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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR ADAMS ON CALL WITH HHS SECRETARY
BECERRA AND CDC DIRECTOR WALENSKY ON MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK**

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement on his call with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle Walensky on the Monkeypox outbreak yesterday afternoon:

“Commissioner Vasan and I had a call yesterday with HHS Secretary Becerra and CDC Director Walensky about our city’s needs to face this Monkeypox outbreak together. We discussed the supply constraints that New York City is facing and the urgency to expand our vaccine access footprint to more people, in more neighborhoods, through more partners and providers. We reaffirmed our shared commitment to address this outbreak in a manner that is equitable and addresses areas of highest need and those most at risk. We also shared our commitment to expeditiously address the current shortage through upcoming allocations in ways that are proportional to the current burden of disease here in New York City — the epicenter of the Monkeypox epidemic — while expanding our efforts on the ground to get New Yorkers accurate information and necessary precaution for prevention. Our administration’s ongoing partnership with the CDC, HHS, and the White House is critical to best protect New Yorkers, and we will do everything we can to ensure our communities are safe and healthy.”

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