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CARE DESIGN NY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARTNERS HEALTH PLAN HELD COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN THE BRONX

*This Vaccine Partnership with **Partners Health Plan** Exclusively for the I/DD Community During Historic Pandemic*

Persons with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other intellectual/development disabilities receive vaccines highlighting importance of Care Management

The Bronx, NY-Today, Care Design NY in partnership with Partners Health Plan held a pop-up vaccine clinic exclusively for people in the I/DD community in an effort to remove barriers to vaccine access for individuals with I/DD during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bronx pop up was one of many events Care Design NY is holding in an effort to serve the I/DD community as New York works to vaccinate it's most vulnerable populations. The pop-up comes on the heels of threatening budget cuts to CCOs statewide that would leave programs like Care Design NY without the funding to continue.

"Our focus is on the community. As some of New York's most vulnerable continue to become sick from COVID-19, Care Design NY's mission is to care for and vaccinate as many in the I/DD community as possible. This is just one way we are working with our community partners to ensure that people with disabilities don't get left behind by hosting specialized clinics like this one today in the Bronx," James Moran, CEO, Care Design NY.

"Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is critically important, especially for vulnerable populations such as those individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I want to thank Care Design for organizing this specialized vaccine clinic in my district, which will make it easier for the disabled community in the Bronx to take the necessary step to be protected against COVID-19," said **State Senator Gustavo Rivera, Chair of the Senate Health Committee.**

"As we encourage all New Yorkers to get the COVID-19 vaccine, we must ensure people with developmental disabilities are prioritized. I'm incredibly grateful for Care Design NY's efforts to set up a vaccine clinic in Senate District 34 for New Yorkers with disabilities. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Care Design NY, Partners Health Plan, and Community Care Rx for their commitment to making the COVID-19 accessible to all New Yorkers," **said State Senator Alessandra Biaggi.**

“Thank you to Care Design NY for their advocacy and ensuring that members of the Disability Community have access to the COVID vaccine. It is crucial that we continue to expand availability of the vaccine, especially to some of our most vulnerable populations,” **said State Senator Jamaal Bailey.**

Photos from the event can be viewed below.

