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***Legal Aid Condemns State & City for Failure to Ensure
Equitable Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccine After New Data
Reveals Stark Racial Disparities in Vaccine Roll-Out***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society today released the following statement in response to [new data](#) on vaccine distribution released by The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

“The Legal Aid Society is disturbed but not surprised by the stark racial disparities reflected in the city’s vaccine administration statistics. It reflects what we have heard from the communities we serve – that most vaccine appointments are going to those who are most resourced or computer savvy. The city had ample notice of the vaccine’s availability, and it is inexcusable that there is not a distribution strategy that ensures equitable distribution in communities of color, who have been hardest hit by the worst of the pandemic.”

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