

STEPS TO BECOME A TRUSTED FAITH-BASED VACCINE SITE

SPECIAL NOTE: Churches may decide to be sites for actually storing and administering the vaccine. However, the best practice most churches are following is to become the trusted location and sacred space where the vaccine is administered by a health institution partner.

- ❑ Establish a partnership with the state or community health organization, or federally qualified vaccine source for a stable vaccine supply to administer vaccines in CDC-compliant sites.
- ❑ Create agreement that the health organization will administer vaccine at your church as a trusted space to reduce vaccine hesitancy.
- ❑ Determine your church's capacity with volunteers and staff to accommodate 300-500 vaccinations in an 8-hour day, administered by the health partner.
- ❑ Ensure that the church has liability insurance to cover any costs not covered by the health partner.

MAKE SURE YOUR CHURCH HAS SUFFICIENT SPACE FOR THE FOLLOWING CRITICAL ELEMENTS:

- ❑ **Parking space** to allow cars to move in and out easily as people may prefer to wait safely in their car until they are ready for vaccination.
- ❑ **Rooms where vaccination is administered** with safe distancing between tables used. (for example in the church's Life Center, Fellowship Hall, cafeteria)
- ❑ **Post-vaccination holding rooms** (15 minutes for each person vaccinated) until medical personnel on-site release those who show no unusual side effects and provide "I was vaccinated" card.
- ❑ **Space for medical practitioners** to operate and complete required paperwork.

VOLUNTEER OR PAID STAFF WILL BE CRITICAL TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

- ❑ **Administrator** who conducts vaccinations and registration of people who meets states' criteria.
- ❑ **Church volunteer** to help with vaccination process before and after shot in a friendly manner.
- ❑ **Office team** to help with appointment reminder calls, maintain standby list, and call people on the standby list, if people miss appointments.
- ❑ **Custodial staff** to keep all surfaces sanitized.
- ❑ **Parking attendants and security** to manage cars moving in an orderly manner in and out of the parking lot.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES CRITICAL TO A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH-BASED VACCINE PROGRAM

- ❑ **Prayer partners** to pray consistently to obtain community immunity and dispel falsehoods.
- ❑ **Community Ambassadors:** Operation "love thy neighbor" door-to-door education campaign informing residents of vaccine sites and times.
- ❑ **Involvement of the press** to write stories on trusted voices and venues.
- ❑ **Federal, state, and local government or charitable organization grants** to assist with the community education and vaccination process.
- ❑ **Post a telephone number** visibly on the street outside your church to attract people without internet.

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