

# Mt. Vernon Hospital

## Our Community Hospital Must Stay Open for Care

**MONTEFIORE HEALTH SYSTEM** wants to close our Community Hospital and limit access to care. This closure attempt will damage our community's health, which is why we are fighting back.

Learn more on why Mt. Vernon Hospital Must Stay Open for Care and join the growing Community-Labor movement to Save Mt. Vernon Hospital.

### MT. VERNON RESIDENT'S NEED MORE HEALTHCARE, NOT LESS

- Mt. Vernon is a designated Medically Underserved Area by the Federal Government and was only recently removed from Health Professional Shortage Area status—something it could risk regaining if Mt. Vernon Hospital (MVH) closes and more Doctors leave.
- Without certified inpatient beds at MVH, a predominately Black population will be pushed out of the community to seek care elsewhere in the wealthier towns of Westchester County (where Monte is actively **expanding**), or will have to travel to Montefiore's Bronx campuses.
- MVH is located in the Black Community of Mt. Vernon- almost 70% of the city identifies as Black, and nearly 2 in 10 Mt. Vernon residents live below the poverty line. Why is Montefiore choosing to attack our community and remove health resources?

### MVH IS A SAFETY NET INSTITUTION FOR MT. VERNON

- MVH has a patient population of elderly Black community members who built Mt. Vernon's culture and neighborhoods
- MVH is a community hospital and almost 70% of its inpatient discharges are to Mt. Vernon
- Almost 75% of its outpatient, including ED visits are from patients living in Mt. Vernon
- The hospital primarily serves a population that relies on Medicare and Medicaid
- Major patient care services that currently treat our community include:
  - Diabetes complications
  - Behavioral Health/Mental Health
  - Sepsis
  - Cardiac disease
  - Pneumonia
  - Stroke
  - HIV/AIDS
- MVH treats more than 8% of all patients in the county with Schizophrenia and mood disorders.

### IMPACT OF SERVICE REDUCTION AND CLOSURES ON THE COMMUNITY

- MVH preserves vital Mental Health services while the rest of the Montefiore system cuts/limits mental health access
- Health disparities between Mt. Vernon's Black community and other folks are quite stark in Westchester County already.
- Black patients in the community that suffer complication from diabetes will be put at risk if beds are decertified as well.
- Black patients in the community with mental health issues in Mount Vernon will be put at tremendous risk when inpatient psychiatric beds are decertified.
- Mt. Vernon was granted just over \$11 million dollars in grants from DOH in partnership with others. It's not clear what happens to this grant in the event Mt. Vernon's beds are transferred or decommissioned.
- Montefiore conducted over 80 community health events, including 48 screenings and 31 community workshops, reaching over 3500 residents in senior centers and retirement communities surrounding Mount Vernon. What happens to those elderly patients now?
- MVH is a New York State-designated Stroke Center. What happens to Mt. Vernon residents that have a stroke? How far will they have to travel?

## Act Now to Stop the Closure

Join the movement to Stop the Closure of MVH  
and Keep it Open for Care.