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**STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER OXIRIS BARBOT ON THE
DISMISSAL OF THE LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE COMMISSIONER'S
EMERGENCY ORDER**

“This decision will protect New Yorkers from a very dangerous infection with potentially fatal consequences. We did not take the Emergency Order lightly. It was a dramatic response to a serious problem. We do not want to issue violations but will continue and hope that New Yorkers make the best choice for their families, their neighbors and their own health – to get vaccinated.”

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