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**TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO OBSERVES VACCINATIONS OF HEALTH
CARE WORKERS AT NYU LANGONE HEALTH**

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you. Listen, I want to thank Joe Lhota and everyone at NYU Langone Health for this amazing moment we're about to share together, but, as you heard from Joe, also for the extraordinary role that NYU Langone Health played in helping make sure we all got to experience this moment and had a vaccine we could depend on. So, thank you, Joe -- to you and to all your colleagues.

Everyone, this is a beautiful moment, a powerful moment. You're going to see health care heroes getting this vaccine. You're going to see them being protected so they can serve all of us. You're going to see a needle go in the arm, but that's not the shot that's most important, what really matters is we're getting a shot of hope here in New York City and all over the country. We're getting a shot of hope. We now know that we will ultimately defeat the coronavirus. To do that, everyone needs to be involved. And so, our Health Department led by Dr. Dave Chokshi -- he's going to be out there all over this city, making sure that people get this vaccine, that it is fast and it's effective. We get out there to every corner of New York City, that the distribution is equitable, and we want to especially focus on those 27 neighborhoods that bore the brunt of this crisis in communities of color.

So, what you're about to see is the biggest mobilization in the history of New York City. You're about to see the biggest vaccination effort ever in the hundreds of years this city has been here. And the amazing things that have happened in New York over the generations, this will be one for the ages. This will go into the history books, the greatest, fastest vaccination effort ever in the history of New York City, and it begins right here today. I feel we're all blessed to have this experience together. So, let's go and start -- let's start rolling. Let's start getting people safe in this city.

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