

Public Meeting  
**NATIONAL  
VACCINE  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**  
June 13-14, 2024



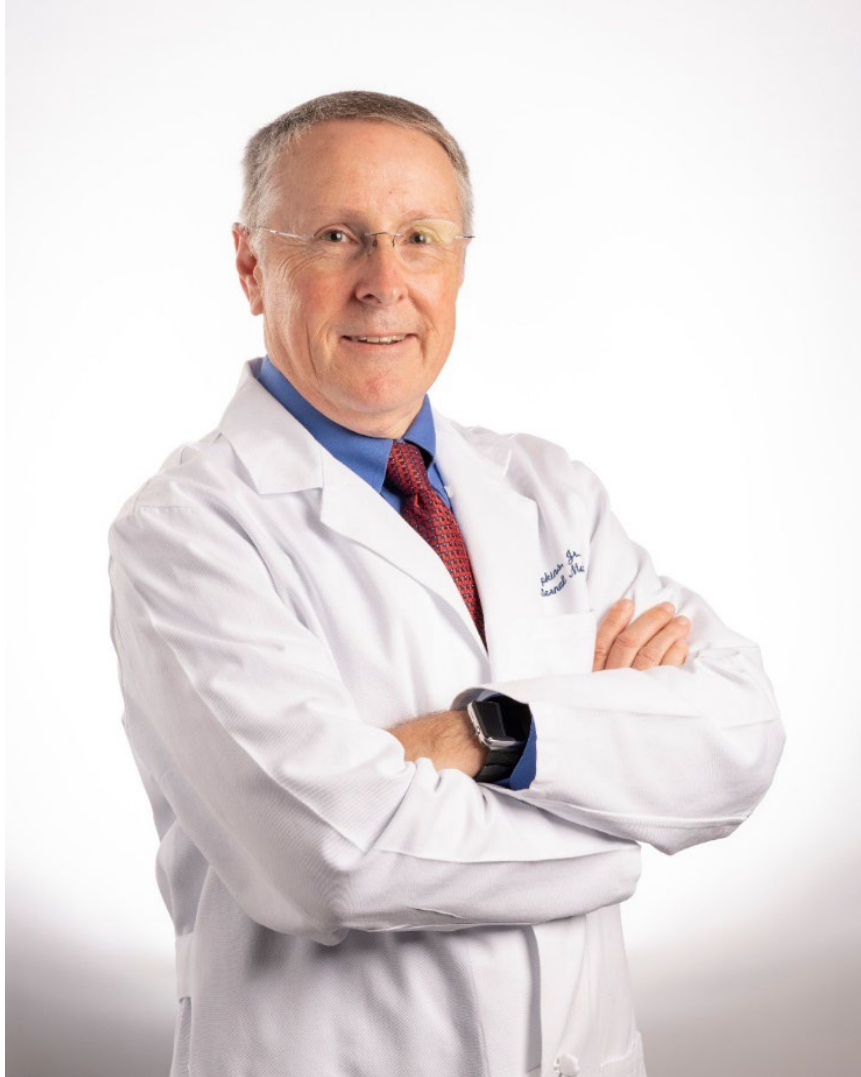


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# OPENING REMARKS

**Admiral Rachel L. Levine**  
Assistant Secretary for Health





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# CHAIR'S WELCOME

Robert H. Hopkins, Jr., MD, MACP, FAAP  
Chair, National Vaccine Advisory Committee



# Housekeeping and Meeting Minutes

- The meeting is recorded and streamed, so statements made are on the record and may be included in the meeting minutes.
  - **Webcast:** [www.hhs.gov/live](https://www.hhs.gov/live)
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# Meeting Highlights: June 13

- Being Ready for a Rapid Response: A Proactive Discussion of Production Capabilities
- Pride, Equity, and Community: Mpox Vaccination in 2024
- Fall and Winter Respiratory Diseases: The Vaccination Season Ahead
- Outbreak Update: Measles Cases in Illinois
- Breast Cancer Vaccine Innovations in the Works
- Public Comment
- **Adjourn 4:30 PM Eastern**

# Meeting Highlights: June 14

- Immunization Data: Innovations, Improvements, and Updates
- Saluting Global Immunization Efforts: 154+ Million Lives Saved
- Research Review: An Eye-Opening Study on Switching Arms Between COVID-19 Vaccine Doses
- Federal Agency and Liaison Member Updates
- Towards an Updated National Strategy: Progress and Priorities
- Public Comments
- **Adjourn 2:30 PM Eastern**

# Public Comments

- Verbal comments are scheduled for 4:15 p.m., Eastern Time today and 2:15 p.m., Eastern tomorrow
  - Please limit all verbal comments to 3 minutes in length.
- Submit written comments to [nvac@hhs.gov](mailto:nvac@hhs.gov)
  - You may submit written comments. Written comments should not exceed 3 pages in length.
  - Requests for public comment should be sent to [NVAC@hhs.gov](mailto:NVAC@hhs.gov) at least 5 days in advance of a scheduled public meeting.

# Upcoming Meetings

- September 12-13, 2024



Learn more: [www.hhs.gov/vaccines/nvac](https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/nvac)

# Being Ready for a Rapid Response: A Proactive Discussion of Production Capabilities

**Dr. Christine Oshansky**

**Dr. Lorna Meldrum**

**Julian Ritchey**





# Vaccines for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response

Christine Oshansky, Ph.D.

Influenza and Emerging Infectious Diseases Division (**IEIDD**)

Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (**BARDA**)

National Vaccine Advisory Committee Meeting

13 June 2024



**ASPR's mission:**  
Assist the country in  
**preparing for,**  
**responding to,**  
and **recovering**  
**from** public health  
emergencies and  
disasters.



# The BARDA Model

**BARDA develops and makes available medical countermeasures (MCMs) by forming unique public-private partnerships to drive innovation off the bench to the patient to save lives.**



**Flexible, nimble authorities**

**Multi-year funding**

**Cutting edge expertise**

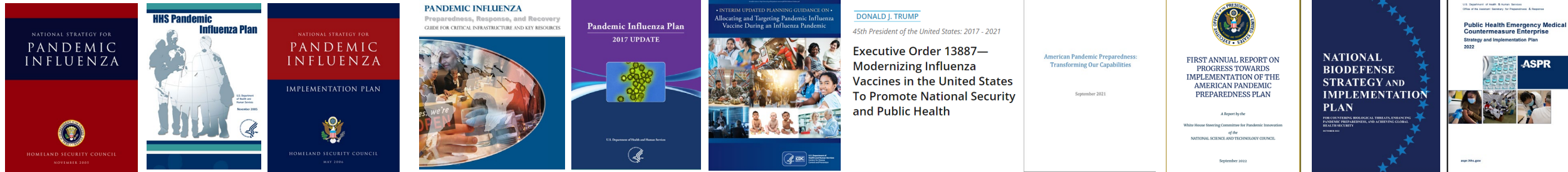
**Facilitate partnerships**

**Promote innovation**



# Pandemic Preparedness Policy

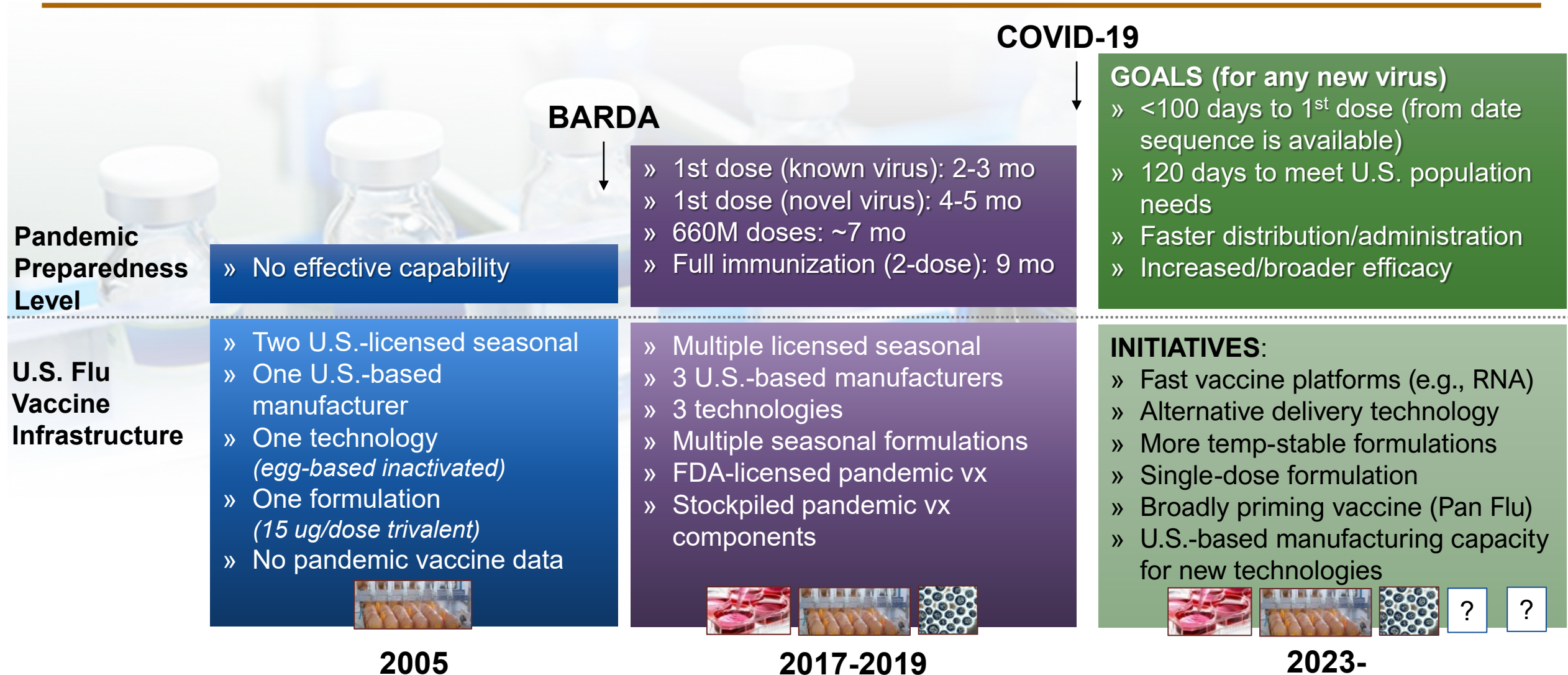
- USG has established several pandemic preparedness goals under plans, such as



- These goals include:
  - Maintaining enough potentially pandemic influenza antigen and adjuvants to rapidly formulate and deploy vaccine to vaccinate 26 million persons in the highest priority population groups identified by CDC (Tier 1 group)
  - Delivery of first finished doses of pandemic vaccine within 3 months of a pandemic declaration
  - Having a sufficient supply to meet public demand within 4 months of a pandemic declaration
  - Manufacture, fill, finish, release, and deliver enough adjuvanted vaccine for the entire U.S. population within 6 months of PHE declaration (i.e., 660M doses) – two doses for every person



# U.S. Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Response Capabilities: Leveraging Success



2005

2017-2019

2023-

# Influenza Readiness and Response Gaps

## Available Medical Countermeasures#

### ✓ Pandemic Influenza Vaccines

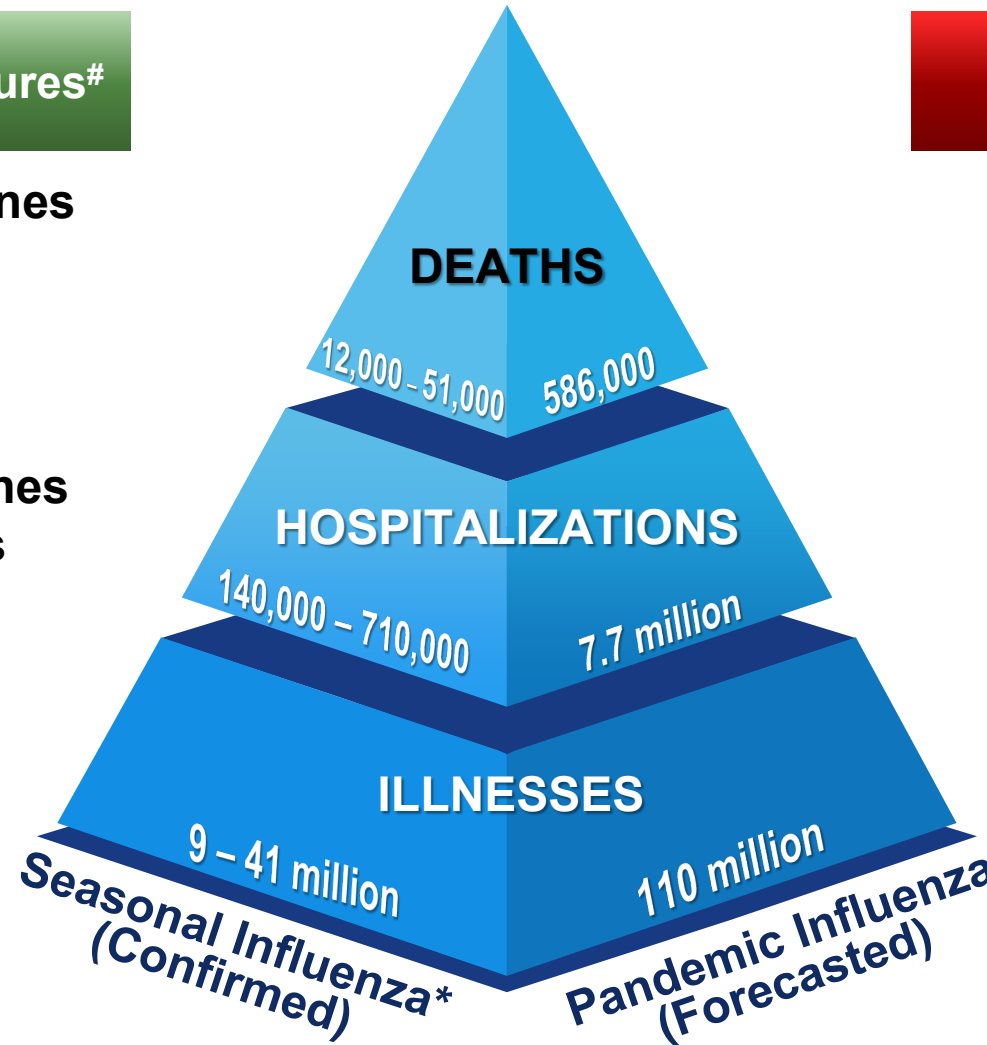
- » **CSL Seqirus** AUDENZ
- » **GSK** H5N1 Vaccine
- » **sanofi** H5N1 Vaccine

### ✓ Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

- » Many licensed vaccines

### ✓ Outpatient Treatment

- » Oseltamivir
- » Baloxavir marboxil
- » Zanamivir
- » Peramivir

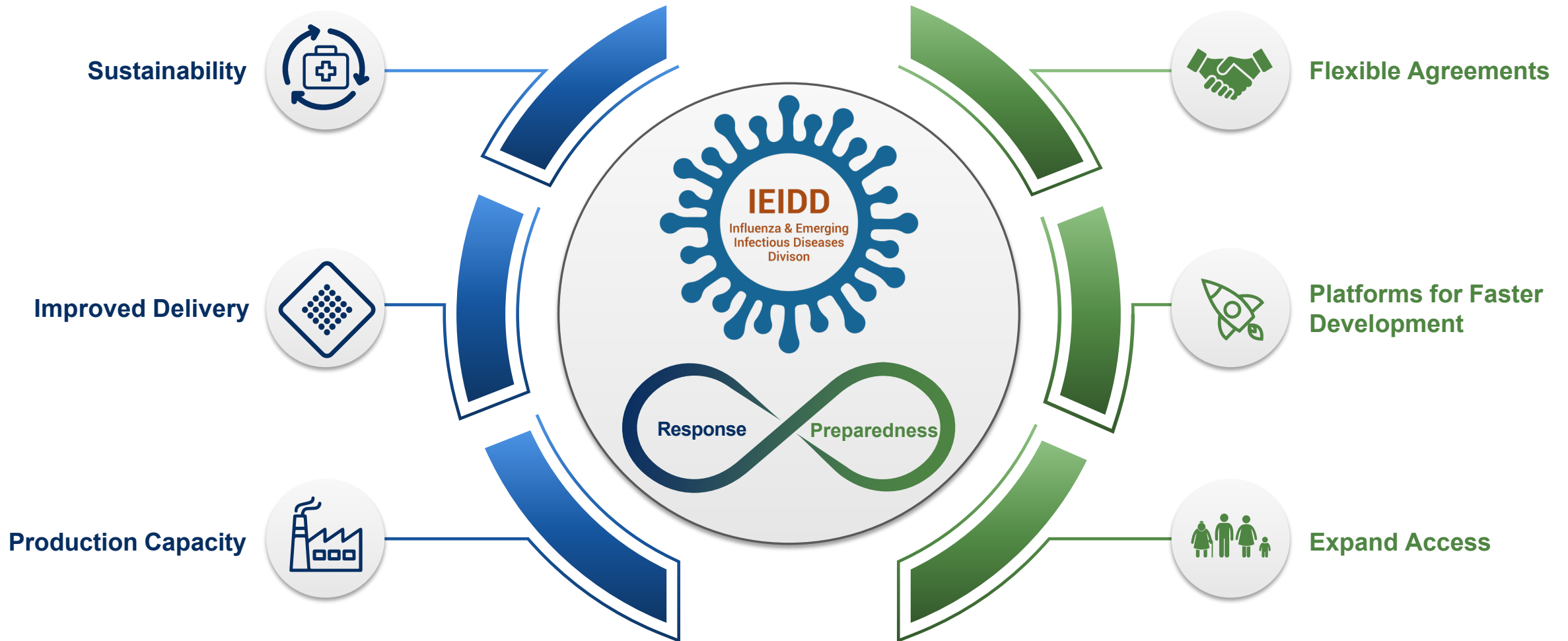


## Gaps

- ❑ Expanded vaccine licensures and manufacturing capacity
- ❑ Faster and better influenza vaccines
- ❑ Safety and immunogenicity data for influenza viruses with pandemic potential to reduce response timelines

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# IEIDD Goal: Establish New & Leverage Existing Infrastructures & Capabilities to Support Response & Preparedness







# Pandemic Vaccines and Adjuvants Program



## ACCELERATING PANDEMIC RESPONSE TIMELINES

- » Identify areas for improvements to U.S. licensed manufacturing processes, e.g., validated fill-finish capacity
- » Manage the **U.S. National Pre-pandemic Influenza Vaccine Stockpile (NPIVS)** to vaccinate the CDC-defined Tier 1 population early
- » Maintain a **robust library** of influenza virus vaccine seeds
- » **Expedited procurement** of enough vaccine for the U.S. population within 6 months of a pandemic declaration

