



## CALENDAR

March 6, 2023 LIZ NEWS Deadline  
**CHANGE:** May 10 LIZ Spring Luncheon  
 Sept. 20, 2023 LIZ Fall Annual Mtg

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# JANUARY BULLETIN

## Whether you still live in New York or have moved...

Many of us recently received this email from New York State Governor Kathy Hochul: *We're working hard to deliver for New Yorkers across the state — and we want to keep you up to date on the issues you care about. That's why I'm hoping you'll take a moment to let me know what's on your mind and what issues matter most to you.*

We've also learned: ***NYS Bills A-10425 and S-09347 would have guaranteed educators the health insurance benefits with which they retired. Back in June 2022, Acting Governor Hochul stated she would approve this bill. The Legislature approved the bills December 2, 2022 and sent them to the Governor to sign into law. However, Governor Hochul vetoed that legislation on December 12.***

***PLEASE write letters of encouragement to your legislators to pursue this legislation again in 2023 AND to Governor Hochul for her to sign them into law: Hon. Kathleen C. Hochul, NYS State Capital Building, Albany, NY 12224 or [www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form](http://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form).***

Thank you from *all* your colleagues across the state!

## Coronavirus Continues to Evolve: XBB.1.5 Strain

Happy new year? Not if you have COVID, the flu or RSV (respiratory syncytial virus)! It's mind-blowing to think COVID has been around for three years (—some of us received a Bachelor's Degree in that time frame!). The coronavirus continues to evolve and the XBB.1.5 strain, first detected here in October, is *particularly* contagious. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to be sure your vaccinations are up-to-date and wear a mask when in close proximity to others....

—JoAnne Powell, LIZ Health Chair