



JPA IN THE NEWS

The Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center (JPA) made news in November in an article published by Epicenter-NYC. The article focused on JPA's outreach into the Far Rockaway communities advocating for residents to be vaccinated. Tina Burke, Senior Care Coordinator at JPA, and her team spent many days on the street talking to residents, addressing their questions and hesitations. We believe that the best way to educate the people of Far Rockaway is by going directly to them and talking directly to them where they live and in places where they gather on a daily basis.”

Epicenter-NYC Community Reporter, Andrea Pineda-Salgado, also interviewed Yury Mota-Rodriguez, Primary Care HIV Care Coordinator, and Miriam Vega, PhD, CEO, at length about the efforts JPA made in the community. “They need more information that is comprehensible, so we need to take into account health literacy of the population, and we need to take into account some of the values and being culturally responsive, making sure we have materials in different languages and address the values of the community,” said Dr. Vega.

Yury Mota-Rodriguez, Primary Care HIV Coordinator said, “I am Dominican. I speak Spanish, so it was different for them to be hearing from someone who spoke their own language, that shared their own experience and that could tell them in their own language whether this vaccine was going to be good or bad,” she said.

It should be noted that while there are still residents who remain unconvinced and have not received a COVID-19 vaccination, there were hundreds of residents who were convinced during the conversations with the JPA team and by the facts as presented by the JPA team and received their vaccinations.

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