**GOAL**  
To advance timely  
vaccination strategies to  
mitigate the next  
pandemic



CSL Seqirus

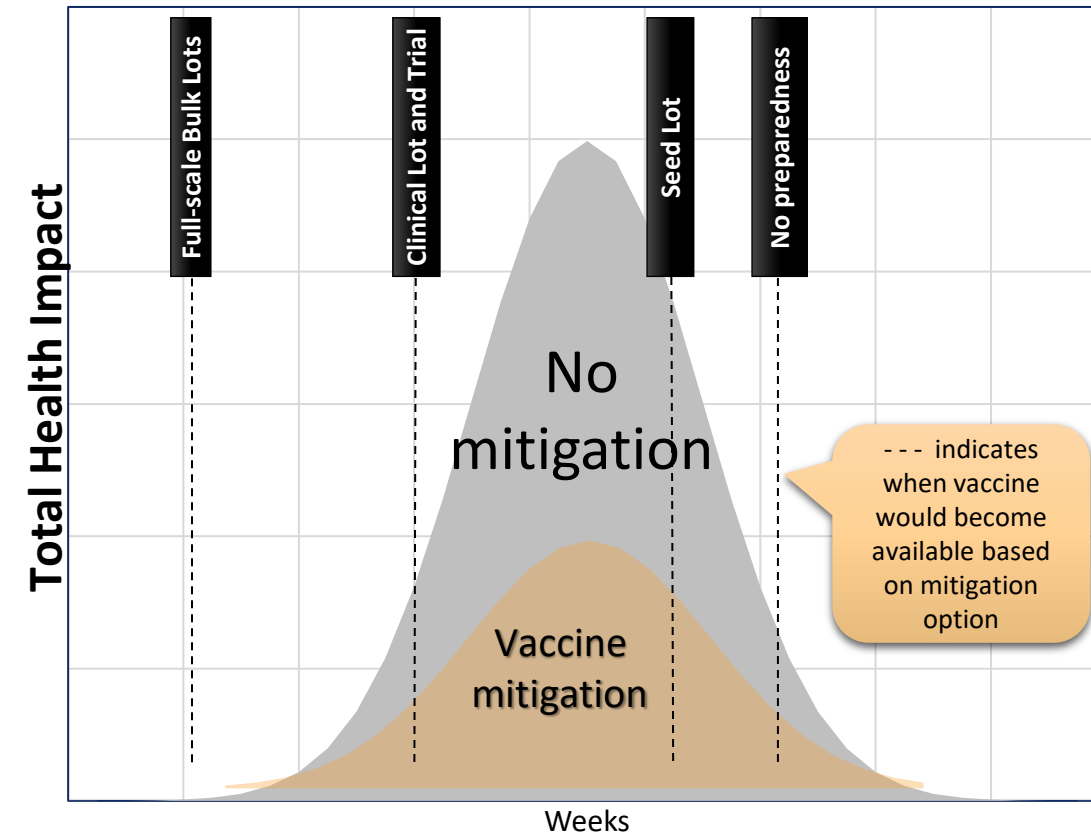
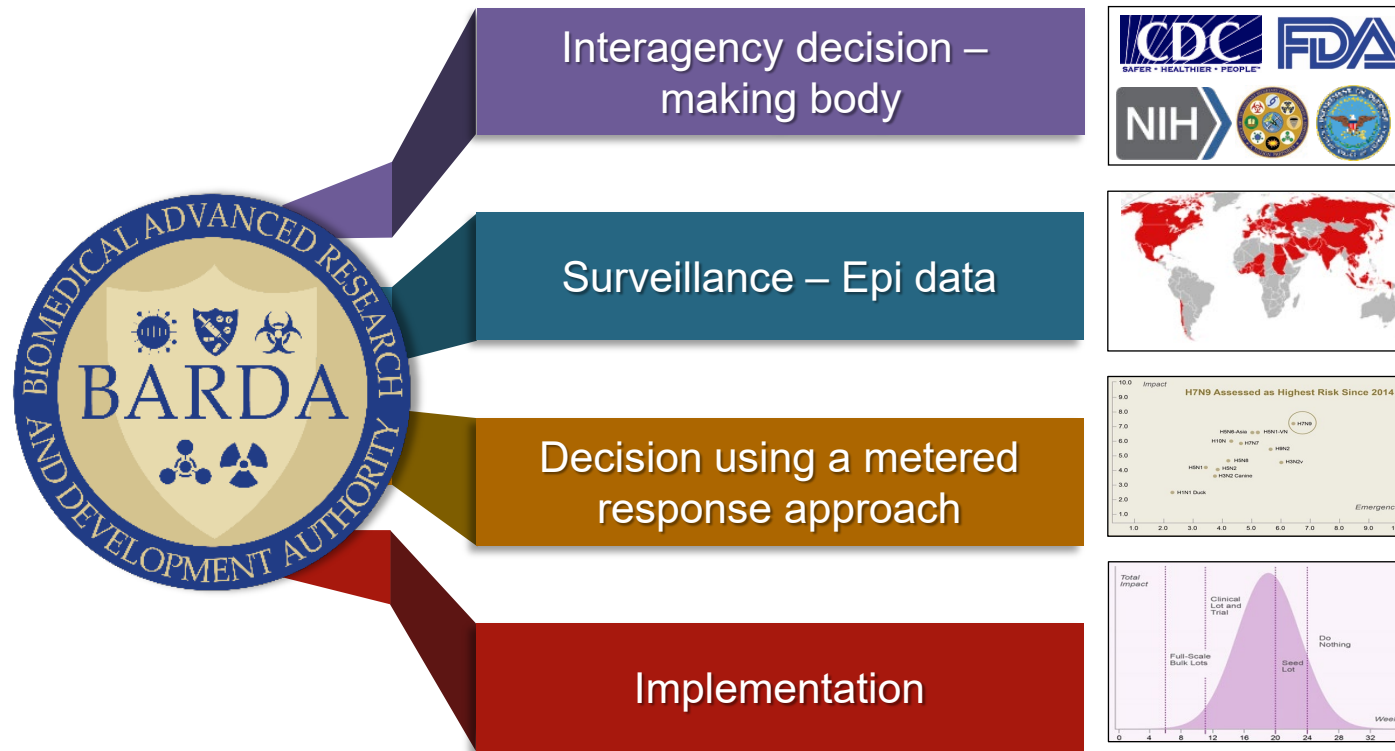
GSK

sanofi

- » Ensure **nimble vaccine implementation strategies**
- » Expand **safety and immunogenicity datasets** for influenza vaccines targeted to diverse subtypes, i.e., H2Nx, H5Nx, H7Nx, H9Nx
- » Generate data to **support administration**, e.g., physical and chemical compatibility, vial sterility assurance, extractable volume studies
- » Proactive assessments to confirm that NPIVS antigen and adjuvant are **safe and immunogenic**

**ENSURING CLINICAL AND ANALYTICAL DATA EXISTS TO SUPPORT VACCINE ADMINISTRATION**

# Making Decisions about Pre-Pandemic Influenza Vaccines



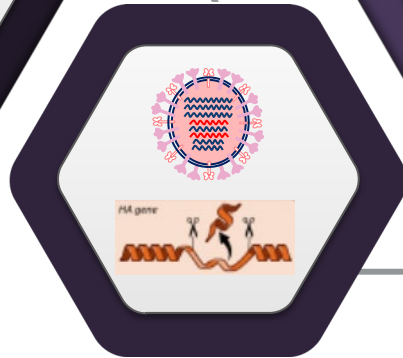
# Overview: Vaccines for Pandemic Influenza Response Program

CDC/Disease  
outbreak/  
Surveillance/IRAT

Seed Development/Bulk  
production/  
Final container

Clinical  
trials

Faster to first doses  
Faster to 600M doses  
Faster to full immunization

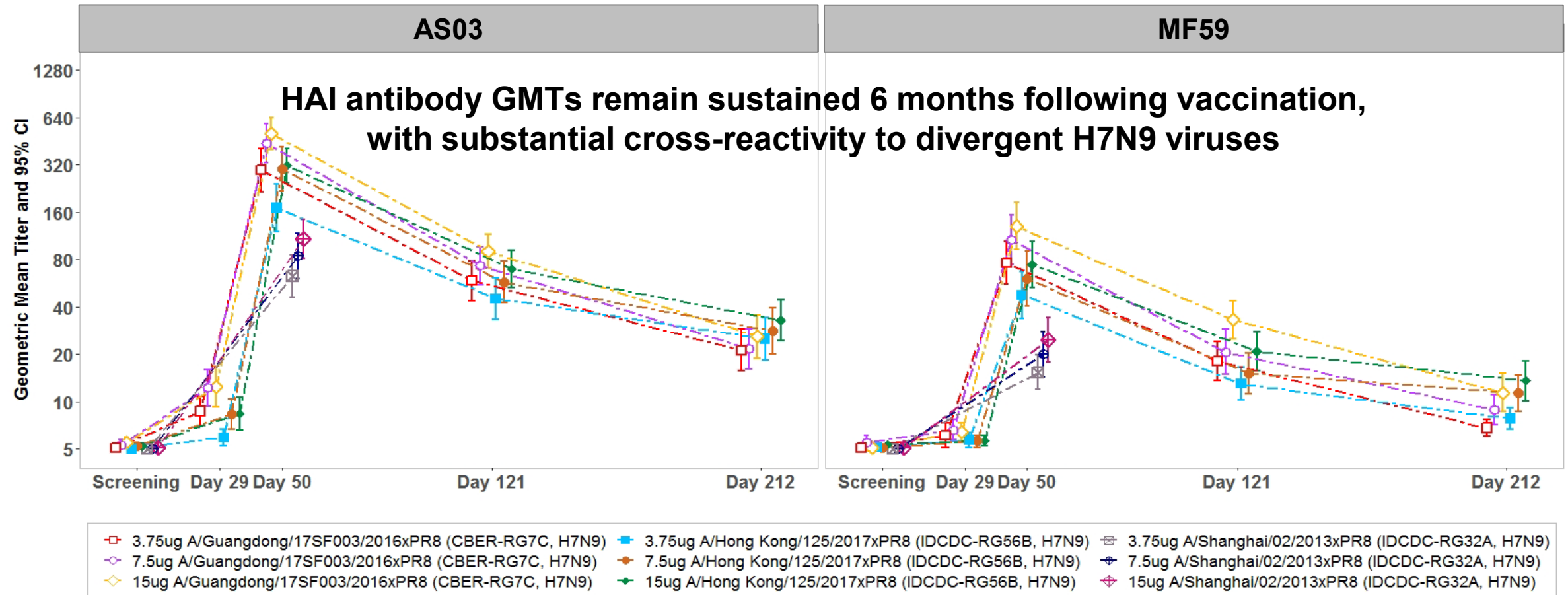


WHO/ERL  
CVV development/  
Potency reagents

Vaccine/Adjuvant Stockpile  
and Stability Programs

Pre-EUA living documents  
in place

# Pandemic Readiness: Panblok H7N9 Influenza Vaccine Clinical Trial



Vaccines. 2021 Mar 19;6(1):41.  
ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03283319



# Pandemic Readiness: H7N9 Influenza Vaccine Clinical Trial

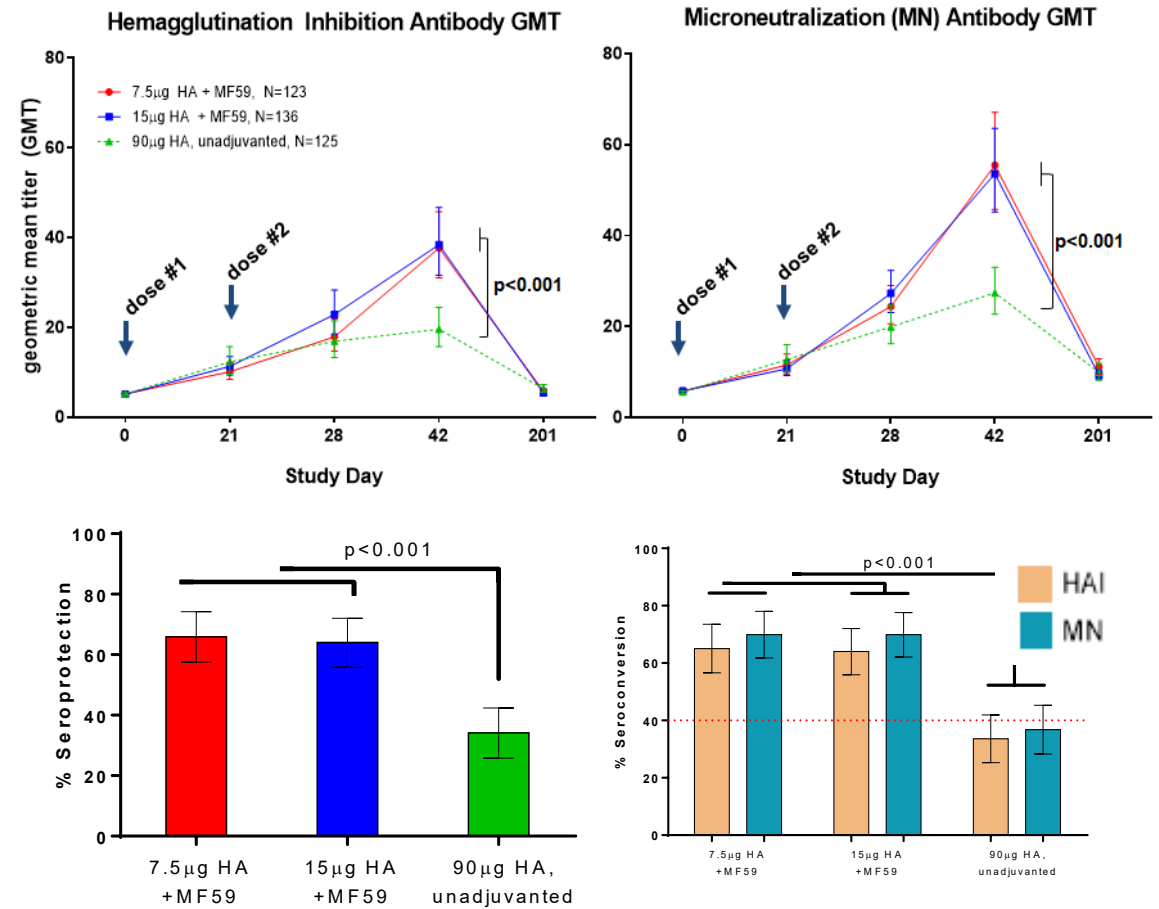
## GSK-sponsored

- FluLaval™ process (split virion, egg): A/Hong Kong/125/2017 (H7N9)-like candidate
- Clinical design: safety and immunogenicity of varying doses of A/Hong Kong/125/2017 (H7N9) in combination with full or half doses of AS03 adjuvant.
- Study complete; NCT#: NCT04789577

SPR (95% CI)	1.9ug HA + AS03 half dose	1.9ug HA + AS03 full dose	3.75ug HA + AS03 half dose	3.75ug HA + AS03 full dose	7.5ug HA + AS03 half dose	7.5ug HA + AS03 full dose	Placebo
<b><u>Adults 18-64y</u></b>							
D1	0 (0.0, 7.5)	0 (0.0, 8.2)	0 (0.0, 7.4)	0 (0.0, 7.3)	0 (0.0, 7.5)	0 (0.0, 8.0)	0 (0.0, 7.4)
D22	14.9 (6.2, 28.3)	9.3 (2.6, 22.1)	12.5 (4.7, 25.2)	16.3 (7.3, 29.7)	19.1 (9.1, 33.3)	15.9 (6.6, 30.1)	0 (0.0, 7.4)
D43	71.7 (56.5, 84.0)	70.3 (53.0, 84.1)	65 (48.3, 79.4)	81.4 (66.6, 91.6)	60.5 (43.4, 76.0)	78.4 (61.8, 90.2)	0 (0.0, 9.0)
<b><u>Adults 65y+</u></b>							
D1	0 (0.0, 7.0)	4 (0.5, 13.7)	0 (0.0, 7.3)	0 (0.0, 7.9)	0 (0.0, 6.6)	0 (0.0, 7.1)	2.1 (0.1, 11.3)
D22	2 (0.0, 10.4)	8 (2.2, 19.2)	8.2 (2.3, 19.6)	8.9 (2.5, 21.2)	5.6 (1.2, 15.4)	16 (7.2, 29.1)	2.1 (0.1, 11.3)
D43	40 (26.4, 54.8)	58.7 (43.2, 73.0)	44.4 (29.6, 60.0)	62.5 (45.8, 77.3)	51 (36.6, 65.2)	55.3 (40.1, 69.8)	2.3 (0.1, 12.3)

# BARDA Ready In Times of Emergency (BRITE) Clinical Trial

- A randomized, double-blinded, Phase 2 clinical trial to assess safety and immunogenicity of long-term stored A/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5N1) vaccine administered with and without adjuvant
- A/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5N1) vaccine appears to remain safe, tolerable, and immunogenic when administered as a two-dose vaccine regimen in healthy adults, despite extended storage of HA antigen or MF59 adjuvant within the NPIVS

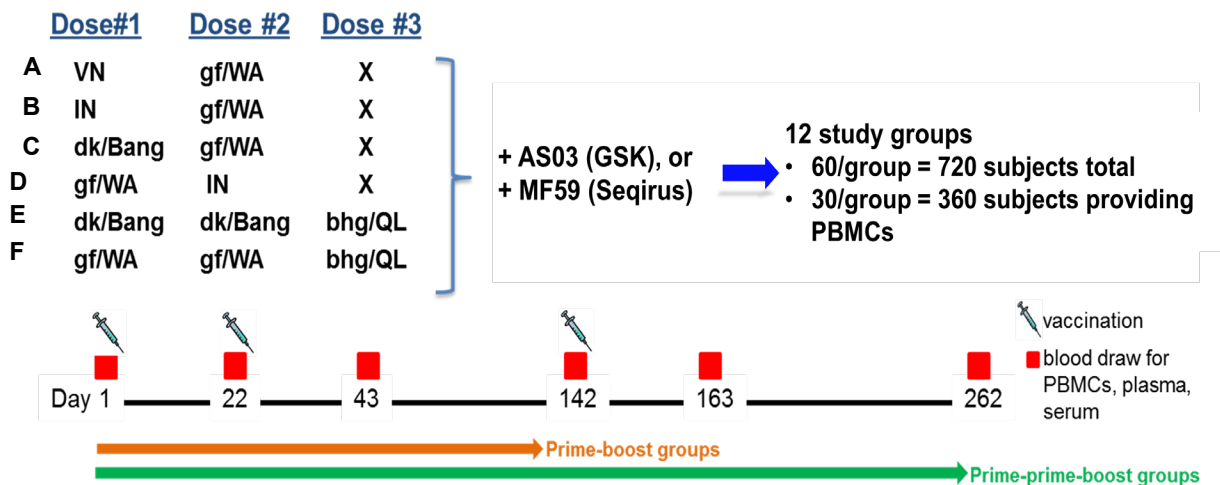


Vaccine. 2019 Jan 14;37(3):435-443.  
ClinicalTrials.gov: [NCT02680002](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02680002).

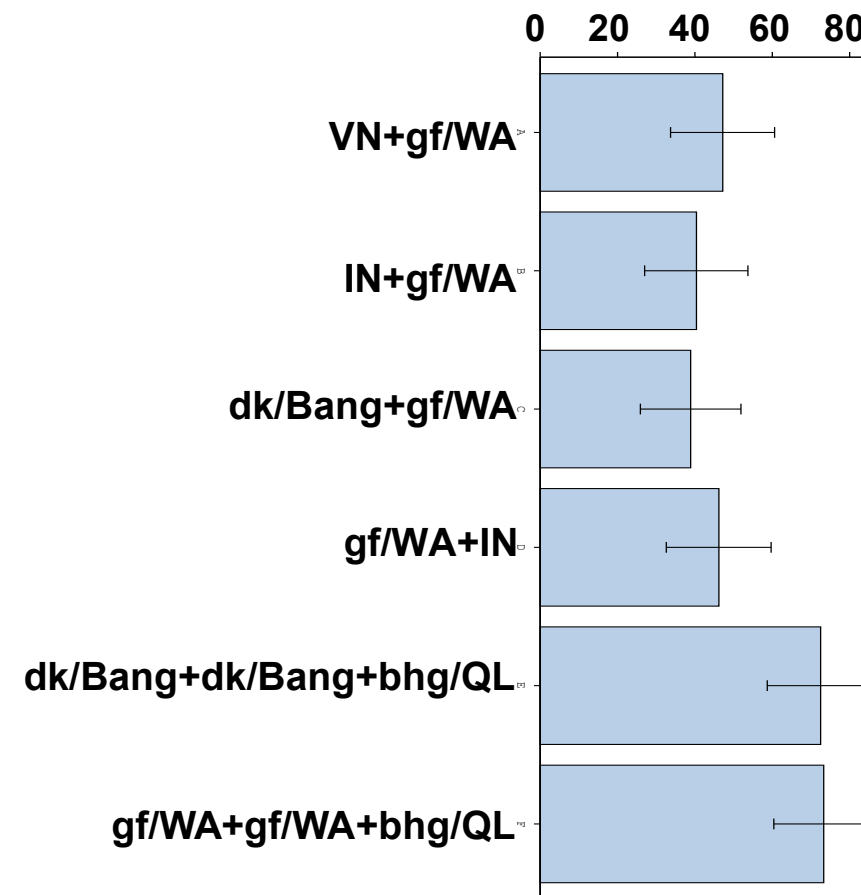
# BARDA-sponsored trial: A heterologous prime and boost vaccination strategy to induce cross-protective immunity against stockpiled A(H5) influenza virus vaccines

## Potential vaccination strategy for induction of cross-protective immunity using stockpiled influenza H5 vaccines

Vaccine Strain		Clade	Manufacturing Process
VN	A/Viet Nam/1203/2004 (H5N1)-like	1	Sanofi Fluzone®
IN	A/Indonesia/05/2005 (H5N1)-like	2.1.3.2	Sanofi Fluzone®
dk/Bang	A/duck/Bangladesh/19097/2013 (H5N1)-like	2.3.2.1a	CSL Seqirus Flucelvax®
gf/WA	A/gyrfalcon/Washington/41088-6/2014 (H5N8)-like	2.3.4.4	CSL Seqirus Afluria®
bhg/QL	A/bar headed goose/Qinghai Lake/1A/2005 (H5N1)-like	2.2	Sanofi Fluzone®



## Seroprotection Rate (SPR) + 95% CI



# Pandemic Readiness: H2Nx Influenza Vaccine Clinical Trial

## CSL Seqirus-sponsored

- AUDENZ™ process (subunit, cell):  
A/chicken/Ohio/494832/2007 (H2N3)-like candidate
- As individuals born after 1968 have never been exposed to A/H2 viruses, the overall global immunity against A/H2N2 is decreasing. Therefore, introduction of a new A/H2 virus strain via reassortment of an avian or swine variant could cause another pandemic.
- Clinical design: safety and immunogenicity of varying doses of influenza  
A/chicken/Ohio/494832/2007 (H2N3) vaccine in combination with MF59 adjuvant
- Enrollment complete
- NCT#: NCT05875961

Study Group (2 doses 21 days apart)	Number of Subjects	
	Adults born after 1968	Adults born prior to 1968
3.75ug HA + MF59	50	50
7.5ug HA + MF59	50	50
15ug HA + MF59	50	50
15ug HA unadjuvanted	50	50
1.875ug HA + 2X MF59	50	50
3.75ug HA +2X MF59	50	50

Total N = 600

# Pandemic Readiness: H5Nx Influenza Vaccine Clinical Trials

## GSK-sponsored

- FluLaval™ process (split virion, egg): A/Astrakhan/3212/2020 (H5N8)-like candidate—CVV IDCDC-RG71A
- Clinical design: safety and immunogenicity of varying doses of influenza A/Astrakhan/3212/2020 (H5N8; clade 2.3.4.4b) vaccine in combination with full or half doses of AS03 adjuvant
- Enrollment complete
- NCT# NCT05975840

Study Group (2 doses 21 days apart)	Number of Subjects	
	18-64 years	>65 years
3.75ug HA + AS03 <sub>B</sub>	65	65
3.75ug HA + AS03 <sub>A</sub>	65	65
7.5ug HA + AS03 <sub>B</sub>	65	65
7.5ug HA + AS03 <sub>A</sub>	65	65

\* Targeting up to 20% poultry workers

Total N = 520

## CSL Seqirus-sponsored

- AUDENZ™ process (subunit, cell): A/Astrakhan/3212/2020 (H5N8)-like candidate
- Clinical design: heterologous prime and boost strategy using influenza A/Astrakhan/3212/2020 (H5N8; clade 2.3.4.4b) and A/Guangdong/18SF020/2018 (H5N6; clade 2.3.4.4h) vaccines
- Enrollment complete
- NCT#: NCT05874713

