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Dear Forum Participant,

Thank you for joining us at the National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine. To support the effort to scale up COVID-19 vaccination in every community across the country, the Forum facilitated sharing critical information on promising practices in vaccine implementation for more than 13,000 registered participants from over 6,700 different professional organizations.

Over the three days of the Forum, we heard from more than 100 experts from 87 organizations across 31 states and Tribes. We learned about work to increase vaccination being done at all levels of government, across non-governmental organizations, across public-private partnerships and even at the individual level. Some of the key lessons from the Forum are:

- Equity must be central to all vaccination strategies Strong relationships among public health, public safety, and healthcare systems are critical to accelerating equitable vaccine implementation and saving lives.
- Trusted voices are critical to building confidence in vaccines and addressing misinformation – and often come from community leaders.
- Data guides our way to improving vaccination– helping us to develop our plans and change our plans if an approach is not working – and enabling us to hold ourselves accountable for getting vaccines in people’s arms quickly, safely, and equitably in every community.
- Leveraging existing infrastructure and innovative partnerships to reduce barriers to vaccination for people at increased risk from COVID-19 is critical to maximizing vaccine access.
- Engaging communities through long-standing community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, is essential for a successful, equitable vaccination program.
- Everyone has a role to play in sharing and elevating the voices of vaccine practitioners and champions.

In the coming months, CDC will continue to focus on supporting the expansion and improvement of ‘boots-on-the-ground’ vaccination efforts. Please continue to help us spread the word about COVID-19 vaccine clearly and consistently.

We invite you to explore a collection of [resources](https://www.cdc.gov/covidvaccineforum) assembled from the Forum on our website at <https://www.cdc.gov/covidvaccineforum>. In addition to useful materials, recordings of the Forum plenary and town halls are available. Thank you again for your work and your participation in the National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine.



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