Using Public Engagement Strategies to Build Vaccine Confidence

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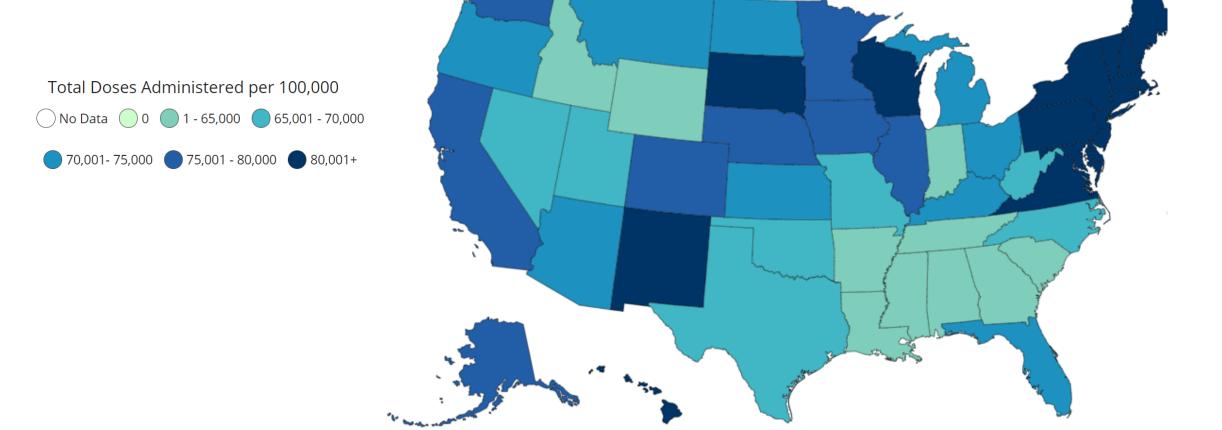
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People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	147,517,734	105,523,520
% of Total Population	44.4%	31.8%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	145,346,819	104,777,682
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	56.3%	40.6%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	45,297,502	38,128,161
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	82.8%	69.7%

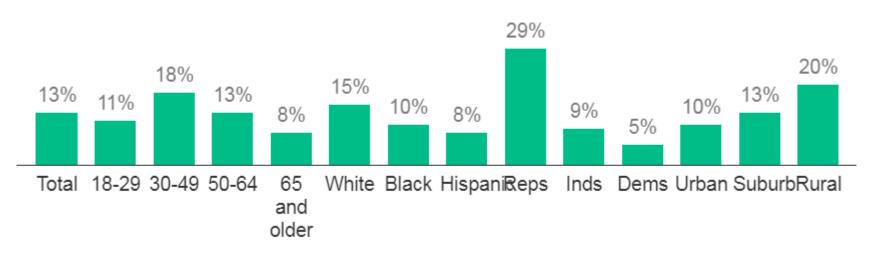
Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population



Does The Public Want To Get A COVID-19 Vaccine? When?

Click on the buttons below to see the share of each demographic group by vaccination intentions:

Already got/ASAP Wait and see Only if required Definitely not



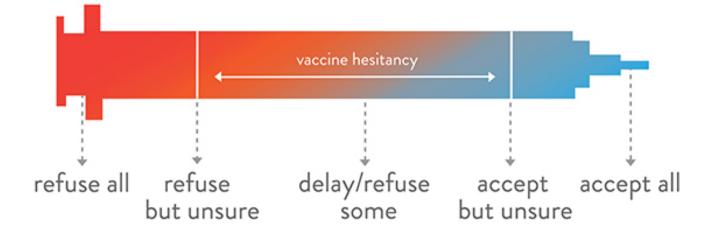
NOTE: See topline for full question wording
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Vaccine hesitancy

- General reasons for hesitancy:
 - concern about vaccines
 - lack of concern about VPDs
 - lack of trust
 - lack of access
- Specifics vary from person to person (local clustering)
- Hesitancy can change over time

Continuum of Vaccine Acceptance





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STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN THE COVID-19 VACCINES

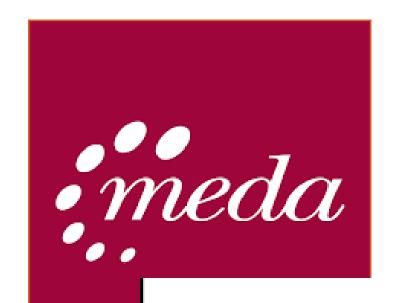
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1. Form partnerships with community organizations



The ¡VIVA MEDA! live stream is starting soon ...

La transmisión en vivo de ¡VIVA MEDA! comenzará pronto ...

- Have existing relationships with community members
- Know how to tailor information to be meaningful
- Include trusted leaders who can be effective spokespersons

2. Engage with trusted messengers

- Dialogue-based interventions are increasing in importance
- People are more likely to listen to those they know and trust
- Trusted messengers can also help understand community members' concerns so that these can be addressed



3. Engage across multiple, accessible channels



In Texas, radio is a significant method to reach Hispanic persons, especially recent immigrants.

- Determining the most appropriate communication channels is essential
- Can messages reach people in your community who:
 - Do not have internet?
 - Work during the day?
 - Live remotely?
 - Are incarcerated?
 - Are undocumented?
 - Who cannot read?
 - Who cannot speak English?

4. Begin or continue working toward racial equity

 Talking about vaccines in isolation risks deepening distrust in some communities

"They (white people in charge) did not care about my diabetes... why do they now care about COVID?"

- Acknowledge broader shortcomings
- Use COVID-19 vaccination as a way to begin advancing equity