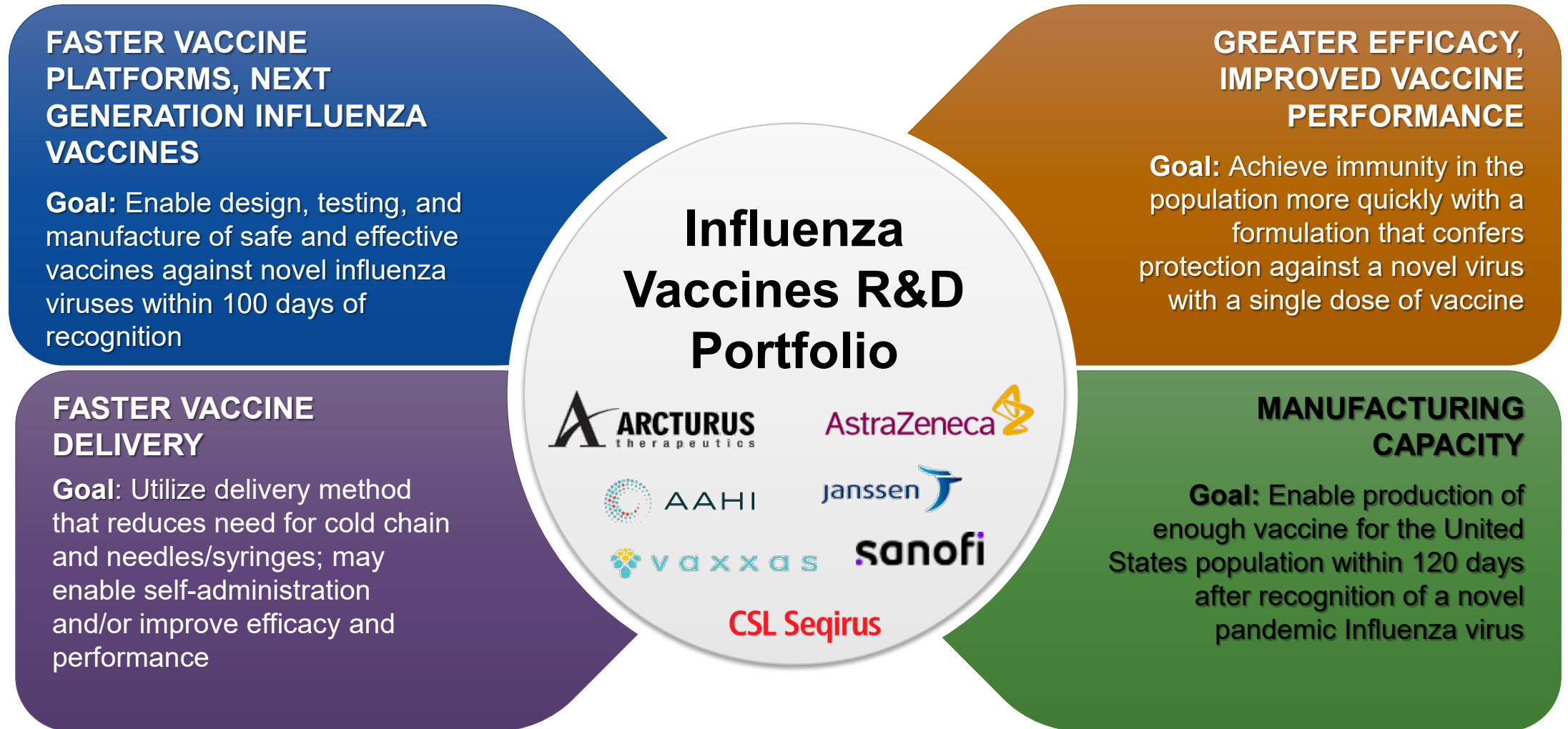
Arm	Study Group	Dose 1 (Day 1)	Dose 2 (Day 22)	Dose 3 (6months)	18-64* yrs	>65 yrs
1	7.5ug HA + MF59	H5N8	H5N8	H5N8	120	120
2	7.5ug HA + MF59	H5N8	H5N6	H5N8	60	60
3	7.5ug HA + MF59	H5N6	H5N8	H5N8	60	60

Targeting up to 50% poultry workers

Total N = 480

# BARDA's Influenza and Emerging Infectious Diseases Division

## Advanced Vaccine Development





### **BARDA Website:**

[medicalcountermeasures.gov](https://medicalcountermeasures.gov)

*Learn about BARDA's programs, our annual industry day, and funding opportunities!*



### **Solicitations:**

[sam.gov/](https://sam.gov/)

*See official announcements and info for government contract solicitations*



### **ASPR Website:**

[aspr.hhs.gov/BARDA/](https://aspr.hhs.gov/BARDA/)

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Thank You!!

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# CSL Seqirus Preparedness Posture for Pandemic Influenza

*Lorna Meldrum, VP, International Commercial &  
Pandemic*

# CSL Seqirus - On the Front Line of Influenza

- Second largest producer of influenza vaccines in the world
- Pandemic influenza preparedness agreements with 30 governments
- Expansive global manufacturing network, with a 100-day pandemic track record (2009-10 H1N1 pandemic)
- 3 registered & industrialised pandemic influenza platforms
  - Cell-based technology adjuvanted with MF59 (Holly Springs NC)
  - Egg-based technology adjuvanted with MF59 (Liverpool UK)
  - Egg-based technology adjuvanted with Alum (Parkville Aus)
- COVID-19 pandemic vaccines: manufactured 50 million doses & delivered to 6 countries (recombinant)
- COVID-19 seasonal vaccine: next generation sa-mRNA, approved in Japan, seeking approvals in US, Europe and internationally
- R&D program in adjuvanted cell vaccine & sa-mRNA vaccine technology





# CSL Seqirus & BARDA Partnership in Holly Springs



- **Relationship history:** **17-year public-private partnership** began in 2006 with predecessor company Chiron (Liverpool UK), then Novartis (Liverpool UK, Holly Springs NC), now Seqirus (Liverpool UK, Holly Springs NC, Parkville AUS)
- **Holly Springs objective:** Established to provide domestic cell-based vaccine and adjuvant manufacturing capacity to support delivery of 150 million doses of vaccine in the event of an influenza pandemic – culminated in being **certified “pandemic ready” by BARDA in May 2022**
- **7 contracts awarded to-date:**
  - **Clinical programs:** Flu cell culture (FCC) seasonal and pandemic licensure, H2N3 and H5N8 clinical development
  - **Manufacturing infrastructure:** Established Holly Springs site and subsequently viral pilot plant (VPP) and small-scale filling (SSF) facilities
  - **FCC 3.0 process implementation:** Yield improvement process
  - **Antigen/Adjuvant stockpiles:** Annual pre-pandemic antigen lots, additional lots of antigen based on circulating strains concern (H7N9, H2N3, H5N8) and MF59 adjuvant

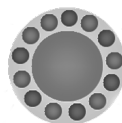
# CSL Seqirus Pandemic Innovation

*Proven partner to 30+ governments with a 100-day track record in pandemic influenza*

## Cell-Culture Technology



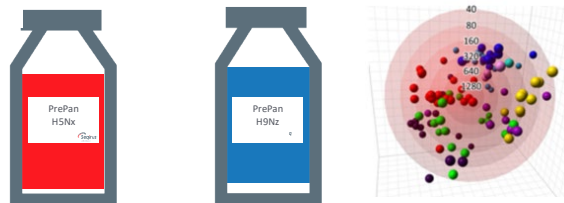
## MF59 Adjuvant



## sa-mRNA (future)



Global access for governments to MF59-adjuvanted, cell & egg-based APAs / pandemic vaccine for widespread coverage



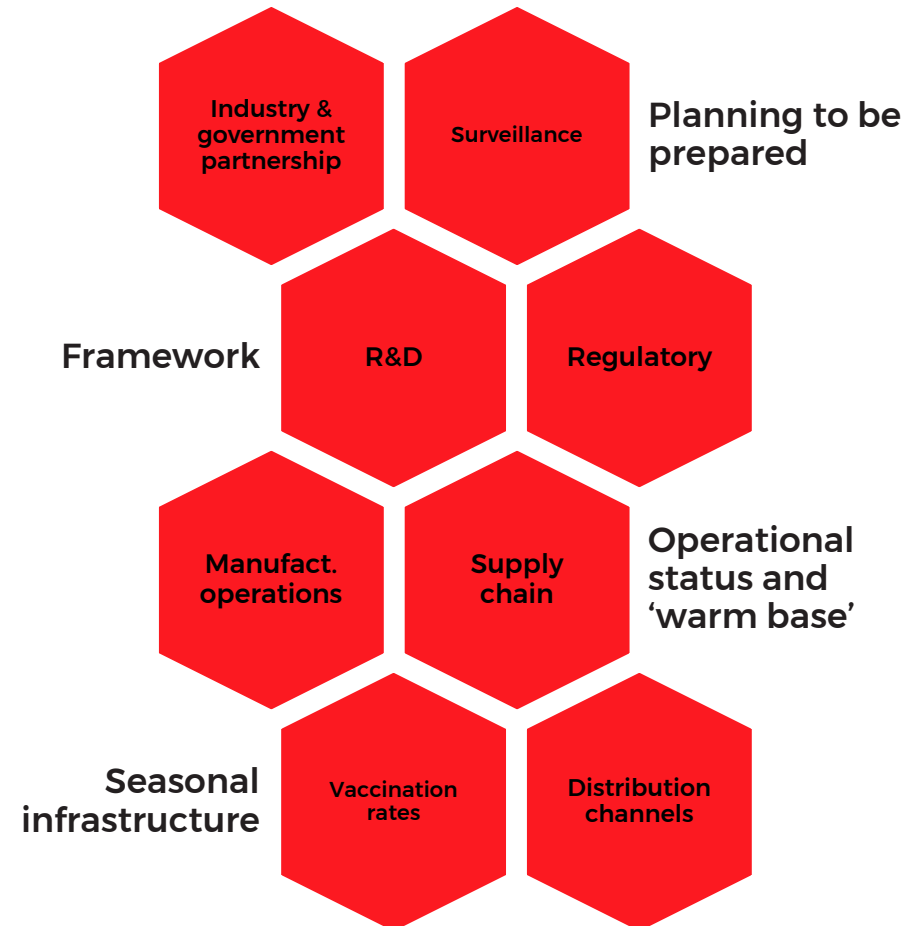
Pre-pandemic stockpiles for outbreak resilience



Selected technology partnerships  
(MF59 & Investment in capacity, R&D)

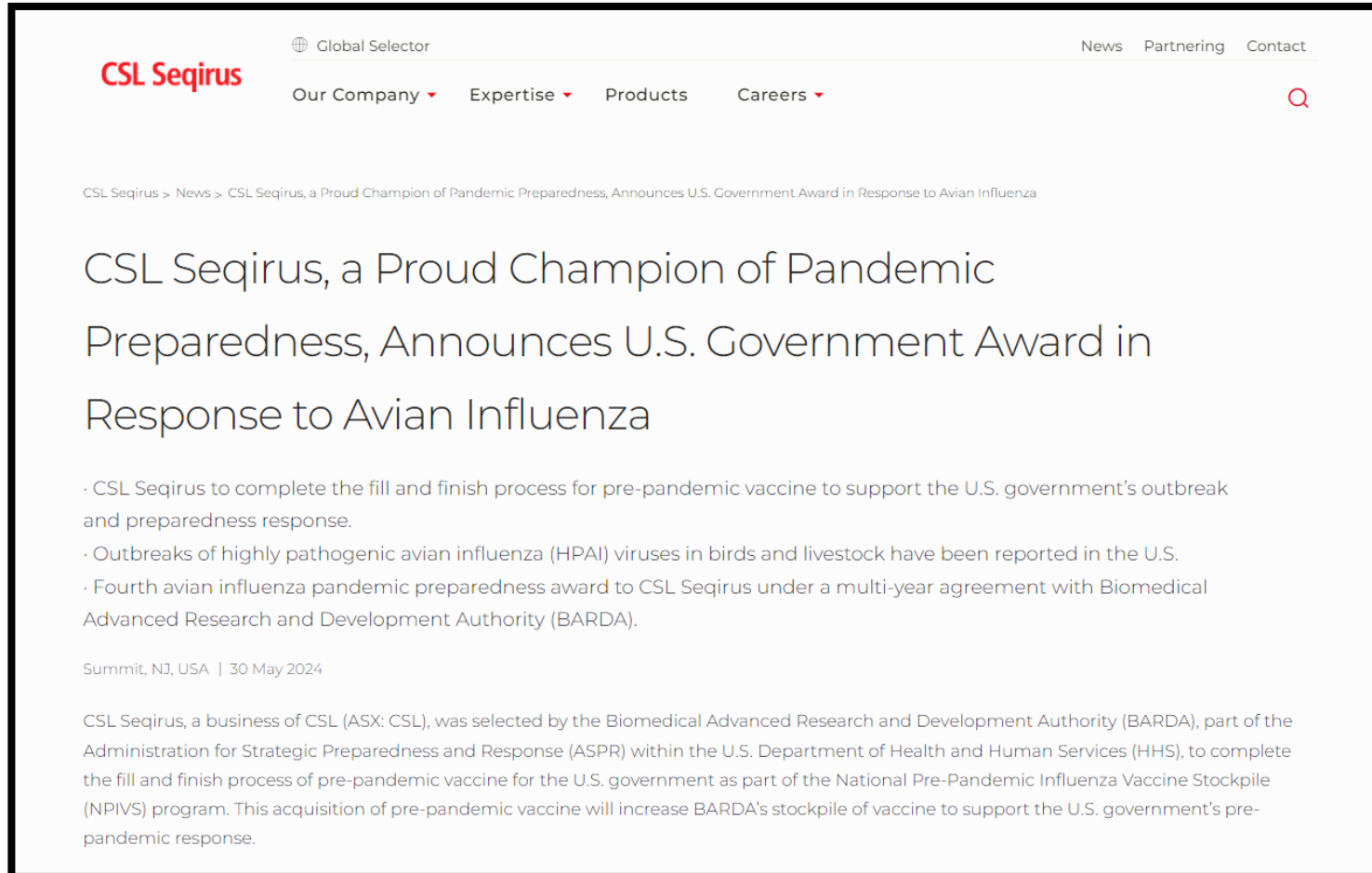
# Robust Pandemic Preparedness is Built on Expertise

*Public-private partnership is critical to pandemic readiness and resilience*



# Putting Preparedness into Action for H5 avian flu

*CSL Seqirus recently awarded contract to complete fill-finish process for pre-pandemic vaccines developed under partnership with BARDA*

A screenshot of the CSL Seqirus website. The header includes the CSL Seqirus logo, a 'Global Selector' dropdown, and navigation links for 'News', 'Partnering', and 'Contact'. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with 'Our Company', 'Expertise', 'Products', and 'Careers', each with a dropdown arrow, and a search icon. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'CSL Seqirus > News > CSL Seqirus, a Proud Champion of Pandemic Preparedness, Announces U.S. Government Award in Response to Avian Influenza'. The headline reads: 'CSL Seqirus, a Proud Champion of Pandemic Preparedness, Announces U.S. Government Award in Response to Avian Influenza'. Below the headline is a bulleted list of three points: 1. 'CSL Seqirus to complete the fill and finish process for pre-pandemic vaccine to support the U.S. government's outbreak and preparedness response.' 2. 'Outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) viruses in birds and livestock have been reported in the U.S.' 3. 'Fourth avian influenza pandemic preparedness award to CSL Seqirus under a multi-year agreement with Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA).' The date 'Summit, NJ, USA | 30 May 2024' is displayed. A paragraph at the bottom states: 'CSL Seqirus, a business of CSL (ASX: CSL), was selected by the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), part of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to complete the fill and finish process of pre-pandemic vaccine for the U.S. government as part of the National Pre-Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Stockpile (NPIVS) program. This acquisition of pre-pandemic vaccine will increase BARDA's stockpile of vaccine to support the U.S. government's pre-pandemic response.'

**Link:**

**CSL Seqirus, a Proud Champion of Pandemic Preparedness, Announces U.S. Government Award in Response to Avian Influenza**





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## **BEING READY FOR A RAPID RESPONSE: A PROACTIVE DISCUSSION OF PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES**

Julian Ritchey, VP Public Affairs &  
Patient Advocacy, US Vaccines



# Sanofi: Committed Influenza Market Leader and Pandemic Preparedness Partner

Long-standing global public health partner with the largest R&D and Industrial footprint for influenza vaccines for over 70 years

Demonstrated domestic end-to-end capability with 2009 H1N1 response in less than 100 days

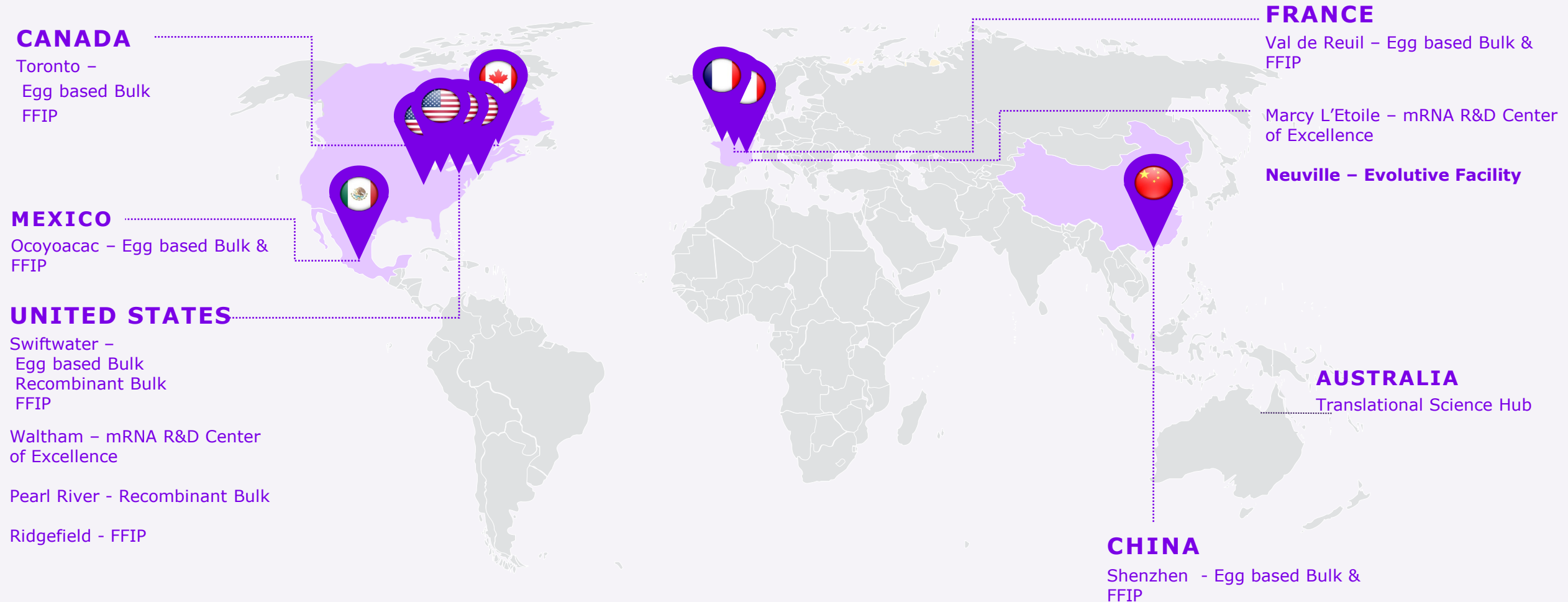
Committed to continuously exploring diverse technologies to better address future pandemic challenges (Egg, Recombinant, mRNA)

Employs a holistic approach to pandemic preparation from Innovation through Implementation



# Sanofi Is Continually Investing In Cutting Edge Influenza R&D And Production Sites

"End-to-End" Pandemic response capability for Egg and Recombinant plus mRNA  
Center of Excellence provides domestic infrastructure



# Sanofi Supports PPP Pandemic/Epidemic Alert And Response Tools For Early Detection

Sanofi is a leader in influenza viral detection around the world and designing pandemic preparedness and response tools with global stakeholders (WHO, HERA,...) and collaborates with governments in developing a locally tailored solution



**Global Influenza  
Hospital Surveillance  
Network**

The Global Influenza Hospital Surveillance Network ([www.gihsn.org](http://www.gihsn.org)) : an active acute respiratory disease surveillance covering 100 hospitals in 20 countries including the United States.

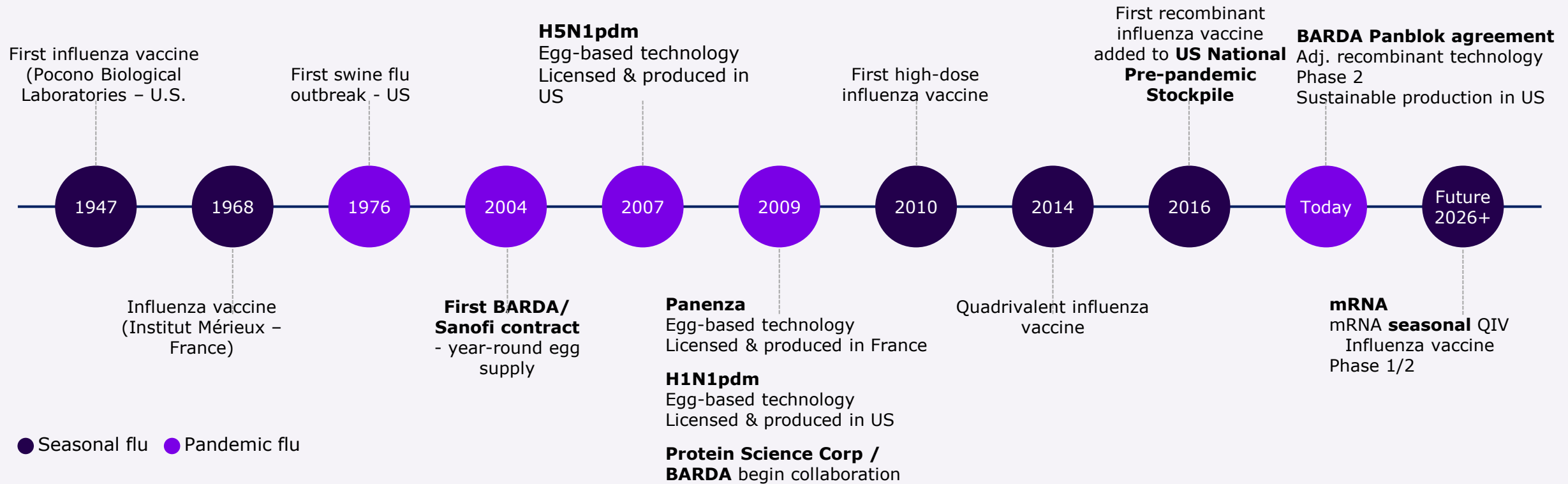


AIOLOS: A multi-sources data integration tool to detect outbreaks of respiratory viruses and to support data-driven decision making. The prototype funded by French and German governments (available in 2024) could be applicable to other countries.

