



**The Biden Administration has appointed Dr. Dara Kass as the Region II Regional Director. A native New Yorker, and board-certified Emergency Medicine physician, Dr. Kass brings tremendous experience and energy to the Department.**



**Dr. Dara Kass**

Dr. Kass is a graduate of SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and the Kings County Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency. She began her career in resident education at Staten Island University Hospital, followed by medical student education at New York University School of Medicine, and most recently was an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Columbia University School of Medicine.

A champion for gender equity and the advancement of women in medicine, Dr. Kass academic work has focused on creating a more equitable workplace for women in medicine. For the last 18 months, she has shifted focus to policy and public communication in regards to the COVID pandemic. She has focused her communication on the impact of COVID on communities and families, empowering Americans to make informed decisions for themselves and their families.