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***Legal Aid Calls on State, City to Vaccinate Incarcerated New Yorkers
Immediately***

(NEW YORK, NY) – Tina Luongo, Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Defense Practice at The Legal Aid Society, called on Governor Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio to vaccinate incarcerated New Yorkers immediately as confirmed COVID-19 cases around New York State continue to skyrocket:

“New York State and New York City leaders are propagating COVID-19 by forcing thousands of people to live, work, eat and breathe close together in the congregate settings of jails and prisons, despite medical advice to decarcerate. Now, Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio are pointing fingers over who is holding up providing the vaccine to people in this high-risk setting. This is a race against time, and there is no time for this incompetence. Both the State and City must ensure that all people held and working in New York City jails and New York prisons have access to the COVID vaccine immediately.”

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