

# NEW YORK NURSING HOMES AND THE COVID-19 VACCINE: GET THE FACTS

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## PANELISTS

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**Dr. Nimalie D. Stone, MD, MS**  
**Team Lead for Long-term Care Prevention and Response**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion

Dr. Nimalie Stone is a Board-certified infectious disease physician with over ten years of experience developing surveillance and quality improvement projects to track and prevent infections and antibiotic-resistant pathogens in post-acute and long-term care settings. She trained in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins University and in infectious diseases at Emory University. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Stone and her colleagues have led the development of guidance, education, and implementation resources for COVID prevention and response activities in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.



**Loretta A. Santilli, MPH**  
**Director, Office of Public Health Practice**, New York State Department of Health

Loretta Santilli has 26 years of experience with the New York State Department of Health, including epidemiology, emergency preparedness, and immunization. She is currently the Director of the Office of Public Health Practice and has been involved in various aspects of the COVID-19 response. She is Commissioner Zucker's ambassador for the State's COVID-19 vaccination plan.



**Dr. Martin A. Grossman, MD**  
**Chief Medical Officer**, Citadel Care Centers

With 18 years' experience in private office practice, Martin A. Grossman, MD, is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine. He received his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, completed his Biomedical Ethics fellowship at the Shalom Hartman Institute, and received post-graduate training at Long Island Jewish Hospital. Currently, Dr. Grossman is the Chief Medical officer for Citadel Care Centers.

His previously held leadership positions:

- Chairman of Medicine, Peninsula Hospital Center
- Director of Palliative Medicine, Northwell LIJ Forest Hills, Long Beach Medical Center
- Senior Hospice Medical Director MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care
- Medical Director, Hospice Inpatient Unit, Menorah and Silvercrest
- Medical Director of various nursing homes



**Dr. Van H. Dunn, MD**  
**Chief Medical Officer**, 1199SEIU Benefit Funds

Van H. Dunn, MD, is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the 1199SEIU Benefit Funds, which provide comprehensive self-insured, self-administered health-care benefits to more than 400,000 healthcare workers, retirees, and their families. As CMO, he oversees the Funds' clinical, care management, and analytics functions. He is also responsible for pursuing health and wellness initiatives and value-based strategies.

Before joining the Funds, Dr. Dunn served as Senior Vice President for Medical and Professional Affairs and CMO at NYC Health + Hospitals, and as CMO for MetroPlus Health Plan. He practiced as a primary care physician for many years as an attending physician at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center) and later an assistant dean and assistant professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Dunn also served as Deputy Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and as Senior Health Policy Advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

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### **Sandi Vito**

**Executive Director, 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds**

Sandi Vito is the Executive Director of the 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds (TEF). TEF provides training, job placement, and quality improvement programs to over 700 healthcare employers and 250,000 workers in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington, DC, and Florida.

Ms. Vito joined TEF in 2011 as the Director of the 1199SEIU League Training and Upgrading Fund (TUF) and the 1199SEIU Greater New York Education Fund (GNY). Jointly governed by labor and management, these organizations provide front-line healthcare workers with an array of education and training benefits, including foundational skills and healthcare-related certificates and degrees.

Before joining TEF, Ms. Vito served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, where she oversaw unemployment compensation, labor law, workers' compensation and workforce development programs.

Ms. Vito received a Bachelor of Arts from Richard Stockton College and a Master of Arts in Labor Studies at the City University of New York and has studied Urban Studies and Community and Regional Planning at Temple University.



### **Milly Silva**

**Executive Vice President, 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East**

Milly Silva serves as an Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, the nation's largest healthcare union. A Bronx native, her work in the labor movement began when she became a long-term care organizer for 1199SEIU—unionizing thousands of home healthcare workers throughout New York City. Tapped by the union leadership to build power for healthcare workers across the Hudson, she then relocated to New Jersey, where she transformed 1199SEIU into the leading union for nursing home workers in the state, winning groundbreaking contracts that include living wages and high-quality health insurance for workers and their families.

While overseeing the union's activities in New Jersey, since 2016 Milly has directed 1199SEIU's nursing home division covering New York City, Long Island, and the Hudson Valley. She has led negotiations for some 45,000 nursing home workers in Greater New York and secured master union contracts that maintain the highest job standards anywhere in the nation. In both NY and NJ, Milly has mobilized front-line healthcare workers to win major increases in state Medicaid funding, spearheading labor-management partnerships as part of this effort.



### **Marc Z. Kramer**

**President, League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes**

Marc Z. Kramer is the current President of the League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes. In addition, he is the Principal Managing Director of Port Media Solutions, LLC. Port Media provides management consulting, principally in labor relations, and restructuring.

From 2006 to 2010, Marc was the CEO of the *Daily News*, the most widely read newspaper in the nation's largest media market. Before being named CEO at the *Daily News*, Marc held several positions at *The New York Times*, including Senior Vice President of Circulation, Senior Vice President of Production, and Vice President of Labor Relations. From 1990 until 1993, Marc was an associate at Proskauer Rose. From 1985 until 1990, he also served as the Deputy General Counsel and subsequently the General Counsel at the New York City Mayor's Office of Labor Relations.



### **Michael A.L. Balboni**

**Executive Director, Greater New York Healthcare Association**

Michael A.L. Balboni is the Executive Director of the Greater New York Healthcare Facilities Association (GNYHCFA), a non-profit trade association serving the needs of the long-term care community and providing regulatory compliance and life-safety services to more than 90 nursing homes in the greater New York metropolitan area.

Before joining the GNYHCFA in 2009, Mr. Balboni was the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety for New York State in January 2007. As the senior Homeland Security and Law Enforcement official for the State of New York, Mr. Balboni managed the Public Safety Directorate, including the Office of Homeland Security, Division of State Police, Division of Military and Naval Affairs, and the State Emergency Management Office.

Before being appointed to the governor's cabinet, Mr. Balboni represented the Seventh Senate District of the State of New York from December 1997 to December 2006. Before his election to the New York State Senate, Mr. Balboni represented the Seventeenth Assembly District from February 1990 to December 1997.

In addition to Mr. Balboni's role at the GNYHCFA, he is President and Managing Director of RedLand Strategies; a full-service consulting firm focused on business development, homeland security, and government relations.