<https://aiolos-project.org>

# Sanofi Has Partnered With BARDA For Decades To Ensure Pandemic Preparedness In The US

Sanofi legacy and future steps in the field of influenza vaccines



**More than 250M people** able to be immunized with Sanofi influenza vaccines each year<sup>1</sup>



Involved in **various partnerships** (BARDA<sup>1</sup>, EU<sup>2</sup> HERA<sup>3</sup>) & **collaborations** (GIHSN<sup>4</sup>, DRIVE<sup>5</sup>, ...)



Sanofi influenza production sites **can be mobilized for switching from seasonal to pandemic production**

# Sanofi Offers Diversified Influenza Vaccine Platforms For Rapid And Reliable Pandemic Response

## US PIV\*

Egg-based

**A/H5N1 unadjuvanted**  
**A/H1N1 unadjuvanted**

H5 licensed in US (2007)  
H1 licensed in US (2009)  
Produced in the US

## EU PIV\*

Egg-based

**A/H1N1 unadjuvanted**

Licensed in France (2009)  
Supplied during H1N1  
pandemic  
Produced in France

## Panblok

Recombinant

**A/H5 adjuvanted**

Clinical development  
ongoing  
Production planned in US

## mRNA

**mRNA Influenza**

Clinical development  
ongoing  
mRNA Center of Excellence  
located in US

# Sanofi Evolutive Vaccine Facilities (EVF) Enable Rapid Pandemic Response Across Production Platforms

**Modular production facilities**, able to switch from one process/product to another, while respecting regulatory requirements **with process standardization**

Possibility to **produce multiple vaccines or biologics products in one EVF** vs. 1 dedicated in current vaccines industrial facilities, and **based on different technology platforms** (mRNA, insect cell mammalian cell, *E. Coli*, yeast, Enzymes, etc.) **for investigational** (Phase II/III), **launch and commercial** products

**State-of-the-art Digital Ambition** (Cobots, Artificial Intelligence...)

**Single-Use processing** (disposable fermenters, bioreactors...)

**Flexible to easily expand** to 3 ballrooms per EVF Facility

**Sanofi Environmental Vision** incorporated (neutral CO2 footprint, Low energy consumption, Zero landfill through maximal waste recycling)



**2 Facilities**  
**Neuville – France**  
**Tuas – Singapore**



Thank you!



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# Being Ready for a Rapid Response: A Proactive Discussion of Production Capabilities

## Discussion



Public Meeting  
**NATIONAL  
VACCINE  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**  
June 13-14, 2024

**Break**



# Pride, Equity, and Community: Mpox Vaccination in 2024

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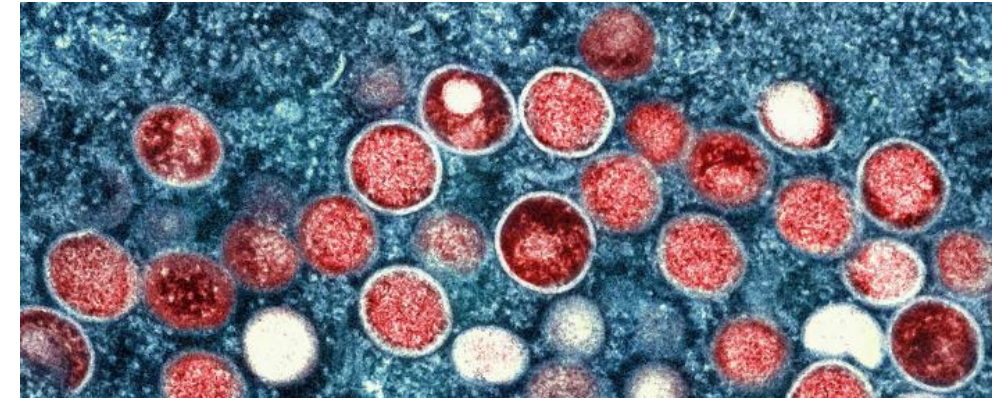
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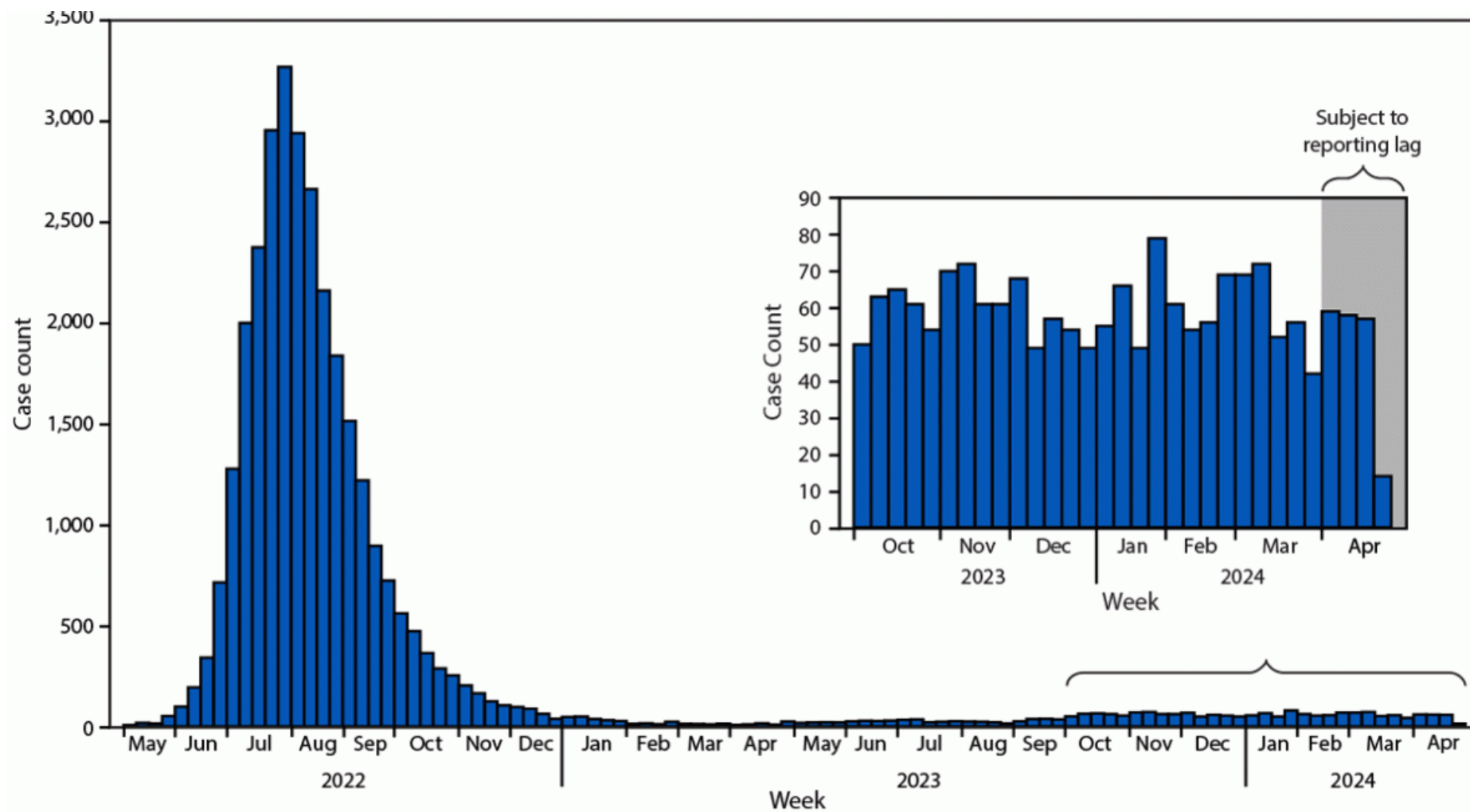
# Clade II Mpox: An Ongoing Public Health Risk

Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

NVAC  
June 13, 2024



# U.S. Mpox Cases, 2022-Present





# Domestic Outbreak Response Mpox 2022-2023

## Mpox Response By the Numbers

**1.2 million**



Vaccine doses administered

**76 million**



Page views of CDC mpox websites

**147,000+**



Specimen tests performed by LRN

**1,400+**



CDC responders deployed to the Mpox response

**37,000+**



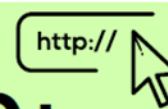
Wastewater samples collected between July 2022 and July 2023

**50+**



Community engagement and listening sessions

**2,600+**



Web tickets submitted

**13**



Health Alert Network notices and COCA calls

**423,000+**



Mpox resources downloaded

**856**



Social media posts

**41**



MMWRs published


**75+**



Partners and community organizations mobilized




## Key Milestones Clade II Mpox Response (2022)

- **Mid-May 2022:** First U.S. case diagnosed in Massachusetts Laboratory Response Network (LRN) laboratory, CDC launches emergency response
  - **June 2022:** Outbreak escalates, 50K JYNNEOS doses distributed, communication to LGBTQ+ community underway
  - **July 2022:** CDC expands testing to commercial labs; WHO declares a PHEIC and the U.S. government declares a PHE; White House Task force is created; 1 million doses of JYNNEOS distributed.
  - **Aug 2022:** Cases begin to decline, survey showed protective behavioral changes being embraced
  - **Sept 2022:** Health Equity initiatives launched to improve vaccine access and uptake among Black and Hispanic persons; vaccine performance estimates show excellent protection
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## Key Milestones Clade II Mpox Response (2023-Present)

- **Feb 2023:** ACIP votes to recommend the 2-dose JYNNEOS vaccine series for persons 18 years and older at risk for mpox during an mpox outbreak
  - **April 2023:** CDC highlights risks for fatal outcomes and impact on Black and Hispanic persons
  - **April-Sept 2023:** Cases reach low steady state
  - **Oct 2023-April 2024:** Cases tick up slightly, but remain steady at ~59 cases per week
  - **May 2024:** CDC highlights that most cases continue to be in persons who are unvaccinated or only received 1 dose
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# Lessons from the 2022 Mpox Response

- **Take an approach that deeply engages the community most affected**
  - Engaging, listening, and acting on suggestions from the GBMSM community
  - Strong coordination between partners (federal agencies, state and local, and private) to ensure timely, tailored information and seamless delivery
- **Keep public health responses flexible and responsive**
  - Rapid expansion of commercial testing
  - Evolving vaccine strategy based on increasing supplies, feedback (i.e. location of injection sites, removal of risk assessments)
- **Importance of flexible resources and investments**
  - Syndemic approach with other activities/mechanisms
- **Continue to invest in foundational research**
  - JYNNEOS was pre-approved for use because of decades of research, more is needed



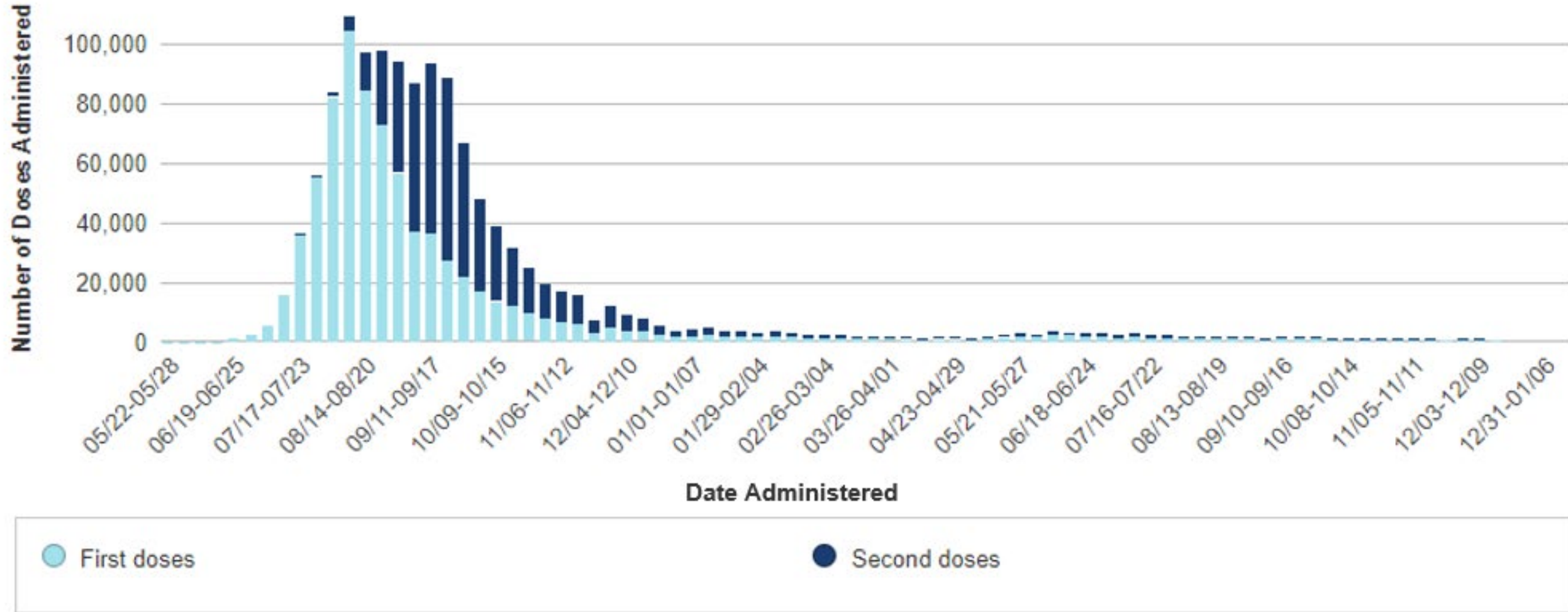


## Clade II Mpox is Not Over...

- U.S. mpox cases continue at ~59 cases per week, steady for >6 months
  - Mainly in cisgender men (94%), especially those identifying as gay or bisexual (90%)
  - Most cases continue to be in unvaccinated persons or those who have gotten only one dose
  - Severe immunocompromise remains a risk for fatal outcomes
  - Local/regional spread (most do not report international travel)
  - TPOXX-resistant cases (n>50) are being detected (including 18 new cases, multiple states)
- CDC recommends persons at risk for mpox exposure get 2 doses of JYNNEOS (no matter how long since 1<sup>st</sup> dose)
- JYNNEOS commercially available as of April 1, 2024
  - Phasing out SNS availability by August
  - May increase equitable access issues
- No booster recommended at this time – no epidemiologic signals of waning immunity; will continue to assess



# U.S. JYNNEOS Vaccine Administration, 2022–2024\*



## CDC: Encouraging Vaccination

- CDC Foundation Partner campaign: Dashaun Wesley
- MMWR highlighting science
- Models indicate that outbreaks >100 cases did not occur when population-level immunity from vaccination or previous infection was >50% among MSM
- Calls with state, local, territorial partners highlighting science, funding opportunities
- Summer of Pride Partnership with OASH
- CDC awarded \$46.2 million to 62 jurisdictions to support mpox response and vaccine administration





## Clade I Mpox, Increasing in DRC

- >20,000 clade I mpox cases in the DRC since 2023.
  - Clade I is more severe with higher mortality.
- Sexual transmission reported - including among heterosexual partners and MSM
- No vaccine or therapeutics routinely being used in DRC (outside of special studies)
  - Working to change this
- U.S. preparedness: clade II mpox response IS clade I mpox preparedness
- We have a window to stop clade I mpox from becoming the next global outbreak

Mpox Caused by Human-to-Human Transmission of Monkeypox Virus with Geographic Spread in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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**QUESTIONS?**



# Summer of PRIDE: Mpox Equity Update

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National Vaccine Advisory Committee Meeting

June 13, 2024

Tevin Warren, DrPH, MPH

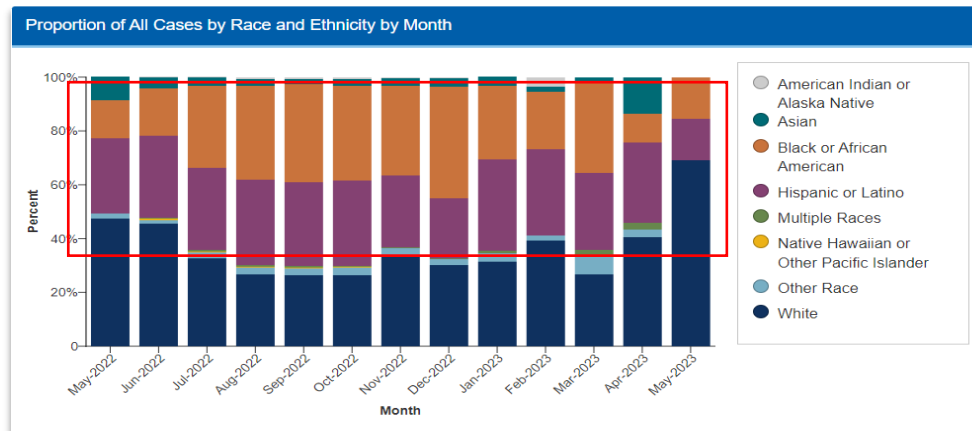


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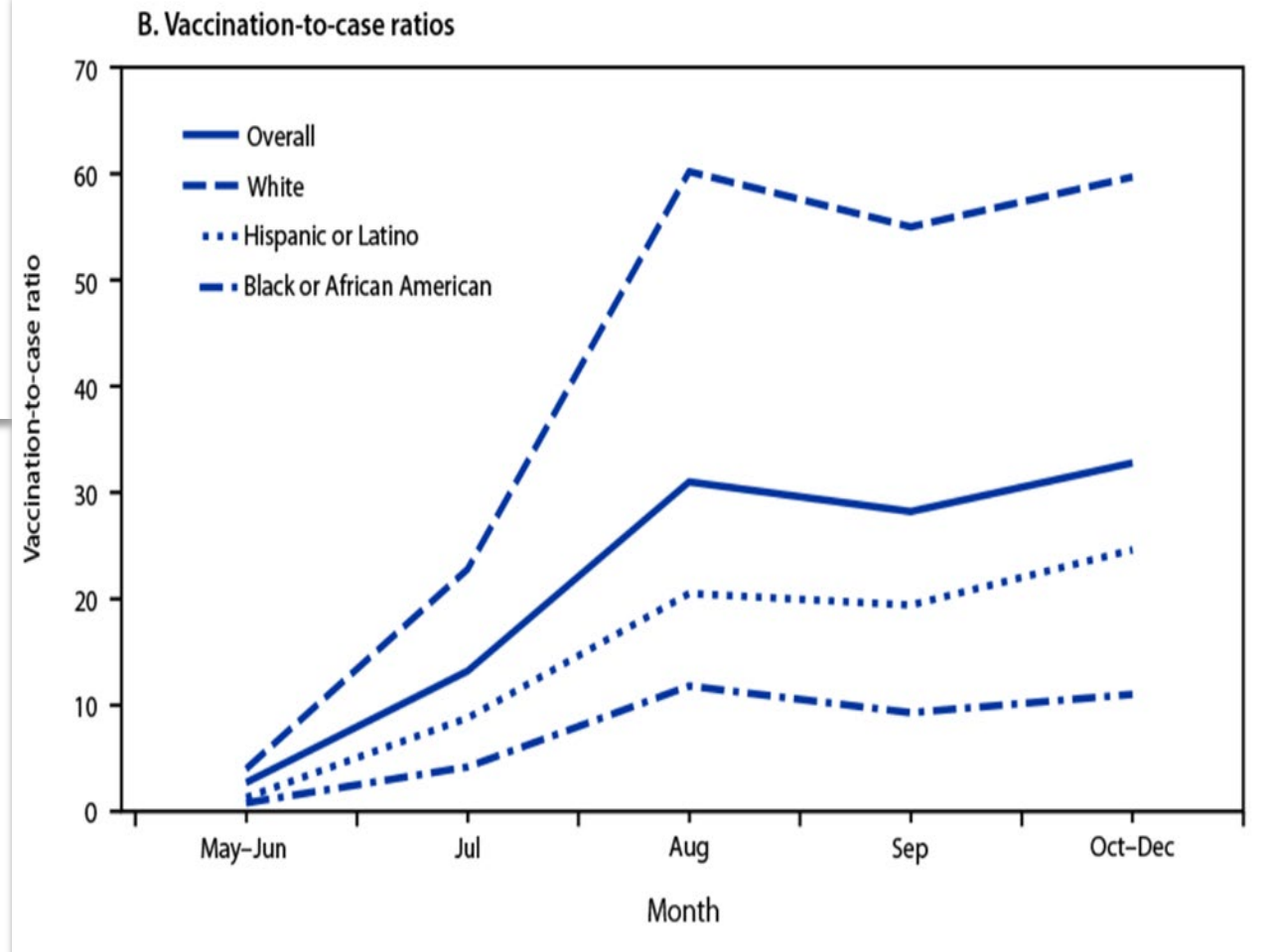
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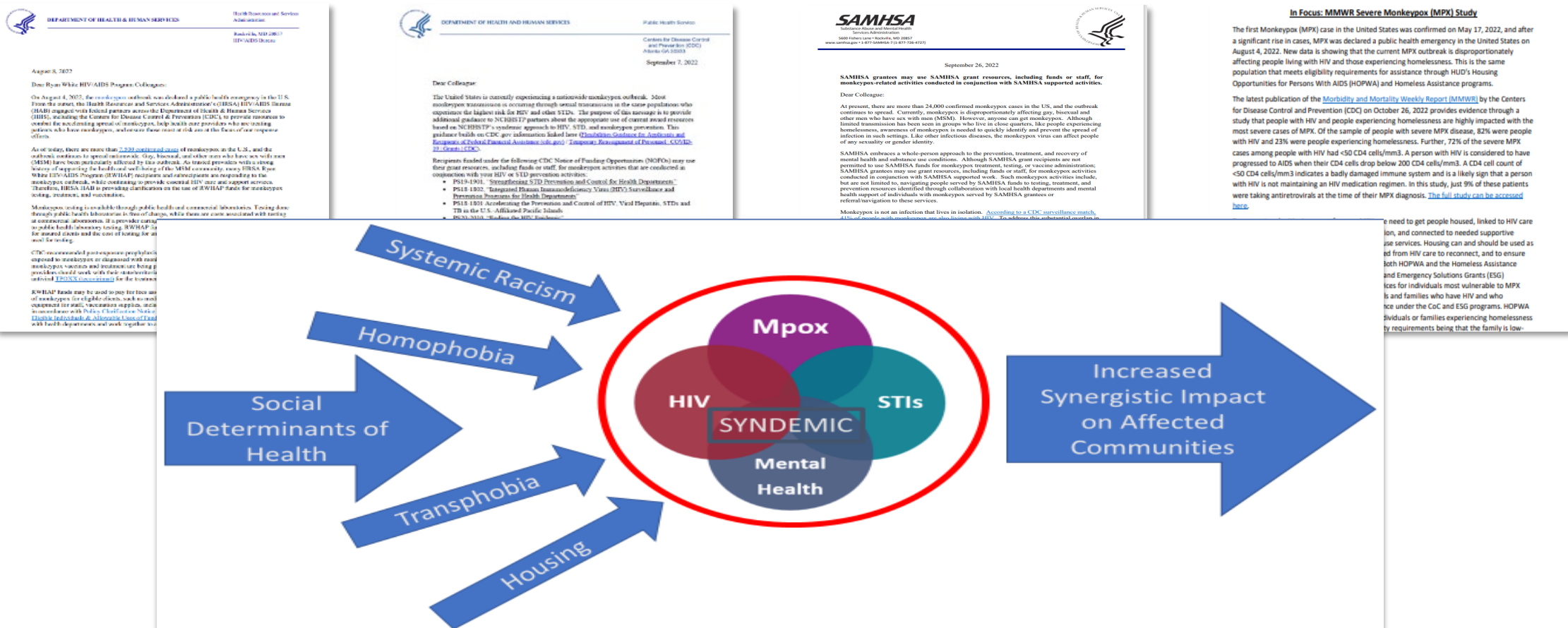
# Mpox Disparities Created By Systemic Racism



