## THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, NY 10007 MORE THAN 100,000 VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED IN NYC IN ONE WEEK SPAN AS 1B BEGINS

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**NEW YORK**—Over 100,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered in New York City last week, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced today, surpassing the City's initial benchmark goal. This comes as New Yorkers 75 or older and frontline essential workers such as teachers and education workers, childcare staff, first responders, public safety workers, and public transit workers are now eligible to get the free COVID-19 vaccine. Eligible New Yorkers in Phase 1A or 1B can reserve their appointment by calling 877 - VAX - 4NYC or visiting nyc.gov/VaccineFinder.

"Vaccine Finder is a one-stop shop where eligible New Yorkers can find the closest vaccine provider to them and book an appointment with one click of a button," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "That means the COVID-19 will be safe, free, and easy to get for all New Yorkers. If you are eligible, please call 877 - VAX - 4NYC or visit <u>nyc.gov/VaccineFinder</u> to reserve your appointment today."

New Yorkers can now make their vaccine appointments using the City's Vaccine Finder, launched yesterday, which aggregates all vaccination locations open to the eligible public citywide into a single, accessible five-borough network, including:

- City-run sites, like the NYC Vaccine Hubs and 24/7 the City has opened and continues to open,
- as well as private provider locations, not run by the City, but accessible to eligible individuals for appointments

This helpful tool allows New Yorkers to access the vaccine however works for them, at locations they know and trust in their own communities. Eligible New Yorkers who wish to make an appointment over the phone can do so by calling 877 - VAX - 4NYC between the hours of 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, seven days a week.

Phase 1A priority groups also continue to be eligible for vaccines including healthcare workers and staff with direct patient contact, emergency responders, staff at COVID-19 testing and vaccination locations, home health aides, and long-term care staff and residents, among others.

"As more New Yorkers become eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine all the time, New York City is expanding the number of sites where New Yorkers can go to get vaccinated citywide—and making it easier to find a convenient site near you and reserve an appointment, "said **Deputy Mayor Melanie Hartzog**. "For those eligible New Yorkers in Phase1B, including essential workers like teachers and first responders who've been on the frontlines of this crisis since the outset, make your vaccination appointment today! It is safe, easy, and free."

"To eligible New Yorkers—including healthcare heroes, people 75 and older, educators, and first responders—the vaccine is coming to a site near you," said **Health Commissioner Dr. Dave A. Chokshi**. "Go to the finder to make an appointment today. A vaccination will help you protect yourself, your community and your city from COVID-19."

