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Statement of Lt. Governor Gray on Vermont Surpassing 80% Vaccination Milestone

Montpelier, Vt. — This afternoon, Lt. Governor Gray released the following statement on the state surpassing the goal of vaccinating 80% of eligible Vermonters:

“As Vermont passes this critical milestone in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, never have I felt these words to be more true:

‘I love Vermont... most of all because of her indomitable people. They are a race of pioneers who have almost beggared themselves to serve others. If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the Union, and support of our institutions should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont.’ [Calvin Coolidge, 1928]

It is the hard work of Vermonters, our essential frontline workers, steadfast state leadership, family, neighbors, and loved ones that have brought us to this moment. Today, we celebrate the work accomplished. Tomorrow, there is more work to be done to ensure that Vermont not only recovers from this pandemic, but recovers stronger.

While the last year has been incredibly challenging for Vermont's working families and our rural communities, today is a reminder that brighter days are ahead for us all.”

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