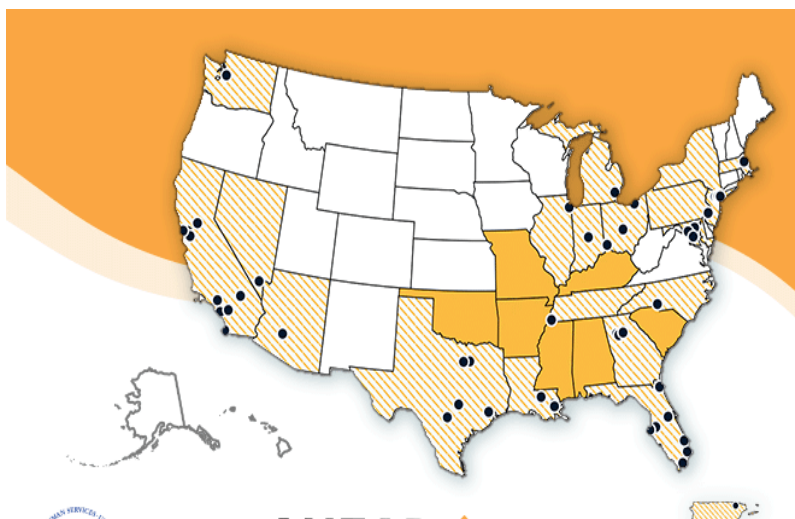
Race and ethnicity, total	Deaths	
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	28,233 (93.5)	38 (100.0)
Asian, non-Hispanic	115 (0.4)	0 (—)
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	786 (2.8)	0 (—)
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	9,295 (32.9)	33 (86.8)
White, non-Hispanic	68 (0.2)	0 (—)
Hispanic or Latino	8,277 (29.3)	3 (7.9)
Other race, non-Hispanic	8,849 (31.3)	2 (5.3)
Multiple races, non-Hispanic	668 (2.4)	0 (—)
Unknown	175 (0.6)	0 (—)
	1,950	0



# Syndemic Problems Require Syndemic Solutions



# Ending The HIV Epidemic



Ending  
the  
HIV  
Epidemic  
A PLAN FOR AMERICA

## AHEAD

America's HIV Epidemic Analysis Dashboard

TABLE. Jurisdiction-specific estimates of immunity and inferred\* risk and size of mpox recurrence — United States, 2023

Jurisdiction	Estimated immunity level, %†	Inferred* risk for recurrence, %	Inferred* cumulative Monkeypox virus infections vs. 2022 <sup>§</sup>	Jurisdictional immunity grouping <sup>¶</sup>	MSM at increased risk for Monkeypox virus exposure**
Duval County, Florida	6	57	4.08	Low	12,425
Shelby County, Tennessee	10	55	3.77	Low	10,626
Hamilton County, Ohio	10	55	3.79	Low	9,970
Bexar County, Texas	11	54	3.67	Low	17,916
Dallas County, Texas	12	53	3.62	Low	45,264
Tarrant County, Texas	15	51	3.32	Low	15,909
Palm Beach County, Florida	15	52	3.36	Low	12,824
Hillsborough County, Florida	15	52	3.39	Low	17,802
Wayne County, Michigan	16	51	3.29	Low	14,705
Harris County, Texas	17	50	3.16	Low	60,769
San Bernardino County, California	18	49	3.07	Low	15,829
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana	18	50	3.14	Low	3,735
Baltimore City, Maryland	19	49	3.04	Low	10,800
Pinellas County, Florida	20	48	2.96	Low	13,430
Gwinnett County, Georgia	21	48	2.89	Low	5,672
Marion County, Indiana	24	46	2.60	Low	12,681
Fulton County, Georgia	25	45	2.58	Low	27,831
Prince George's County, Maryland	26	44	2.03	Medium	9,007
Orange County, Florida	26	45	2.09	Medium	21,838
Dekalb County, Georgia	26	45	2.12	Medium	14,053
Cuyahoga County, Ohio	27	44	1.90	Medium	11,470
Cobb County, Georgia	27	44	1.96	Medium	5,980
Essex County, New Jersey	29	43	1.66	Medium	7,806
Franklin County, Ohio	31	42	1.41	Medium	15,752
Travis County, Texas	32	41	1.30	Medium	16,218
San Juan Municipio, Puerto Rico	32	41	1.30	Medium	3,773
Maricopa County, Arizona	32	41	1.33	Medium	33,513
Mecklenburg County, North Carolina	33	40	1.18	Medium	12,947
Montgomery County, Maryland	34	40	1.10	Medium	7,515
Clark County, Nevada	36	39	0.97	Medium	20,231
Bronx County, New York	36	39	0.98	Medium	19,723
Hudson County, New Jersey	37	38	0.86	Medium	8,009
Miami-Dade County, Florida	40	36	0.72	Medium	40,489
Orange County, California	45	33	0.48	Medium	17,090
Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania	47	32	0.42	Medium	18,771
Sacramento County, California	52	28	0.20	High	9,723
San Diego County, California	54	27	0.19	High	27,536
Riverside County, California	58	25	0.18	High	21,314
Broward County, Florida	59	24	0.18	High	33,886
Orleans Parish, Louisiana	61	23	0.18	High	8,057
Cook County, Illinois	63	22	0.17	High	60,444
Los Angeles County, California	63	22	0.17	High	117,361
Suffolk County, Massachusetts	64	21	0.17	High	10,356
King County, Washington	65	20	0.16	High	24,308
Alameda County, California	75	14	0.14	High	14,167
Queens County, New York	78	12	0.13	High	20,057
District of Columbia	98	<1	0.08	High	22,348
Kings County, New York	99	<1	0.07	High	30,540
New York County, New York	100	<1	0.07	High	37,900
San Francisco County, California	100	<1	0.07	High	23,577

## Summer of PRIDE Mpox Equity Intervention

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- Collaborate with umbrella organizations for Black Prides and House/Ballroom Community to identify 20-30 events.
- Connect local health departments and these events with the charge of developing syndemic-focused Sexual Health spaces that include mpox vaccine/education and related services.
- USG role is coordination only.





# Are All Large LGBTQI+ Events Built The Same? NO!

## Community vaccination events can help make access to vaccines easier for people most affected by monkeypox

Over **4,200** people were vaccinated in 10 days at vaccination events before and during a recent Black gay Pride festival in Atlanta



bit.ly/mm713464  
CDC: 06/21/22

MMWR

## Community vaccination events can help make access to vaccines easier for people most affected by monkeypox

Nearly **7,000** people were vaccinated at community events and clinics before and during a recent LGBTQI+ festival in Louisiana



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MMWR

### Ethnicity\*

Hispanic or Latino	328 (7.7)	224 (7.8)	104 (7.4)
Non-Hispanic or Latino	3,872 (90.4)	2,585 (89.9)	1,287 (91.4)
Unknown	82 (1.9)	65 (2.3)	17 (1.2)

### Race\*

Asian	132 (3.1)	89 (3.1)	43 (3.1)
Black or African American	2,069 (48.3)	1,322 (46.0)	747 (53.1)
White	1,625 (37.9)	1,144 (39.8)	481 (34.2)
Other	396 (9.2)	276 (9.6)	120 (8.5)
Unknown	60 (1.4)	43 (1.5)	17 (1.2)

Black prides offer a unique opportunity to reach people with access issues related to stigma or insurance. These prides are regional and national magnets for black MSM and transgender people.

### Race and ethnicity\*\*

Black or African American, NH	929 (25.6)	516 (21.6)	1,445 (24.0)	116 (13.9)
White, NH	2,051 (56.5)	1,218 (51.1)	3,269 (54.3)	438 (52.3)
Other, NH	327 (9.0)	278 (11.7)	605 (10.1)	84 (10.0)
Hispanic or Latino	245 (6.7)	157 (6.6)	402 (6.7)	86 (10.3)
Unknown	81 (2.2)	215 (9.0)	296 (4.9)	113 (13.5)

## Summer of PRIDE 2024 List of Events

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May 18-19: Long Beach Pride

May 24-27: DC Black Pride

May 31- Jun 8: DC Capital Pride

Jun 1-2: Philadelphia Pride

Jun 8-9: LA Pride

Jun 16-18: Dallas Southern Black Pride

Jun 17: Baltimore Pride

Jun 17: Da Bronx Pride Festival

Jun 22-23: Chicago Pride Festival

June 24: PG County Pride

Jun 23-24: Puerto Rico Gay Pride

Jun 29: Baton Rouge Pride

Jun 29: Pride San Antonio

Jun 29: Charlotte Black Pride

July 4-7: Black Pride LA

July 14-16: Hotter Than July

Aug 1-4: Jacksonville Black Pride

Aug 3: Indiana Pride of Color

Aug 10: Austin Pride

Aug 14-18: NYC Black Pride

Aug 28-Sep 2: Atlanta Black Pride Weekend

Sep 7-8: Oakland Pride

Sep 16: Texas Latino Pride Festival

Sep 29- Oct 8: Jacksonville FL River City Pride

Oct 1: Atlanta Pride

Oct 3-9: Baltimore Black Pride

Oct 4-6: OUR FEST

Oct 6-7: Las Vegas Pride,

Oct 19-20: Phoenix Pride

Oct 25-29: Black Pride Vegas





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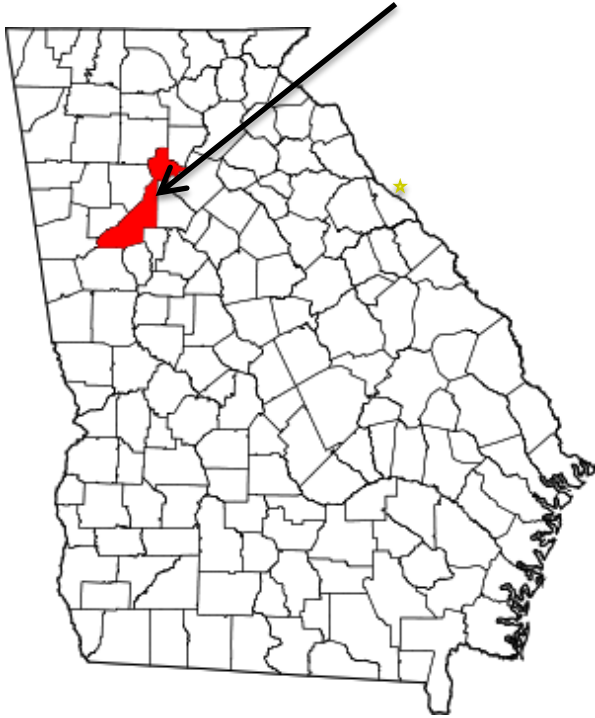
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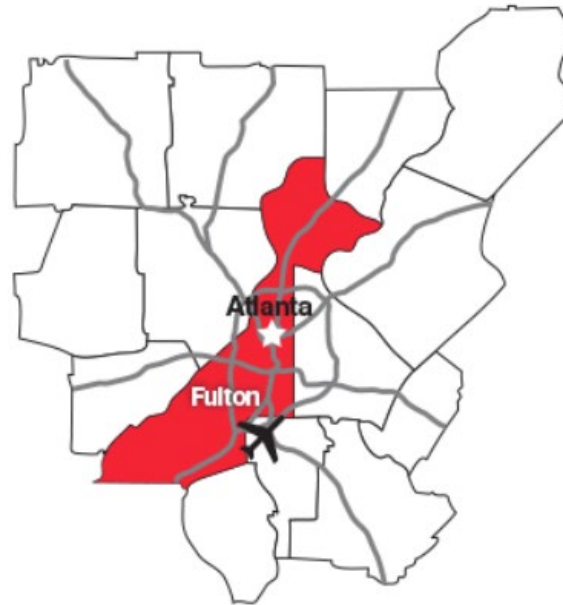
# **Mpox response in Fulton County, Georgia: Reversing inequity in vaccine distribution**



David P. Holland, MD, MHS  
Chief Medical Officer  
Associate Professor (adjunct)  
Emory University



### Metro Atlanta Counties



### Fulton



Contains about 90% of City of Atlanta (most of the rest is in DeKalb)

# Fulton County, Georgia

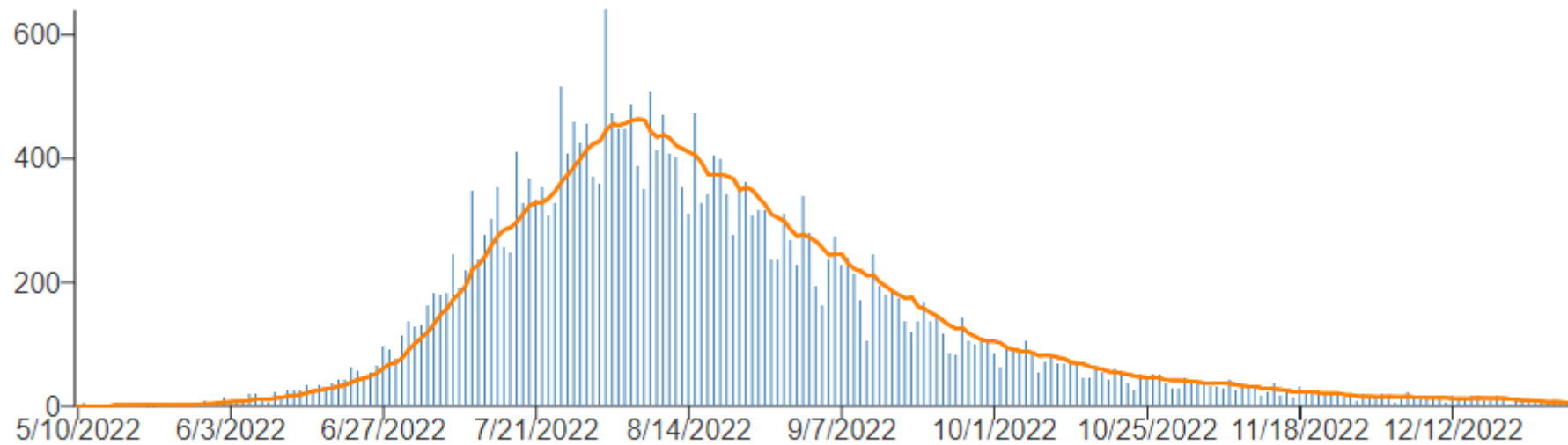
- ❑ Population ~1,000,000
- ❑ 90% of Atlanta inside Fulton
  - Atlanta's population is only 500,000
- ❑ Demographics
  - 46% White
  - 44% Black
  - 7.5% Hispanic

## Other counties of note

- ❑ DeKalb (the capital “K” is important – they’re sensitive)
- ❑ Gwinnett
- ❑ Cobb
- ❑ Clayton



# 2022 – The summer of mpox

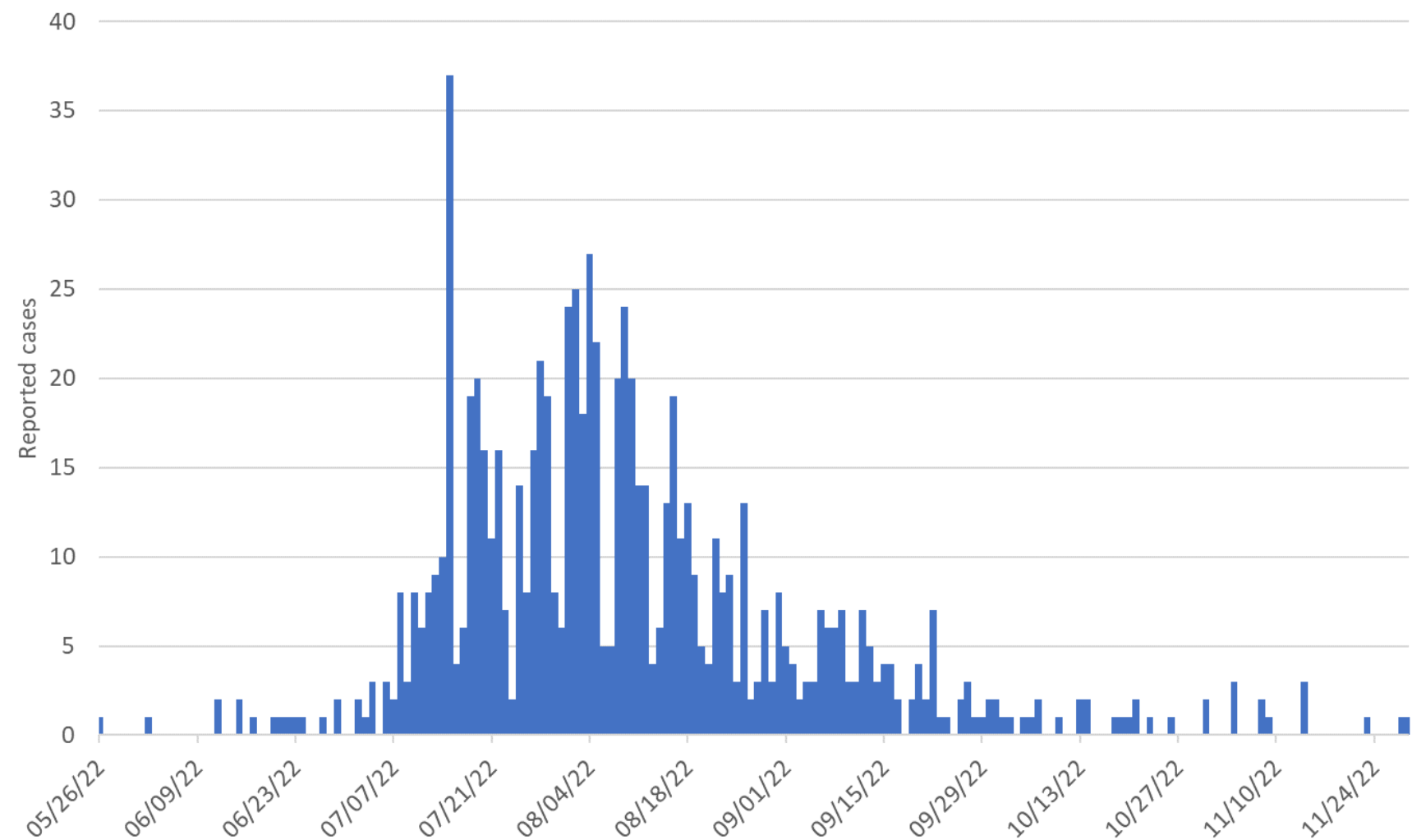


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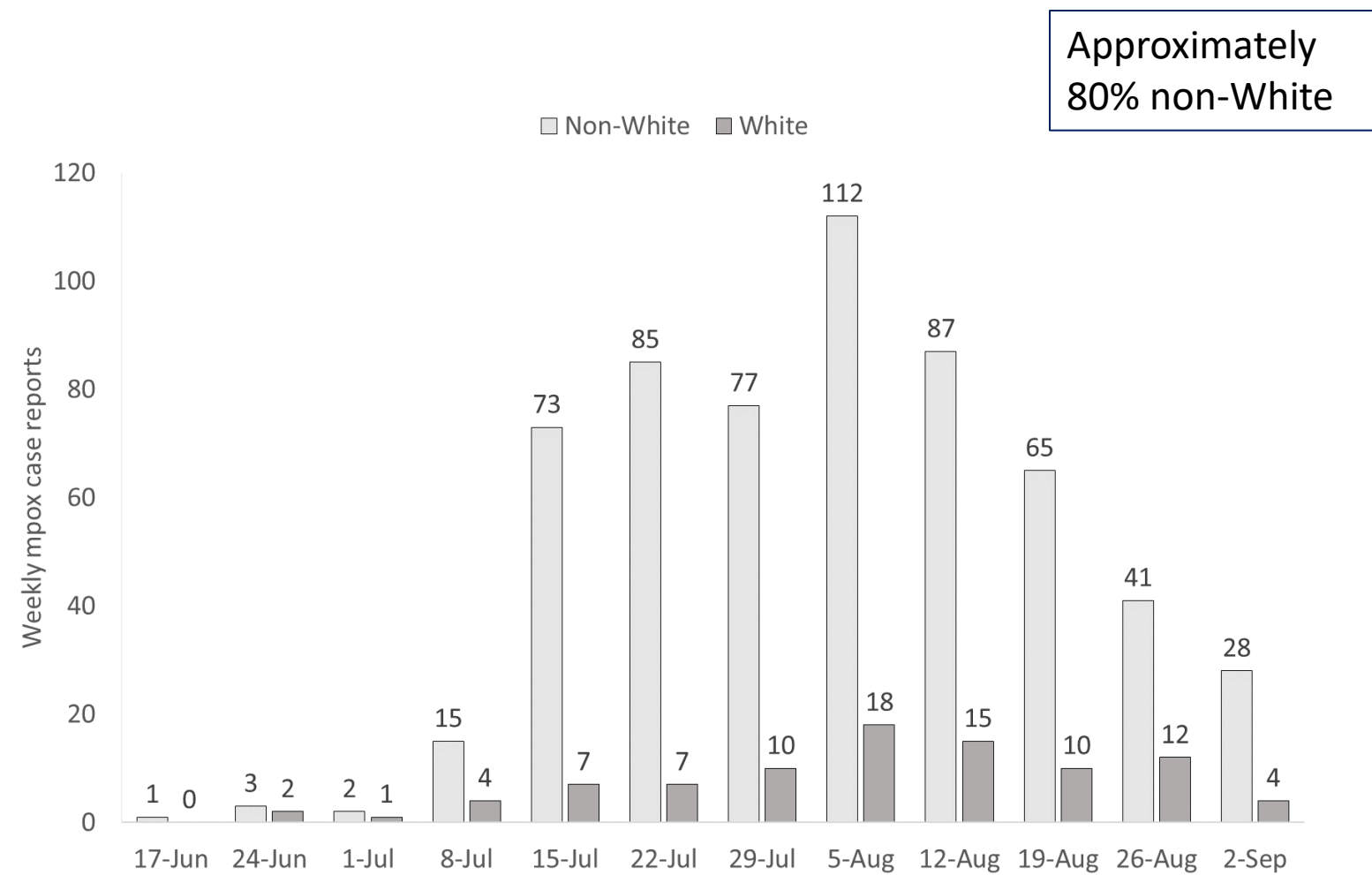
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# Fulton County



