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CHILDREN'S COVID-19 THEMED STORYTIME HOSTED BY GALE BURSTEIN, MD, MPH, ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are pleased to announce their latest virtual storytime video featuring Erie County Commissioner of Health Dr. Gale Burstein reading a timely children's book about the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Burstein narrates the newly published book called *Coronavirus - Questions Answered for Kids*, written and illustrated by Adriana Morales Marín.

"Dr. Burstein brings true compassion in her reading, providing her expertise on a difficult and scary topic in a child-friendly manner," said Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. "We are fortunate she was able to take time from her busy schedule, especially during these challenging times, to show children who may be experiencing fear a calming sense of security and stability in a comforting way," added Ms. Jakubowski.

The video features Dr. Burstein narrating the book and offering expert advice about staying healthy while showcasing the adorable illustrations from each page of the book.

"Sharing this book with Erie County's youngest readers was a chance to provide accurate and age-appropriate information about a topic that is on everyone's minds," said Dr. Burstein. "I would like to thank the library system and its staff for this opportunity and for encouraging a love for books, even as their physical locations are closed."

The video is accessible and sharable through the Erie County, NY YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/eriecountyny) and <https://youtu.be/sT5FMnyGgnI>, and on the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/119744043584/videos/638926343352755/>.

Many other virtual storytimes and family activities, including a delightful coloring book and contest featuring the Library mascot Reada Book Owl, can also be found on the Library System website at: www.BuffaloLib.org.

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