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NYSUT statement on state COVID vaccination plans

ALBANY, N.Y. Jan. 8, 2021 — New York State United Teachers President Andy Pallotta released the following statement today regarding the state’s announcement that those in the 1b COVID-19 vaccine priority group, including education professionals, will be able to begin scheduling a vaccination beginning Monday:

“We have advocated that all education professionals — both teachers and support staff, who provide critical services to their communities — be given priority access to the COVID vaccine should they choose to receive it. So it’s welcome news that they can begin scheduling a vaccine appointment next week as part of the state’s 1b priority group. We understand that it will take time to immunize the millions in the 1a and 1b priority groups, and we look forward to the opportunity to learn more from the state on Monday about how NYSUT as a union can play a role in ensuring our members have reliable access to immunization.”

New York State United Teachers is a statewide union with more than 600,000 members in education, human services and health care. NYSUT is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and the AFL-CIO.