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**NEW YORK CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMENDS GOVERNOR HOCHUL FOR
ENSURING ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINES**

*Gov. Hochul and State Health Commissioner McDonald issued an executive order that restores access to
COVID-19 vaccines across New York State*

**Statement From Acting Commissioner of the New York City Health Department Dr. Michelle
Morse**

“Today, Governor Kathy Hochul and New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald issued an executive order that restores access to COVID-19 vaccines across New York State following reports that some pharmacies began restricting COVID-19 vaccinations after federal actions removed millions of people from eligibility.

Vaccines save lives and we commend Governor Hochul and Commissioner McDonald for ensuring that all New Yorkers have access to the COVID-19 vaccine ahead of respiratory virus season.

No new data has been presented that raises any concerns about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine – especially for those who may need it the most. Restricting vaccines and taking away New Yorkers’ ability to protect their health is deadly.

For over 200 years, the NYC Health Department has protected the health and safety of its residents, supported by the facts grounded in science. We remain committed to using science, data, and equity to put the health and well-being of New Yorkers first.”

For more information, visit the NYC Health Department’s [COVID-19 webpage](#).

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