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**LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS COMMEND GOVERNOR CUOMO FOR
ESTABLISHING VACCINE DISTRIBUTION & IMPLEMENTATION
TASK FORCE**

Statement by NYSACHO President Dr. Kevin Watkins

"New York's 58 local health departments continue to serve on the front lines of COVID-19 response, providing lifesaving services that have contributed to our collective success in dramatically reducing the pandemic's footprint across the state. We are grateful that Governor Cuomo has recognized the contribution and expertise of local health department first responders by naming Sarah Ravenhall, Executive Director, NYSACHO to the newly established Vaccine Distribution & Implementation Task Force. We thank the Governor for his leadership, support and trust, and we look forward to working with the Task Force members to prepare for an orderly, effective and responsible vaccination plan."

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