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NEW YORK CITY'S VACCINE EFFORT OUTPACES NATIONWIDE AVERAGE

New York City is vaccinating at over double the national average

NEW YORK— Over 42% of vaccine doses have now been administered in New York City, over double the national average of 19%. With the City's vaccination effort now underway, Mayor de Blasio today also launched the Vaccine Command Center [website](#) to track the City's progress in administering the in vaccine real-time.

“Hope is on the horizon in New York City,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “We are moving full steam ahead to get out healthcare workers and nursing homes the vaccines they need to win the battle against the virus once and for all.”

“We are still early in the process but these figures reflect the depth of preparation by our healthcare system and public health professionals,” said **Health Commissioner Dr. Dave Chokshi**. “The healthcare workers who receive this vaccine have demonstrated so much heroism and this vaccine will give them a layer of protection as they fight for our health in the year ahead.”

To date, 18,105 doses have been administered in New York City out of the 42,900 doses distributed to healthcare workers and nursing homes. Comparatively only 556,208 of the 2,838,225 total doses distributed nationwide have been administered. To add to New York City's existing supply, the FDA has also now authorized the Moderna vaccine and it will be ship to New York City in the coming days.

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