# Fulton County



# This should have been easy

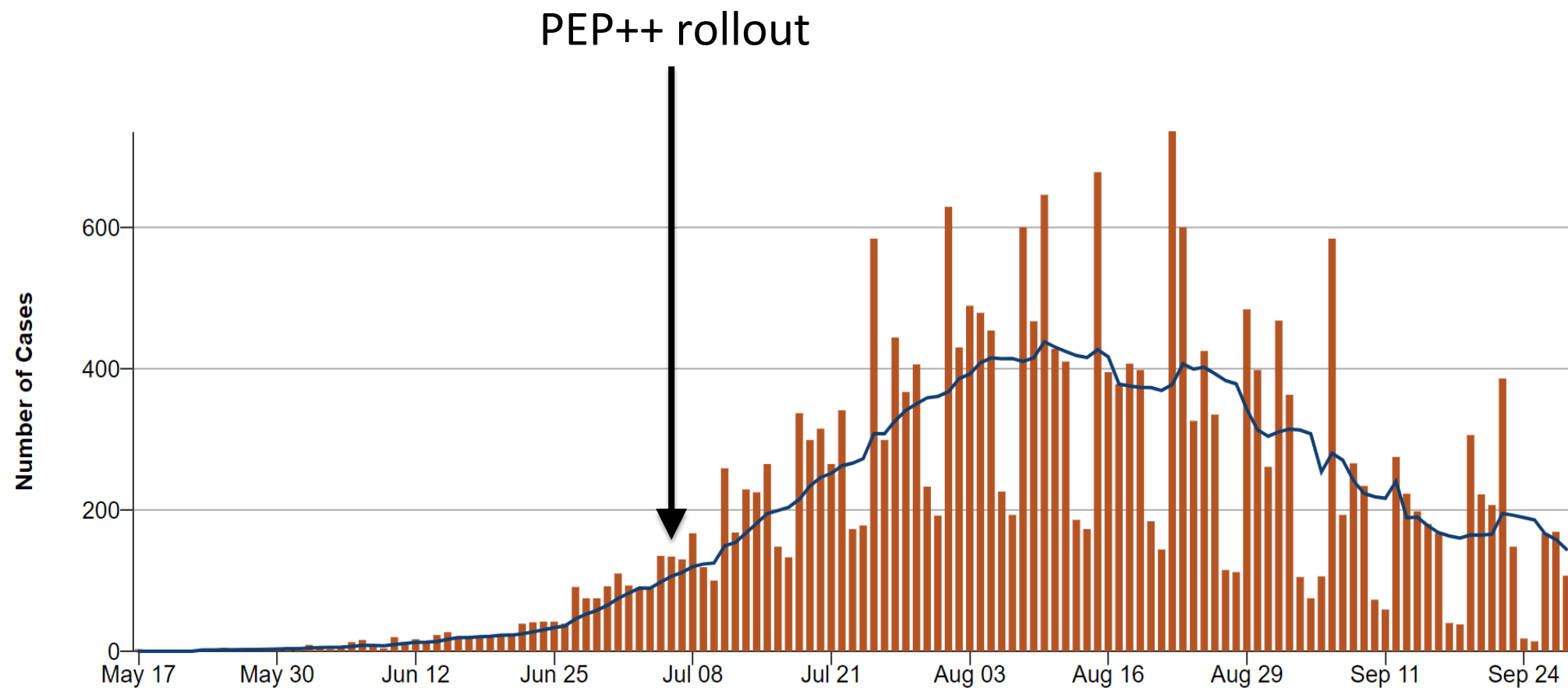
- Limited segment of the population
  - One with much less vaccine hesitancy
  - 2021 COVID vaccine hesitancy survey:
    - 85% for LGBTQ+ vs 74% for heterosexuals
    - Higher than baseline for all racial groups in men
- Vaccines were ready to go
- We had literally just finished with a national mass-vax campaign

[McNaghten AD et al., MMWR February 4, 2022 / 71\(5\);171–176](#)

# What is PEP++?

- Hint: It's not the pro version of PEP
- Complicated, but boils down to:
  - Known contact to mpox, or
  - MSM and trans women who have sex with men with multiple sex partners in the past 14 days
- Lots of issues:
  - Required trans women to disclose gender identity
  - Required everyone to claim multiple sex partners

# What constitutes a “public health emergency?”





# It's impossible to do equity with scarcity

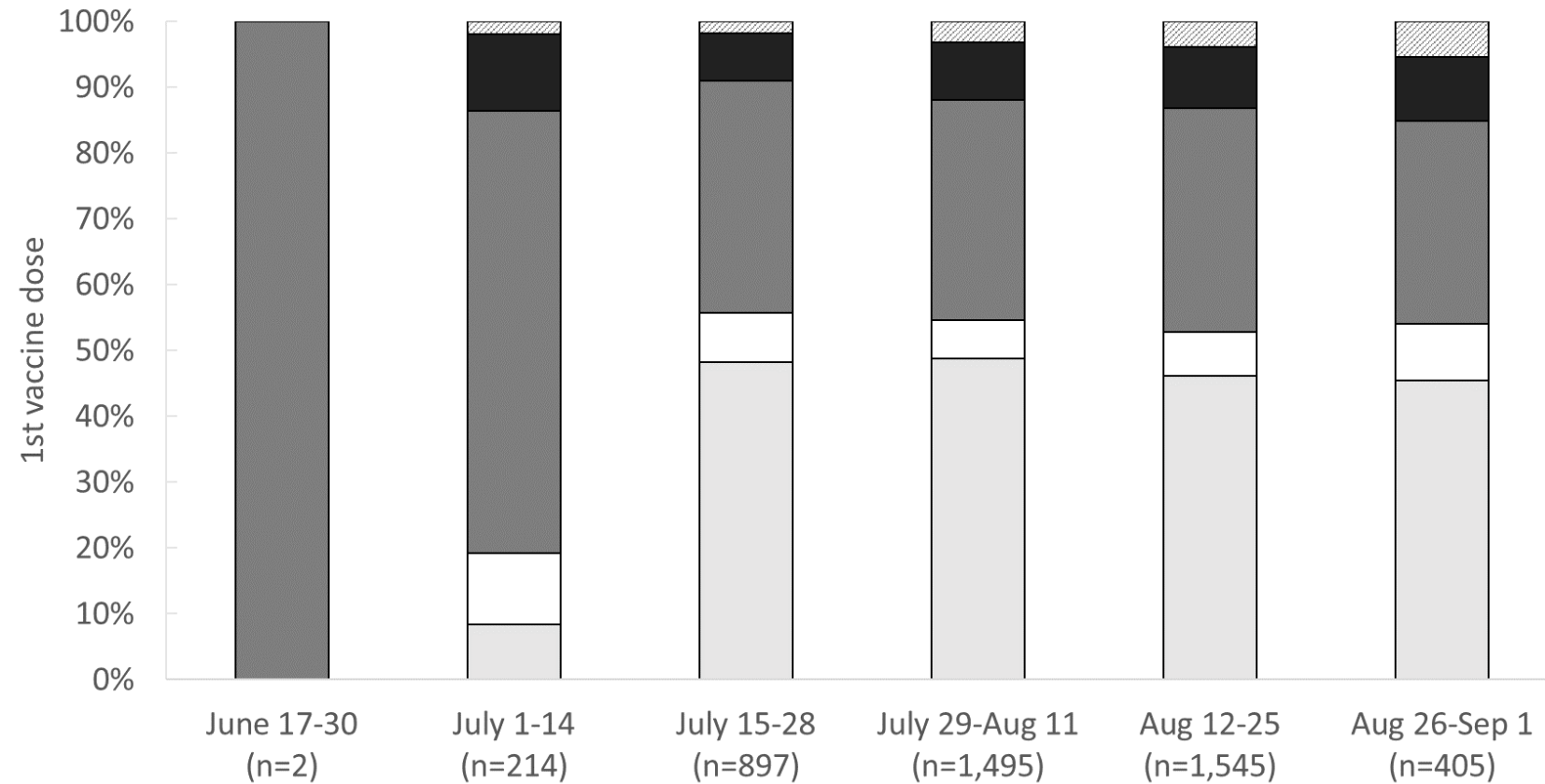
- Vaccines came out in an inconsistent dribble
  - Impossible to plan more than a few days before events
  - Created *Hunger Games* approach to vaccine appointments
  - Those with more access to social media and other outlets were more likely to get appointments
  
- First vaccine event: >90% of recipients were White

# Interventions

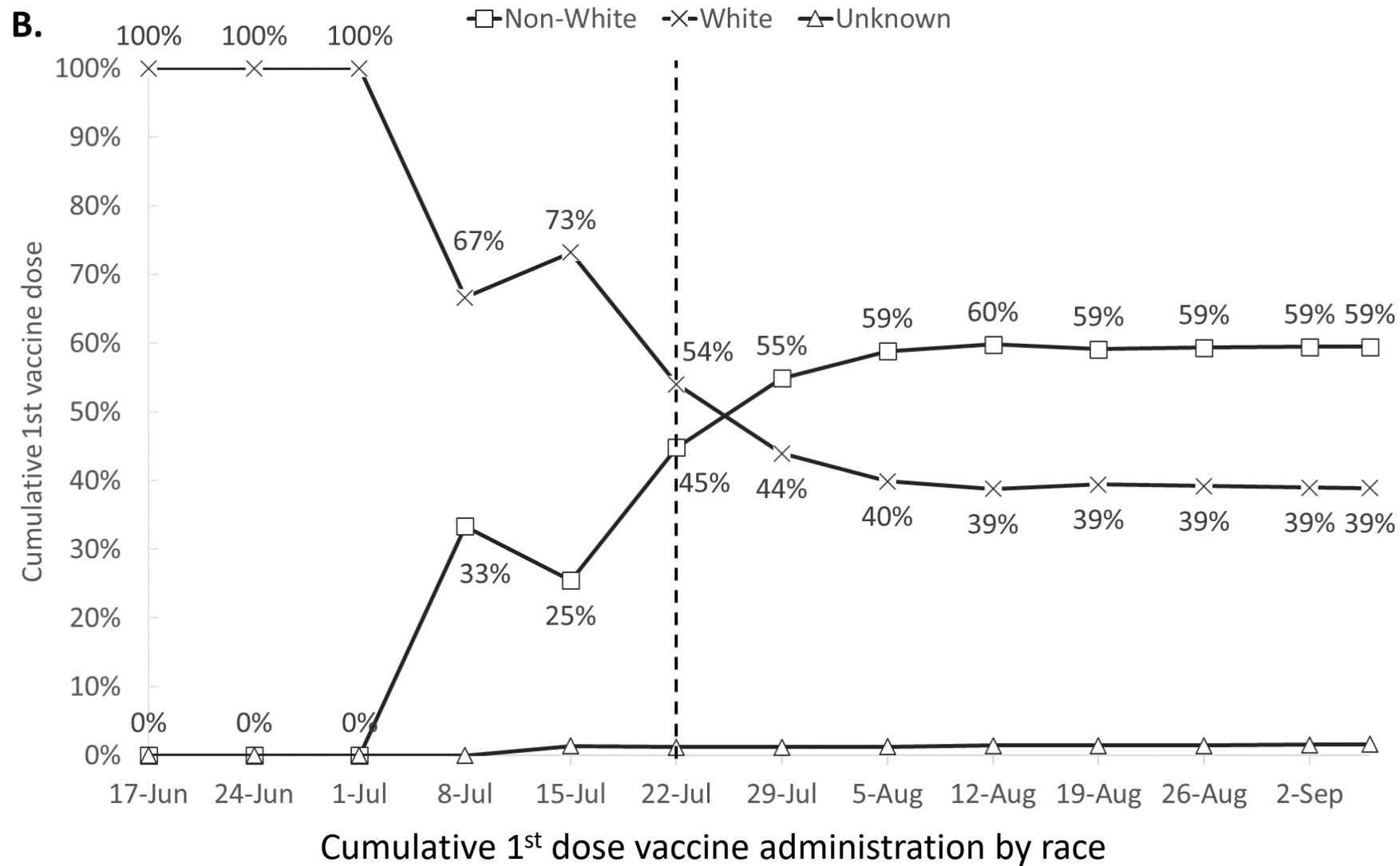
- Reached out to CBOs we partner with on HIV
  - Asked them to create a list of people they serve
- Second event:
  - Gave the CBOs 2-hour head start
  - Actually it was only 25 minutes because it went so fast
- Ongoing events:
  - Reserved Friday for CBOs
  - No appointments, no “proof of eligibility”
  - Also, standard appointments had a “heads up” and came out after work

# Vaccine distribution by race/ethnicity

**A.**     Black or African American     Hispanic/Latinx     White     Another race/ethnicity     Unknown



PEP++



Overall 59% went to non-White participants (vs 12% nationwide)

# MONKEYPOX VACCINATIONS IN PEOPLE WITH DARKER SKIN

Vaccinations are a very important way for sexually-active individuals to protect themselves from monkeypox. However, **Black and Brown** individuals, and some others with **darker skin**, may develop a dark patch **HYPERPIGMENTATION** at the site of an intradermal injection. This is a normal reaction to the vaccine, but it may be unappealing to some.

## IF YOU NOTICE A DARK SPOT

- Taking ibuprofen and/or an antihistamine daily for 5-7 days after vaccination may reduce inflammation and therefore reduce the darkening, though not completely.
- Protect the site from the sun using either clothing or sunscreen
- It will fade over time, but it could take several months for some people.
- Other things to try (may help spots resolve faster but will not be immediate):

### YOU CAN ALSO ASK TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE IN ALTERNATIVE INJECTION SITES, INCLUDING:

- Upper chest under the collarbone
- Back of the arm (triceps)
- Upper back over or just below the scapula
- The shoulder (deltoid)

Vaccinations will not be less likely to cause hyperpigmentation at these sites, but it may be less noticeable. Also, these sites are usually covered by clothing, protecting them from the sun so that they may resolve more quickly.

### DON'T FORGET

When making these choices, it is also important to remember that monkeypox disease can cause permanent scars on any part of the body, so everyone should consider their own personal risks when making such a decision.



- Topical retinoids (Differin<sup>®</sup> gel available over the counter, Retin-A<sup>®</sup> available with a prescription)
- Vitamin C solutions (look for 20% or greater vitamin C)
- There are also other dark spot removers available by prescription





## At the end(?)

- **75% of non-White recipients received their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose**
- Approximately cases reported in Fulton in 2023

# *Mpox Vaccination in Montgomery County, MD*

## **Emily Halden Brown**

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Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services  
Sexual Health & Wellness Services



**MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY  
PRIDE**



# Montgomery County, MD



- ~1.1 Million residents
- Among most diverse counties in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>
- Wealthy & healthy <sup>2</sup>
- Low unemployment and high health insurance rates
- Pockets of poverty & growing lower-income sector<sup>3</sup>
- MC-DHHS has provided safety net HIV & STI testing, treatment & prevention services to residents since 1988.

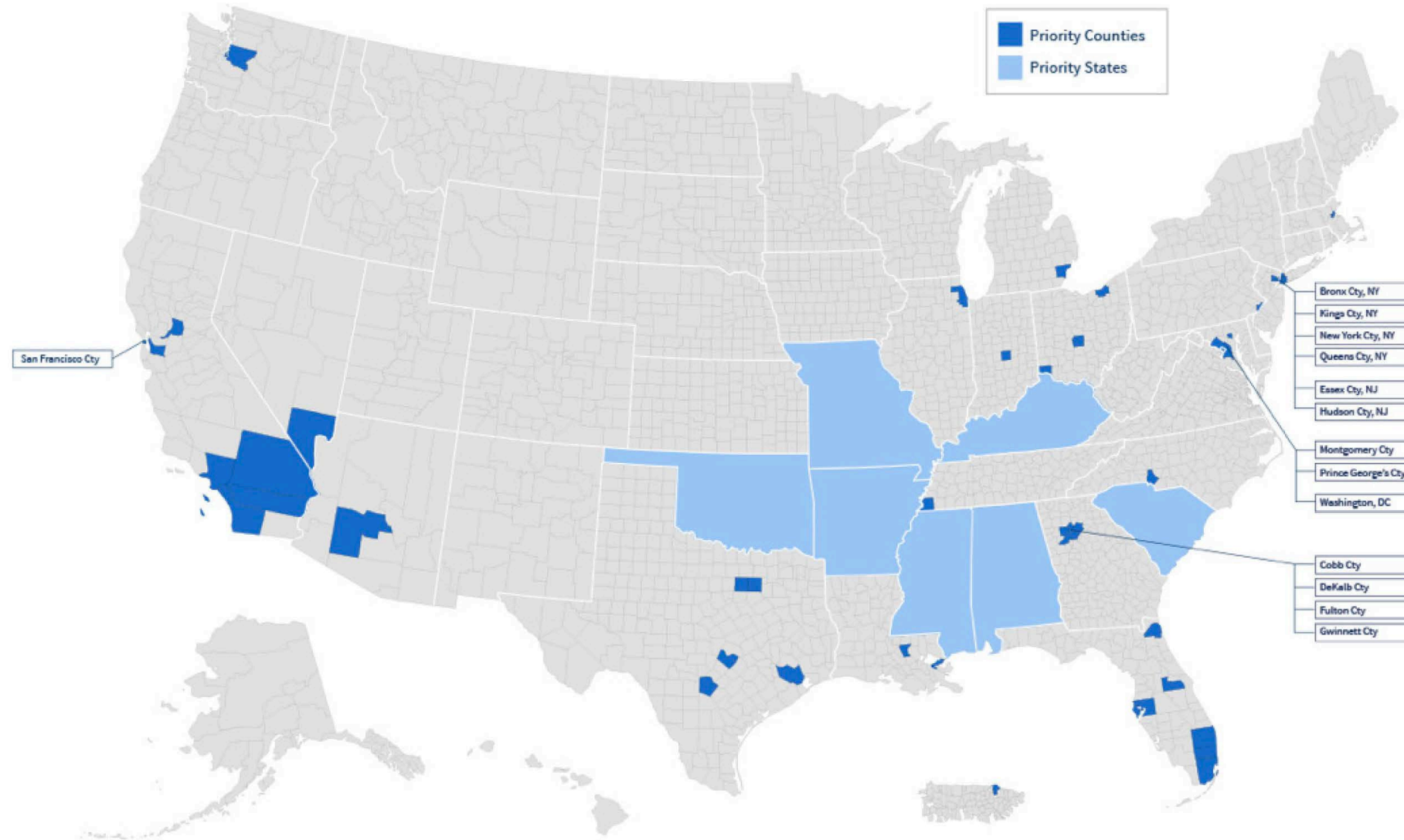


Montgomery County was named a Phase I *Ending the HIV Epidemic* priority jurisdiction in 2019.

## GOAL

75% reduction in new HIV infections by 2025  
and at least 90% reduction by 2030.

