

COVID-19 Community Corps - May 5, 2021

## **Community Corps Friends,**

Thanks to many of you who joined us last night for a virtual call with Dr. Vivek Murthy, Andy Slavitt, and Mina Hsiang. It was an important conversation on our work to get America vaccinated using our new tools. If you missed the event, no worries – you can watch it here.

As we work to vaccinate more people and reach those who may still be deciding whether or when to get vaccinated, we want to make the process as convenient and easy on them as possible.

Access to a vaccine should not be an obstacle for someone to get vaccinated. Here are three vaccine tools to bring to your communities right now:

- Visit <u>vaccines.gov</u> (English) or <u>vacunas.gov</u> (Spanish) to search and find a vaccine near you.
- 2. Text GETVAX (438829) for English or VACUNA (822862) for Spanish to receive three vaccine sites on your phone within seconds.
- 3. Call the National COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance Hotline at 1-800-232-0233 for those who prefer to get information via phone call.

Use these tools as resources for any conversations you're having with patients, friends, or even family members. You can also remind them that many pharmacies and other vaccination sites are now offering walk-in appointments and that vaccinations are <a href="free of cost and do not require ID">free of cost and do not require ID</a>.

Our goal is for 70% of American adults to receive at least one dose of the vaccine by July 4th. Your leadership is helping this light at the end of the tunnel grow brighter and brighter.

Thanks for all you do.

### **HHS COVID-19 Community Corps Team**

# Additional information about the vaccine tools

### Websites:

- <u>Vaccines.gov</u> and <u>vacunas.gov</u> are designed to be accessible to those with disabilities.
- The sites feature roughly 50,000 vaccination sites, including primary care physician, federal pharmacy partners, state sites, and FEMA sites. Locations are updated daily.
- As a part of our health equity strategy, FQHCS and CHCs do not currently appear on the site in order to discourage people from outside the communities they serve to seek vaccination at their sites.
- If you don't see a site you are aware of, it may be because the healthcare provider has
  not decided to make it visible on the site. If you are a healthcare provider who receives
  COVID-19 vaccine and would like to be added to the site, please send an e-mail
  to CARS Helpdesk@cdc.gov.

### Call center:

- The call center can assist in 150+ languages and features a TTY line (1-888-720-7489).
- Text tool:
  - If you text the same ZIP twice, you may get different results. If there are more than 3 sites near you with vaccine available, the tool randomizes results in order to spread demand across sites within a single geography.