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NYS Health Facilities Association Issues Statement on New York's Allocation of a COVID-19 Vaccination

Albany, New York — Stephen Hanse, President and CEO of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL), a statewide association representing over 425 long-term care facilities, issued the following statement in response to Governor Cuomo's announcement today that nursing home workers and their staff will be prioritized in the State's allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine.

"We applaud Governor Cuomo for ensuring that nursing home residents and their staff will receive the first distributions of a COVID-19 vaccination. New York's health care system is under attack from the COVID-19 pandemic. This virus is the greatest public health threat our country has faced in most of our lifetimes and the Governor's announcement today acknowledges that our residents and dedicated health care workers are on the front line of this pandemic."

"The COVID-19 vaccination plan announced today by the Governor for nursing home residents and staff is thoughtful and will safeguard residents, staff and communities throughout New York."

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