# Ending the HIV Epidemic: Priority Jurisdictions



## Maryland

- Baltimore City
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County

## Washington, DC



# Ending the HIV Epidemic: 4 Pillars



**Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible.

**Treat** people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.



**Prevent** new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).

**Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.



# **The impact of EHE on our sexual health services**

# Expansion: Montgomery County Sexual Health & Wellness Services



## Dennis Avenue Health Center

- Ryan White HIV Services (Medical Care, Medical & Non-Medical Case Management)
- STI testing & treatment services
- PrEP Clinic
- Partner Services



## Upcounty Regional Services Center

- STI testing & treatment services
- Partner Services
- Linkage-to-Care to Dennis Avenue



## Community Outreach

- HIV and limited POC STI testing
- Linkage-to-Care
- Linkage-to-PrEP
- Resource referrals
- Health Education



# LGBTQ+ - Inclusive Sexual Health Campaign & Intentional Community Outreach



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Para ubicar un proveedor para el VIH en el Condado de Montgomery llama al **240-777-1869.**

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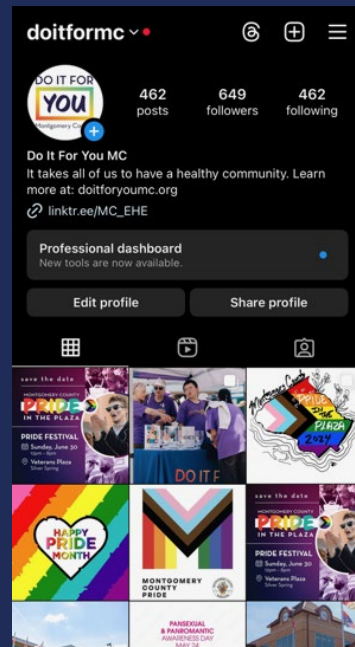
**TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH.**

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2021



**PRIDE IN THE PLAZA YEAR 1**

- Partner:
  - Capitol Ballroom Council (Pride in the Plaza Mini Ball)
- 42 tabling partners
- ~35 tests

2022



**PRIDE IN THE PLAZA YEAR 2**

- Partners:
  - Capitol Ballroom Council
  - Live in Your Truth Programs
- 72 tabling partners
- 77 tests (HBI)

2023



**PRIDE IN THE PLAZA YEAR 3**

- Key partner:
  - Live in Your Truth Programs
  - Capitol Ballroom Council
- 97 tabling partners
- 120 tests
- 11 Mpox vax

# The Impact of EHE on our Mpox Response

# Montgomery County's Mpox Response



**JUNE 2022**

Initial Mpox response plan created at Montgomery County HHS

**JULY 2022**

County receives limited quantity of vaccine  
  
PEP-only protocol

**MID- AUGUST 2022**

Team used pre-registration form to prioritize those at highest risk for appointments.

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

Spanish-language Mpox Virtual Townhall hosted in collaboration with Latino Health Initiative and other partners



**VACCINATION CONTNUES IN STI/HIV CLINICS**

**JUNE 25, 2023**

Mpox vaccine offered at Pride in the Plaza for \$15 gift card.  
11 doses administered; some were 2<sup>nd</sup> doses

Mpox screening questions incorporated into outreach testing

**MAY 2022**

CDC HAN alert released  
  
Increasing media coverage of Mpox



**JUNE 27, 2022**

County hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Pride in the Plaza** festival  
  
Provides basic Mpox info from Maryland Health Department

**EARLY AUGUST 2022**

Vaccine pre-registration system opens  
  
Over 1,000 responses in first week  
  
HIV/STI clinics inundated with calls

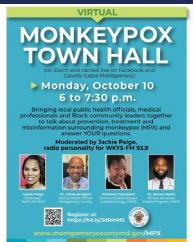
**LATE AUGUST 2022**

LGBTQ+ Mpox Virtual Townhall hosted in collaboration with key community partners and Montgomery County Council



**OCTOBER 2022**

Mpox Virtual Townhall with focus on Black/African-American communities hosted in collaboration with African-American Health Program



**JUNE 2024**

Mpox vaccine will be offered at Pride in the Plaza 2024





# THE COMMUNITY AND MPOX

NATIONAL VACCINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OFFICE OF INFECTIOUS  
DISEASE AND HIV/AIDS POLICY PRESENTATION:

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH



JAPER BOWLES

DIRECTOR

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LGBTQ AFFAIRS



# AGENDA

1. WHO WE SERVE  
AND HOW
2. EVENTS - HEALTH  
CENTERED
3. PROGRAMS -  
HEALTH CENTERED
4. Q&A



# MISSION

**THE MISSION OF THE MOLGBTQA IS TO ADDRESS THE IMPORTANT CONCERNS OF THE DISTRICT'S LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING RESIDENTS THROUGH EMPOWERING YOUNG LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY LEADERS, REMOVING BARRIERS FOR LGBTQ+ BUSINESS OWNERS, BUILDING A COHESIVE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY ACROSS ALL EIGHT WARDS, AND PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE AT-RISK LGBTQ+ POPULATION**



# DC GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

## MAYOR'S OFFICE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AGENCIES



# WHAT WE DO

NAVIGATING DC GOVERNMENT



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



HEALTHCARE



GRANT PROGRAM



CULTURAL COMPETENCY



HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM



SIGNATURE EVENTS



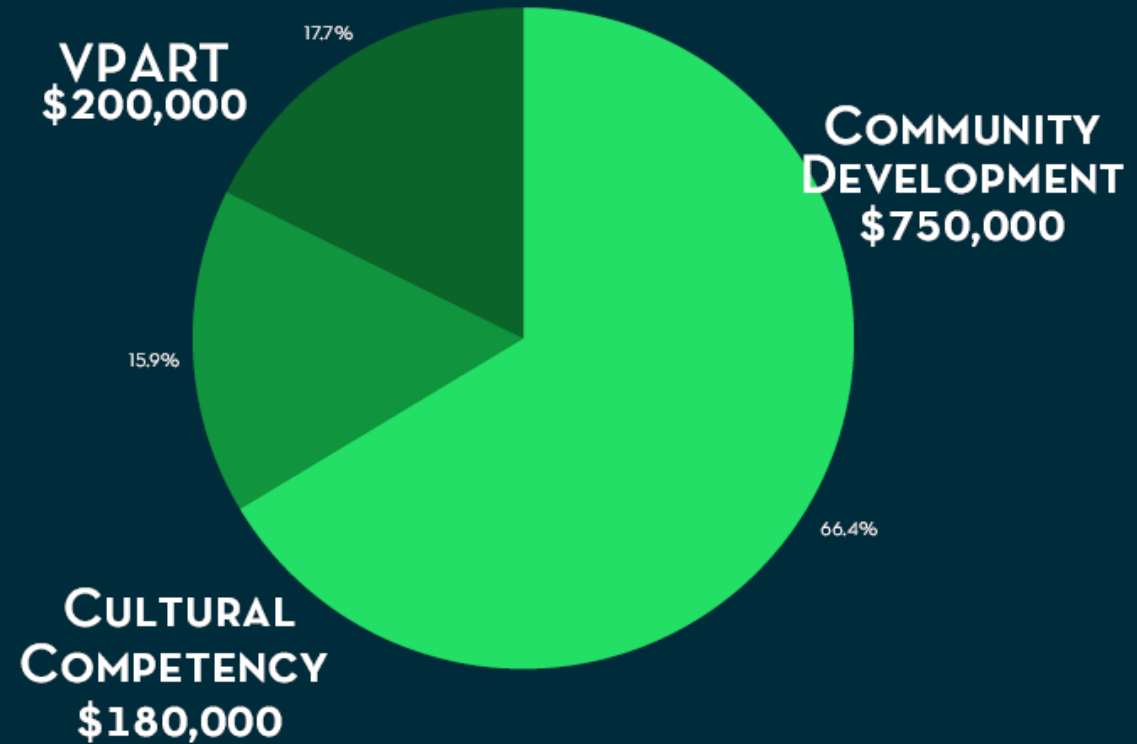
# MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LGBTQ AFFAIRS GRANTS

## FY24 MOLGBTQA GRANTS

LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT GRANT

CULTURAL COMPETENCY GRANT

VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND  
RESPONSE TEAM





# SIGNATURE EVENTS



## PRIDE PARADE/FESTIVAL



## DISTRICT OF PRIDE SHOWCASE



## 17TH STREET HIGH HEEL RACE



## LGBTQIA+ FLAG RAISING



# HEALTH AT EVERY EVENT

BEING IN COMMUNITY IS CORE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICE. KNOWING THE HEALTH DISPARITIES OF OUR COMMUNITY, IS CRUCIAL:

- TO PROVIDE DIRECT CONNECTION TO SERVICES;
- TO BE CREDITABLE MESSENGERS; AND
- TO COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS

## LGBTQIA+ DEDICATED EVENTS

THE MOLGBGTQA CO-HOSTS NUMEROUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DEDICATED TO OUR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY. WE TAKE PRIDE, THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WE PARTNER TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES AT OUR EVENTS.

### EXAMPLES:

- 17TH STREET HIGH HEEL RACE PROVIDED RAPID TESTING
- "KNOW YOUR STATUS" KIKI BALL FOR TRANS PRIDE
- NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY FOR DISTRICT OF PRIDE SHOWCASE

## HEALTH DEDICATED EVENTS

THE MOLGBGTQA CO-HOSTS NUMEROUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING BETTER HEALTH. WE ENSURE THAT THESE EVENTS AREN'T JUST INCLUSIVE OF OUR COMMUNITY, BUT COMMUNITY-CENTERED.

### EXAMPLES:

- NATIONAL YOUTH HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY - INSTAGRAM LIVE! w/ LGBTQIA YOUTH
- NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY - DC HEALTH EVENT

# HEALTH PROGRAMS

## LGBTQIA+ HEALTH COORDINATOR

THE MOLGBTQA IS PROUDLY STAFFED WITH A DC HEALTH LIAISON THAT COORDINATES HEALTH CARE SERVICES (MPOX, PrEP, HIV AND STI TESTING, ETC.), PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

RESULTS:

- PROVIDE ANOTHER DIRECT CONNECTION TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES
- IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIP EVENTS
- EXPANDED NALOXONE TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION
- EXPANDED CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

## LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

THE MOLGBTQA PROVIDED FUNDING TO COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT LED THE CHARGE TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO PREVENT AND TREAT MPOX.

RESULTS:

- 55 DC RESIDENTS TESTED FOR MPOX;
- 4 DC RESIDENTS TREATED FOR MPOX;
- 133 DC VACCINATED AGAINST MPOX WITH THE JYNNEOS VACCINE



# WORLD PRIDE 2025

2025 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIDE CELEBRATIONS IN WASHINGTON, DC! IN CELEBRATION OF THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION AND THROUGH YEARS OF ADVOCACY AND BIDDING THROUGH INTERPRIDE, THE CAPITAL PRIDE ALLIANCE (CPA), IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DC GOVERNMENT, TEAM DC, AND THE CENTER FOR BLACK EQUITY ARE PROUDLY HOSTING WORLDPRIDE 2025 FROM MAY 23 - JUNE 8, 2025. WORLDPRIDE IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL LGBTQIA+ FESTIVALS AND THE DC REGION IS EXPECTED TO HOST 3 MILLION VISITORS, 3 TO 4 TIMES THE SIZE OF 2023'S HISTORIC TURNOUT OF 750,000 OVER THE PRIDE WEEKEND (JUNE 9TH -11TH). WORLDPRIDE ATTENDEES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL AT THE WORLDPRIDE FESTIVAL, PARADE, OPENING AND CLOSING CONCERT, CONTRIBUTE TO AN INTERNATIONAL LGBTQIA+ HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE, CHEER AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN A SPORTS FESTIVAL, AND ENJOY DC'S IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF PUBLIC ART AND MUSEUMS, FOOD AND NIGHTLIFE, AND CULTURAL EVENTS THAT CELEBRATE OUR DC VALUES.



## GOALS: HEALTHIEST AND SAFEST LGBTQIA+ EVENT:

- **COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES:** PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INCLUDING TESTING, VACCINATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES, TO PRIORITIZE THE WELL-BEING OF ATTENDEES.
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** CONDUCT OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS ON HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES WITHIN THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY, FOSTERING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CARE AMONG ATTENDEES.

# Q&A



# THANK YOU!



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# Pride, Equity, and Community: Mpox Vaccination in 2024

## Discussion



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting  
**NATIONAL  
VACCINE  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

June 13-14, 2024

**Lunch**

**Resume at 1:30 PM ET**



# Fall and Winter Respiratory Diseases: The Vaccination Season Ahead

**Dr. Emily Brunson**

**Molly Howell**

**Dr. Bob Hopkins**

**Dr. Brendan Jackson**



The background of the slide is a light blue-tinted image of a city street scene. It shows a car driving on a road, a crosswalk, and some buildings in the distance. Overlaid on this background are several large, stylized virus particles, resembling coronaviruses, which are semi-transparent and scattered across the frame.

# Promoting Uptake of Respiratory Virus Vaccines

Emily K. Brunson  
June 13, 2024

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MEDICINE

# Respiratory Vaccine Uptake

- Uptake can mitigate morbidity, mortality, and other social impacts
- Uptake isn't guaranteed:
  - 2023 uptake (October 2023 – April 2024)
    - Flu:: 47.7% of all adults
    - COVID-19: 22.0% of all adults
    - RSV: 23.1% age 65+
- General strategies to increase uptake exist, there are also distinct characteristics of the vaccines that warrant some variation in emphasis



# The Issue of Access

- Access plays a significant role in vaccine uptake
- Access can include literal access to vaccines
- It can also include:
  - Ability to pay for vaccines
  - Ability to take time off work
  - Access to childcare, eldercare
  - Ability to access vaccines in places that feel “safe”
  - Ability to access information

# Strategies to Improve Access

## 1. Ensure equity in accessibility

- Address structural barriers
  - Example: Provide vaccines in non-health care settings/mobile clinics
- Provide low- or no-cost vaccines

## 2. Increase community demand

- Develop culturally sensitive, community-based campaigns
- Utilize trusted community leaders

## 3. Improve provider- and system-based demand

# The Issue of Choice

- Choice also plays a role in vaccine uptake
- People do not make their choices in a vacuum – social networks are key
- Aspects of choice to consider:
  - Public awareness and understanding of the different vaccines – especially important for “new” COVID-19 and RSV vaccines
  - Individuals’ motivation to get vaccinated

# General Communication Strategies

1. Communicate with transparency and openness
  - Safety and efficacy, including negative results
  - What is known and what is not
  - Adapt to different groups as needed
2. Use updated data to highlight susceptibility to infection
3. Use trusted messengers

# Addressing mis- and dis-information

- Social media use and the recent COVID-19 pandemic have amplified mis- and dis-information about vaccines
- To address mis- and dis-information, public messaging should:
  - Provide accurate information and acknowledge uncertainty
  - Present information from reliable sources such as the CDC
  - Ensure new information is provided quickly and widely
  - Offer consistent, unified messages
  - Optimize communication content for internet searches



# Vaccine specific recommendations

## Flu

- Specific emphasis is needed for at-risk groups. Communication should also address how the vaccine matches with circulating flu strains

## COVID-19

- Concern about COVID-19 has waned. Communication should address why vaccines are needed given the current conditions of the virus mutations

## RSV

- The newness of this vaccine is key. Communication should emphasize who the vaccine is for and what it can do, relying on information from last year's vaccination campaign

# Respiratory Virus Season Vaccines Implementation

**Molly Howell, MPH**

Immunization Director, North Dakota  
Department of Health and Human Services

**June 13, 2024**



Association of  
Immunization  
Managers

# About AIM

- **Who:** Representatives from the 64 federally-funded awardees (50 states, 6 major cities, 8 territories/federated states)
- **What:** A non-profit, tax-exempt organization
- **When:** Established in 1999
- **Why:** To enable immunization program managers to work together

## **Vision:**

A nation free of vaccine-preventable diseases across the lifespan.

## **Mission:**

Through national leadership, advocacy, collaboration, and a collective voice, AIM represents and supports immunization programs in the development and implementation of effective immunization policies, programs and practices.

# Immunization Program Basics: Who are AIM members and what do they do?

## **Immunization Program Manager: Routine Activities**

- Strategies to increase coverage rates
- Data collection and analysis (IIS)
- Immunization education, promotion, communication
- Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP)
- Outbreak control
- Partnerships with traditional/nontraditional partners
- Reaching underserved populations
- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

# Implementing a New Vaccine/Product

- Add product to IIS (work with vendor on coding, etc)
- Add product to VFC (inform providers, plan for supply)
- Educate partners, providers and public
- Work with insurers, including Medicaid – is there coverage for patients, payment for providers?
- Create plan to ensure access and equity



# 2023-24 Season Experience: Flu Season + + +

- Annual flu vaccination
- COVID-19 Vaccine Bridge Access Program implementation
- Transition to commercialization of COVID-19 vaccine
- RSV vaccines for adults 60+ (shared clinical decision making)
- RSV vaccine for pregnant people (protection for the infant)
- RSV immunization (nirsevimab) for infants and young children

# Nirsevimab: 2023-24 Challenges

- **VFC:** Uncertainty about VFC inclusion led to limited planning
  - Low enrollment of birthing hospitals in VFC
  - Providers unsure about what to expect
  - Providers unable or unwilling to order and stock nirsevimab
- **Supply:** Assumption of sufficient supply led to unequal distribution and inconsistency across jurisdictions
- **IIS/EMR:** Adding a monoclonal antibody, recording birth dose for yet-to-be named newborns, giving 2 100mg doses to some babies/children
- **Insurance coverage**
  - Insurers have up to one year to ACIP recommended "vaccines"
  - Birth dose payment included in "bundle", negotiated annually
  - Coverage and admin fee challenging for major insurers and Medicaid

# 2023-24 Implementation Challenges: Older Adults, Maternal Populations

- Collecting data on specific populations
- Ensuring access and equity
- Focusing on LTCF (insurance coverage and data collection)
- Educating providers and public about severity of RSV and COVID, especially in older adults



# 2023-24 Respiratory Vaccine Uptake

## Dates



### CHILDREN

COVID  
14.4%

Flu  
53.9%

Nirsevimab  
41.3%\*



### PREGNANT PERSONS

COVID  
13.3%

Flu  
38.1%

RSV Maternal  
17.8%



### ADULTS

COVID  
22.5%

Flu  
48.5%



### OLDER ADULTS

COVID  
41.5% adults 75+

Flu  
78.4% adults 75+

RSV  
24.4% adults 60+

\*As of March 2024, 41.3% of females with an infant <8 months reported that their infant received nirsevimab (Source: CDC RSVVaxView)

# Nirsevimab: 2024-25 Season Preparations

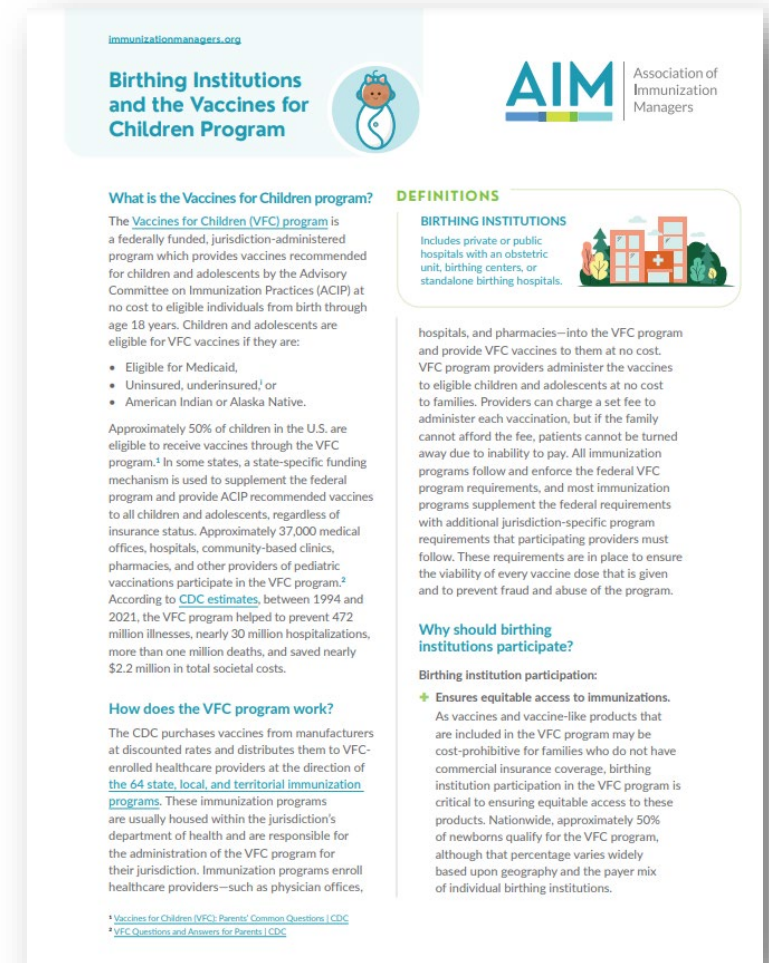
## Efforts to Increase Birthing Institution Enrollment in VFC

### Immunization Program Activity

- Outreach and recruitment
- Partnerships with Medicaid, state hospital associations, prenatal groups, health systems, etc.
- VFC policy updates
  - Virtual enrollment site visits
  - Borrowing and replacement models

### AIM Activity

- Partnership with American Hospital Association (AHA)
  - Fact Sheet: birthing institutions and VFC
  - Pilot project with a multi-jurisdiction hospital systems
- Peer sharing program (webinars, hub of peer resources)





