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## LET'S GET IMMUNIZED NY STATEMENT ON FDA EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

Following today's ruling by the Food and Drug Administration to approve Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine candidate, Let's Get Immunized NY issued the following statement on behalf of the more than 30 organizations in the coalition:

"Today is an historic day for public health in America as the nation strives to emerge from the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout this ordeal we have been sustained by faith in science to produce treatments and vaccines that to prevent and treat this virus. We welcome, of course, today's emergency use authorization for the first vaccine. We recognize that there is still a long way to go before we are truly beyond the threat of COVID. More vaccines and treatments are in development and will enhance our arsenal of resources with which to contain the virus. This first step gives us great hope. As more vaccines are approved by the FDA, and as they roll out to various sectors of the population, Let's Get Immunized New York will continue to serve as a resource for reliable and trustworthy information on vaccines. We will also continue to encourage New Yorkers to be fully immunized against all vaccine preventable diseases because vaccines have proven to be the most effective way to prevent the rapid spread of infectious diseases and to protect lives."