly</i>
<i>Bread</i>	<i>Pasta</i>	<i>Sauce</i>
<i>Macaroni & cheese</i>	<i>Apple sauce</i>	<i>Snacks</i>
<i>Soup</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Toilet paper</i>
<i>Paper towels</i>	<i>Soap (body, dish, etc.)</i>	<i>Lotion</i>
<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>Conditioner</i>	

There are families with special needs if anyone can provide specialty items such as:

<i>Sunbutter</i>	<i>Gluten free items</i>
<i>Egg free items</i>	<i>Dairy Free</i>