THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 10, 2021

MEDIA CONTACT: pressoffice@cityhall.nyc.gov, (212) 788-2958

VACCINE FOR ALL: CITI FIELD SITE OPENS TODAY

NEW YORK—The Citi Field vaccination site is officially up and running, Mayor de Blasio announced today. Operated by the NYC Test & Trace Corps, the site will serve eligible Queens residents, along with priority appointments for TLC and food service workers from across the five boroughs.

"It's amazin': the Mets are hitting it out of the park today," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio.** "They are stepping up to the plate in a big way by making Citi Field a vaccination site for Queens residents and the essential heroes who keep our city running."

"We are proud to play an important role in our city's recovery and encourage as many as possible to sign up to get the vaccine at Citi Field," said **Mets Owner and CEO Steve Cohen**. "This is the best path for us to return to some form of normalcy so Let's Get Vaccinated and Let's Go Mets."

For its first week in operation, 200 appointments will be available each day, Monday through Saturday, with 100 of those prioritized for TLC and food service workers. Additional days and appointments will come online with increased supply, with 24 hour service beginning next Wednesday. The site will scale up to administer approximately 4,000 doses next week, and at full capacity, will be able to administer 5,000 each day. Eligible New Yorkers can make an appointment at nyc.gov/vaccinefinder or by calling 877-VAX-4NYC.

"With the opening of Yankee Stadium last week and Citi Field this week, we're continuing to expand our City's large-scale vaccination capacity, including to communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic," said **Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Melanie Hartzog.** "This site will make it easier for Queens residents and essential workers, like TLC drivers and restaurant workers, to get the vaccine. And by increasing vaccine access through our five-borough network of vaccine sites while building trust through continued engagement across the five boroughs, we're ensuring as many New Yorkers as possible can get vaccinated quickly as possible."

"The race against COVID-19 urgently demands that we bring the COVID-19 vaccine to all New Yorkers, and the opening of this massive new site at Citi Field will unlock more access to the vaccine for both the residents of Queens and for our frontline essential workers who have kept our city going throughout the pandemic," said **NYC Test & Trace Corps Executive Director Dr. Ted Long.** "As the supply of vaccine increases, this new site will bolster our ability to vaccinate as many New Yorkers as quickly as possible."