

**Minutes**  
**MSSNY Committee on Infectious Diseases**  
**Thursday, January 25, 2024**  
**7:30AM via zoom**

**Present**

William Valenti, MD Chair  
Karen Myrie, MD Co-Vice Chair  
James Braun, MD  
Monica Sweeney, MD MPH

Irina Staples, MD  
Danielle P. Wales MD

**Staff**

Patricia Clancy, Sr. VP/Managing  
Director  
Melissa Hoffman, Asst. Director of  
Public Health  
Brian M Land, Administrative Assistant

**Excused**

Philip Kaplan, MD

**Absent**

Anthony Battista, MD  
Carmen Rodriguez, MD

**1) Welcome, please review committee list**

**2) Adoption of October 19, 2023 minutes** – Dr. Valenti moved to make an edit to item 4 to say that masks are necessary to unvaccinated healthcare workers. Pat Clancy will make the correction. The minutes were approved

**3) Update on Respiratory Illnesses—Dr. Valenti** – slides were available in the mediafire link.

**4) NYS DOH Advisory on Healthcare Facilities Regarding Masking:**  
[Notification 111766.pdf \(mssny.org\)](#)

**5) Status of OMSS Resolution to Council** – The resolution was not approved by the MSSNY Council. The Council did mention the Cochrane Library's Review of masking which does not support masking as a form of stopping virus or Covid transmission.

**6) 2024 House of Delegates drafting of resolution on public health priorities**– Dr. Valenti presented a resolution for the committee to consider sponsoring at the 2024 MSSNY House of Delegates. This resolution deals with evidence based medicine promotion and immunization and strategies for public health mitigation. The resolution was discussed and the committee agreed to move it forward to House of Delegates. Ms. Clancy will also forward it to other public health committees along with OMSS for consideration of co-sponsorship.

**7) Next Meeting: April 25, 2024**