

## Presidents Message

Dear NYSSMA members,

The weather has finally turned, flowers are blooming, the sun is shining, and with it the hopes of some relief from Covid-19 and its variants.

It has been a rough couple of years to say the least. Covid-19 has changed the world in so many ways. We were in lock down, some businesses closed for good, others changed the way they provided services. We in the medical field had to change as well. Many of us turned to virtual appointments to keep patients and employees alike safe. Some of us switched to working remotely while others went into the office, hospital or whatever setting we were in.

We were told in the beginning it would only be for a couple weeks, maybe a month, yet here we are 2 years later with no end in sight. The numbers rise and fall with each new variant, and we stay cautious.

Many things came to a stand still, including NYSSMA. We held virtual meetings, and tried to stay positive, but it was a challenge that all walks of life struggled with.

It is time to start the regrowth of NYSSMA and try to get back to business. Students are back in classes and many of us are back to work in our respective places of employment. NYSSMA will bounce back as well. We have dedicated members who truly care about the CMA(AAMA) credential and want to share our knowledge with others.

This is an organization of strong women and men who give of their time and knowledge so others can learn and advance in their careers, and in life. NYSSMA needs more people to carry on. I will do what I can to get new members and make sure the organization continues.

I wish all of you good health and Happiness as we carefully tread through this Covid Pandemic and try to Find our “new normal”

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