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MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES 24/7 MEGA VACCINATION SITE AT CITI FIELD

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced that Citi Field will become a 24/7 mega vaccination site. Operated by the NYC Health + Hospitals Test & Trace Corps, the site is currently slated to launch the week of January 25th.

"The Mets are hitting it out of the park today," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "By making Citi Field a 24/7 vaccination site they're stepping up to the plate for New Yorkers across our city."

"Alex and I have talked about the importance of the Mets being actively involved in our community and we are happy to help out," said **Mets Owner Steve Cohen**. "Partnering with the Mayor and City to open Citi Field as a 24/7 vaccination site will help get more people vaccinated faster as part of the City's recovery from COVID-19."

An additional 24/7 mega site also launched today at 125 Worth Street in Manhattan, adding to the two sites that are currently operational in the Bronx and Brooklyn. A site in Staten Island at the Vanderbilt Gotham Health Center will launch Friday, followed by a site at the DOHMH clinic in Corona, Queens on Saturday. By the end of this week, a total of five 24/7 vaccination sites across the city will be open, with one location in each borough.

The Citi Field site will eventually scale up to be able to vaccinate approximately 5,000-7,000 eligible New Yorkers per day, building on the City's goal to offer one million doses of the vaccine by the end of January. For other sites citywide, eligible New Yorkers can make their vaccine appointments using the City's [Vaccine Finder](#), which aggregates all vaccination locations open to the eligible public citywide into a single, accessible five-borough network, including City-run sites and private providers.

New Yorkers 75 or older and frontline essential workers such as teachers and education workers, childcare staff, first responders, public safety workers, public transit workers, and other frontline essential 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 by visiting nyc.gov/VaccineFinder.

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 PM, 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.

“All New Yorkers must have access to the COVID-19 vaccine, and this massive new site gives us the ability to deliver the vaccine rapidly so that we can protect New Yorkers and keep our city safe,” said **NYC Test & Trace Corps Executive Director Dr. Ted Long**. “With a track record of testing millions of New Yorkers for the virus, the addition of our latest 24/7 vaccination site at Citi Field builds on the strong base we have established through the Test & Trace Corps to win the fight and finally end this pandemic.”

“The vaccination location at Citi Field adds to our growing network of vaccine access points citywide, making it even easier for eligible New Yorkers to access the safe, free COVID-19 vaccine,” said **Deputy Mayor Melanie Hartzog**. “With more and more New Yorkers determined eligible by the State to be vaccinated all the time, we’re focused on continuing to ramp up our capacity for vaccination to meet demand. With vaccine supply very limited, however, we urge New Yorkers scheduling appointments to be patient – and new sites like Citi Field will help us deliver on our promise of vaccines for all.”

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