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Statement in Response to Reporting that DOCCS has Suspended Prison Vaccinations Efforts Statewide

(NEW YORK, NY) – **Stefen R. Short**, Supervising Attorney with the Prisoners’ Rights Project at **The Legal Aid Society**, released the following statement in response to [reporting](#) that the Cuomo Administration has suspended statewide prison vaccination efforts:

“Governor Cuomo and his Administration have persistently disregarded the health of our incarcerated clients throughout the pandemic, and the complete stoppage of vaccinations in state prisons is just the latest example.

“With this statewide suspension and outbreaks at multiple facilities, we are extremely concerned for the safety of our clients, New Yorkers who are being deprived of potentially life-saving medical treatment.

“Governor Cuomo and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision must resume vaccination efforts in state prisons immediately, and we demand that Albany explain how it intends to deal with future vaccine supply and suspension issues in state prisons.”

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