# Nirsevimab:

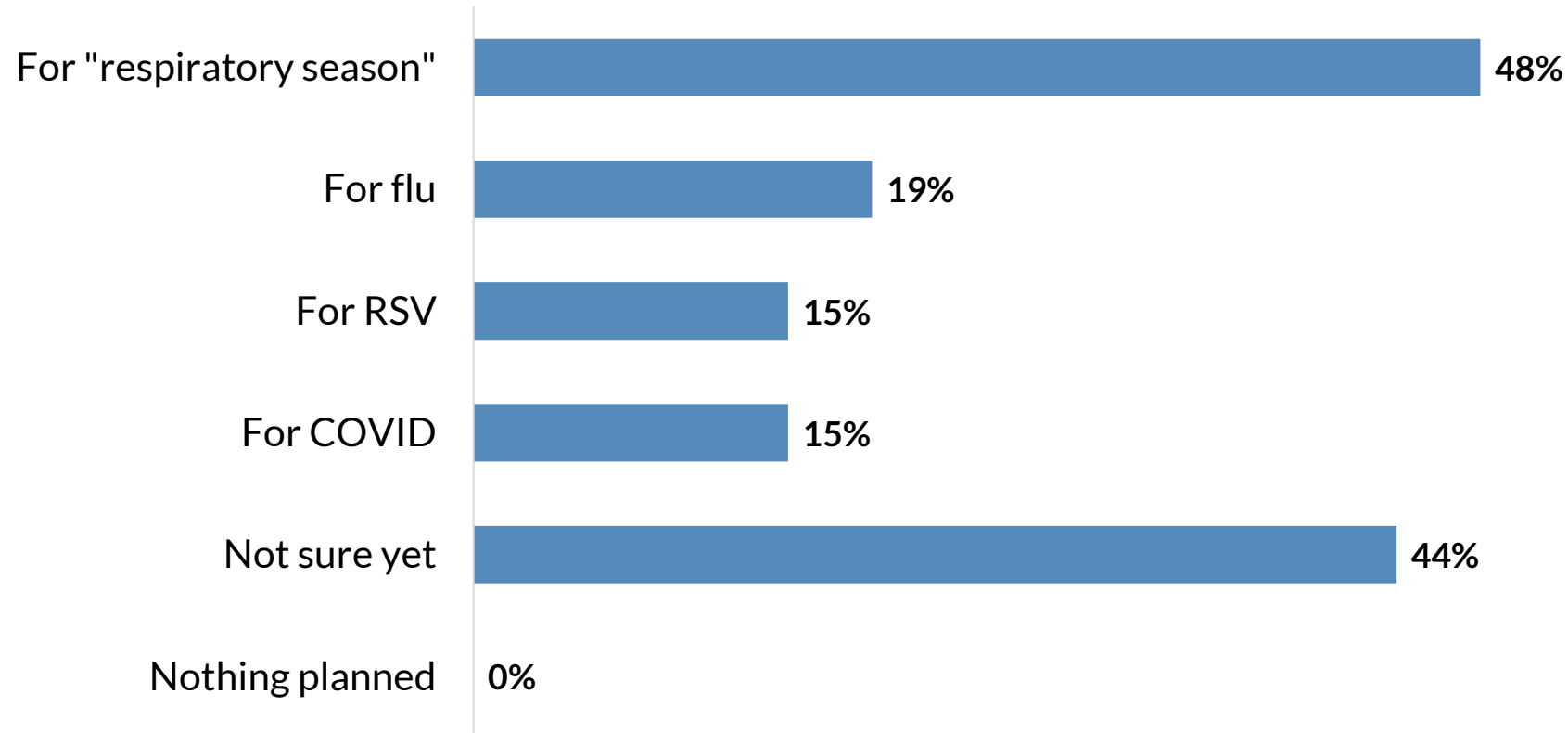
## North Dakota Experience: Plans for Next Season

- Developing a tip sheet to assist providers in estimating nirsevimab need for next season
- Education of birthing hospitals regarding nirsevimab and participation in VFC Program
- Most birthing hospitals enrolled in VFC in ND
- Reminder/recall functionality to IIS for nirsevimab
- Planning for allocations of supply
- Equity (public vs. private stock)
- Dashboard for “respiratory season”

Nirsevimab Planning Checklist	
North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS)/Documentation	
	Update and/or complete NDIIS provider agreement, if needed.
	Request NDIIS user access for individuals at your facility who may administer nirsevimab monoclonal antibody or need to look up immunization/administration records.
	Verify that your electronic medical record (EMR) is set up to document nirsevimab doses, and how it will electronically send doses to NDIIS. If not, establish a process for reporting doses to the NDIIS. CVX codes: <a href="#">IIS   Code Sets   CVX   Vaccines   CDC</a>
Product Storage and Handling	
	Plan for purchasing nirsevimab for privately insured children. According to the manufacturer, nirsevimab will cost about \$495 per dose on the private market.
	Ensure storage units are working well, have adequate storage space for prefilled syringes (on top of influenza, COVID-19 and other vaccines) and temperatures are being monitored 24 hours a day using a digital data logger. nirsevimab is stored in the refrigerator at 2-8° C.
	Ensure staff review <a href="#">CDC's vaccine storage and handling toolkit</a> .
Facility Protocol and Education	
	Ensure that your facility is enrolled in the <a href="#">VFC Program</a> . Nirsevimab will be included in the VFC Program. Your facility should establish a process to document VFC eligibility in the EMR/patient record for each nirsevimab dose administered.
	Establish a process to make birthing hospital and clinic staff aware of nirsevimab availability and recommendations. Please note that IM dosage varies by weight, 50mg (0.5mL) if <5kg, 100mg (1mL) if ≥5kg, 200 mg (2 x 100 mg/1mL) for high risk entering 2 <sup>nd</sup> RSV season.
	Plan how to communicate nirsevimab availability, priority groups and safety/efficacy to patients.
	Ensure education on documentation needs (EMR, electronic birth certificate, NDIIS) are provided to staff.
	Update billing processes for private insurance and VFC-eligible children, as needed. □ <a href="#">BCBS of ND inpatient vaccination billing policy</a>

# 2024-25 Respiratory Season Campaigns

**Is your jurisdiction preparing an educational or media campaign for fall vaccinations? (Check all that apply) *n=27***



Protect yourself from  
COVID, flu and RSV

**Vaccinate.  
Prevent.  
Protect.**

PAIC  
Pennsylvania Chapter  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN

# Help Fight COVID-19

**Schedule your  
flu shot today!**

Protect yourself from the  
influenza virus, call your  
medical provider today!

**#SleeveUp**

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
**IDPH**  
PROTECTING HEALTH. SAVING LIVES.

**Promoting Respiratory Illness Vaccination  
2023–2024 Toolkit for Health Care Providers**

Wisconsin Department of Health Services | Division of Public Health  
Bureau of Communicable Diseases | Immunization Section

P-02781 (10/2023)

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH SERVICES

# 'Tis the Sneezin'

FLU, COVID and RSV Vaccines Now Available

IDPH  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine & Pregnancy: What You Need to Know

**Why should you consider RSV vaccine during pregnancy?**

RSV usually causes only mild upper respiratory infections for most people, including pregnant women. However, it can lead to severe disease in babies and some young children. RSV is the No. 1 cause of infant hospitalizations in the United States, with four out of five of these hospitalizations in otherwise healthy infants with no underlying medical conditions. Infant RSV hospitalization rates are even higher in American Indian infants, at 4–10 times greater than the general population. Pregnant women who get the RSV vaccine, Abrysvo™, pass antibodies to the baby, helping prevent RSV lower respiratory tract infections in infants when they are most vulnerable.

**What are the maternal RSV vaccination criteria?**

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that pregnant women get the RSV vaccine when these criteria are met:

- Pregnant women during 32–36 weeks gestation
- During the months of September through March

CDPH

**Protect your baby from the start!**

Pregnant people can now get the **#RSV VACCINE**

# YES!

Get your **COVID-19** and flu vaccines.

2023-2024 COVID-19/Flu Media Campaign

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

health.state.mn.us

is the maternal RSV vaccine... gestational weeks 32 and 36... preventing severe medically attended lower respiratory tract infection from 0–90 days and 76% effective... may differ somewhat from the general population for best maternal outcomes... who are born at least two weeks before birth through the first RSV season.

**No se la pierda.**  
Una dosis actualizada contra el COVID podría evitarle una hospitalización.  
Hable con su proveedor de atención médica.

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# Lessons Learned from Prior Seasons: Flu, COVID-19, and RSV

Robert (Bob) H. Hopkins, Jr., MD  
NFID Medical Director





# About NFID

Founded in 1973, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

## Vision:

Healthier lives for all through the effective prevention and treatment of infectious diseases

## Mission:

Educate and engage the public, communities, and healthcare professionals about infectious diseases across the lifespan

## Core Values:

- Collaboration
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Evidence-Based
- Integrity
- Transparency



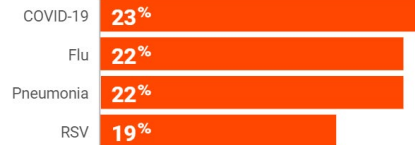
# NFID National Survey Results: 2019-2023

([www.nfid.org/flusurveys](http://www.nfid.org/flusurveys))

## 2023 Attitudes about Influenza, COVID-19, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, and Pneumococcal Disease

NFID survey of US adults revealed insights around beliefs about influenza (flu), COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and pneumococcal disease, as well as attitudes and practices around vaccination

### CONCERNS ABOUT GETTING INFECTED WITH:



Fewer than **1 in 4** US adults are concerned about themselves or someone in their family getting infected this fall and winter

## Perceptions on Influenza, Pneumococcal Disease, and COVID-19

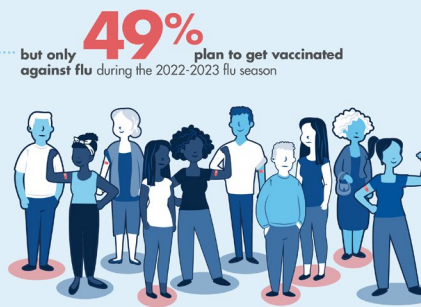
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### FLU



of US adults agree flu vaccination is the best way to prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths

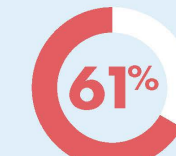


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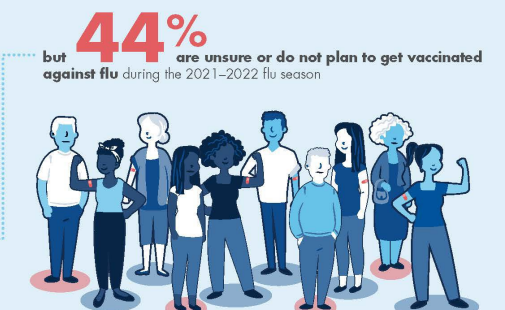
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## Perceptions on Influenza, Pneumococcal Disease, and COVID-19

2020

NFID survey conducted among US adults uncovered insights about influenza (flu) and pneumococcal disease awareness, as well as attitudes and behaviors around vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic

### FLU



agree flu vaccination is the best preventive measure against flu-related deaths and hospitalizations

but only **59%** plan to get vaccinated against flu during the 2020-2021 flu season



**59%** of White adults and **65%** of Hispanic adults plan to get vaccinated against flu for the 2020-2021 season,



but **62%** of Black adults are not sure or do not plan to get vaccinated

## Attitudes about Influenza and Pneumococcal Disease Prevention

2019

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### FLU

**60%**

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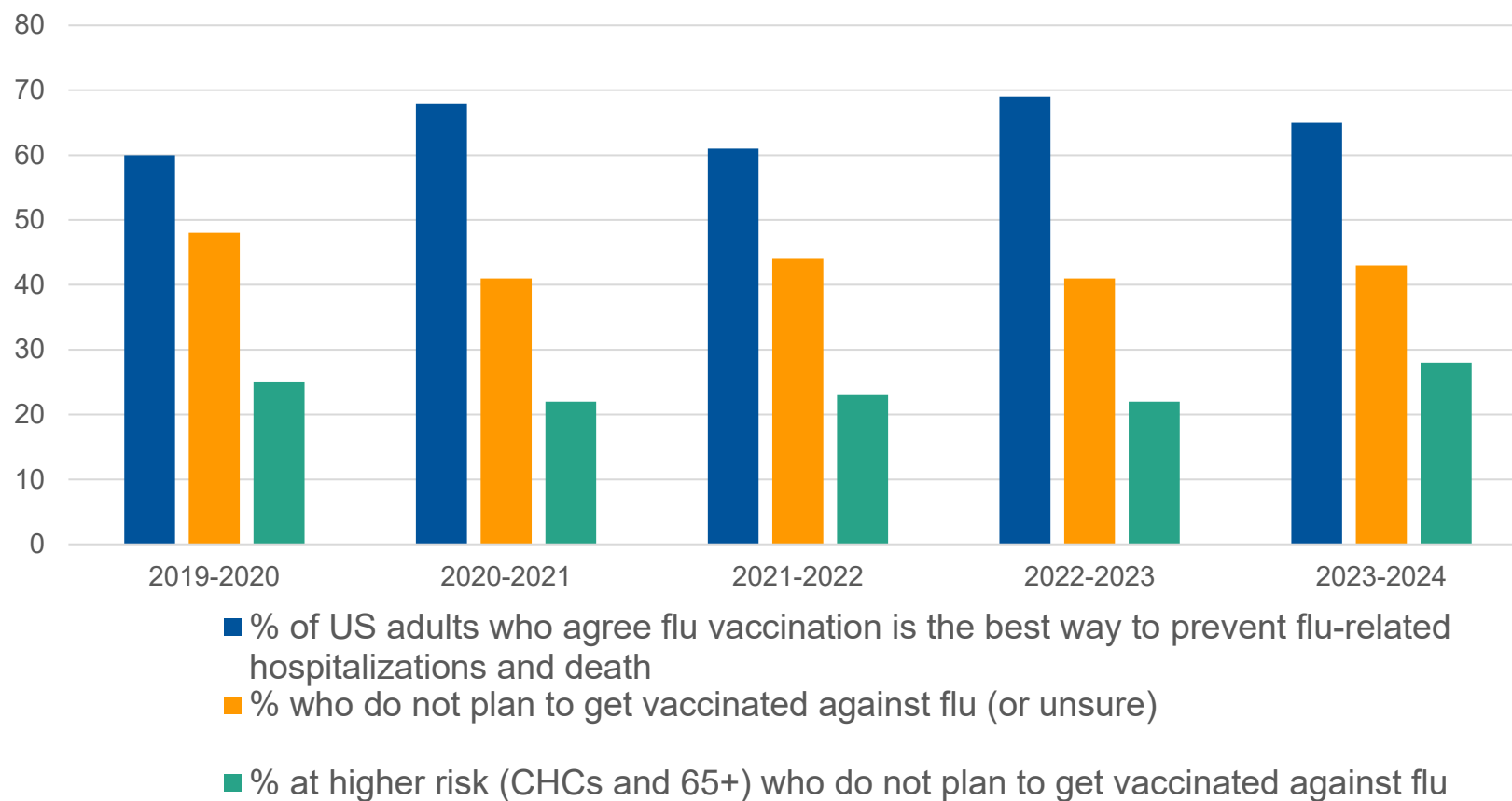
Top reasons for **NOT** getting a flu vaccine<sup>2</sup>



**51%** don't think flu vaccines work very well

# Intention to Get Vaccinated

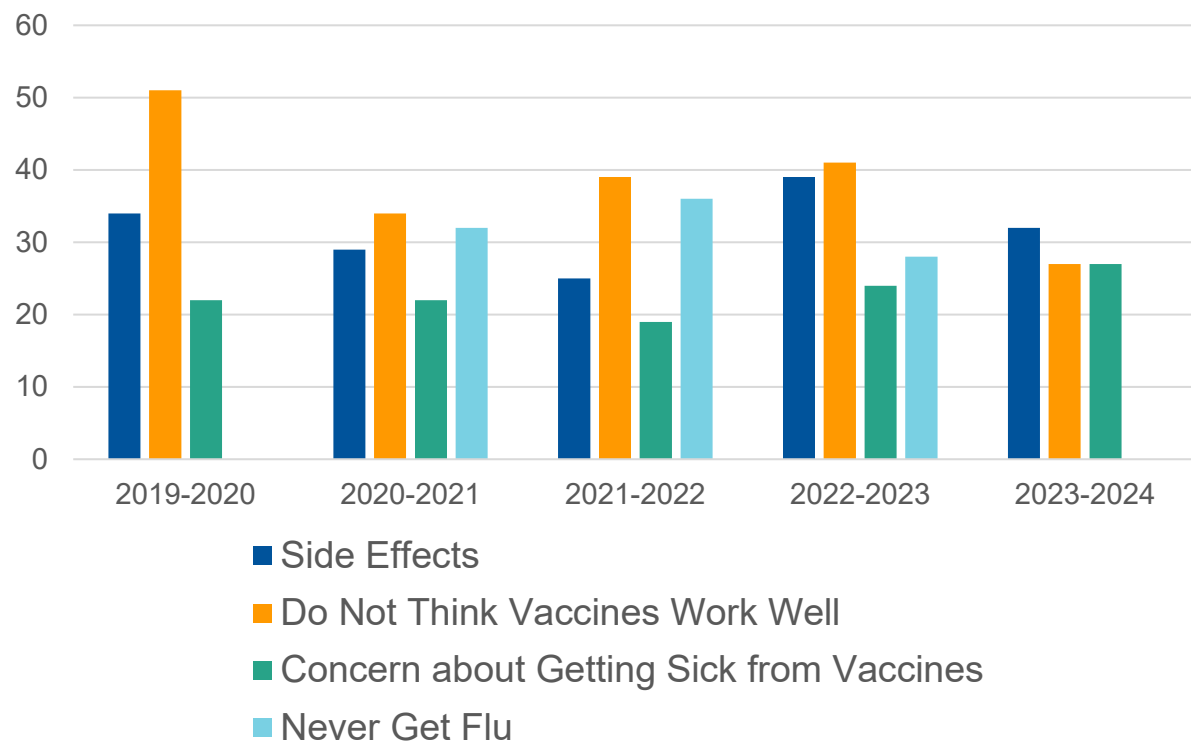
Attitudes about Flu Vaccination



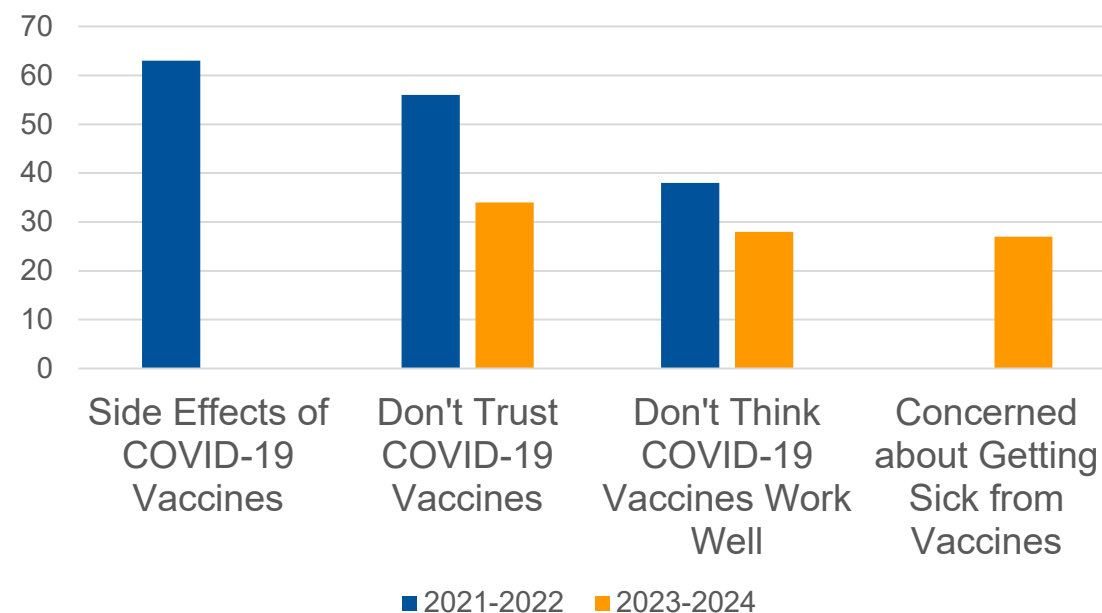
\*People at higher risk for complications from flu as defined in the surveys include those age 65 years and older, adults who currently or ever smoked tobacco, and those who have or ever have had diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart disease, stroke, or kidney disease.

# Reasons for Not Getting Vaccinated

## Reasons for Not Getting Flu Vaccine



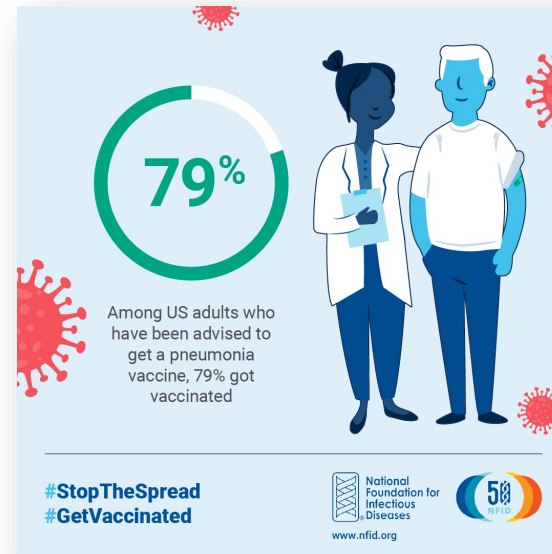
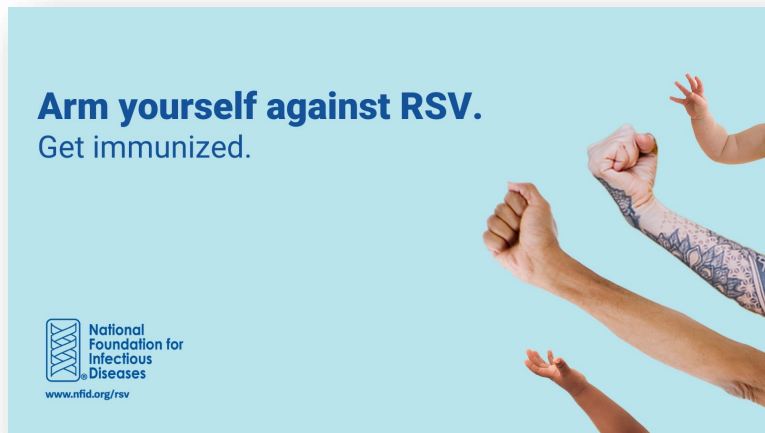
## Reasons for Not Getting COVID-19 Vaccine



Note: 2022-2023 questions addressed coadministration

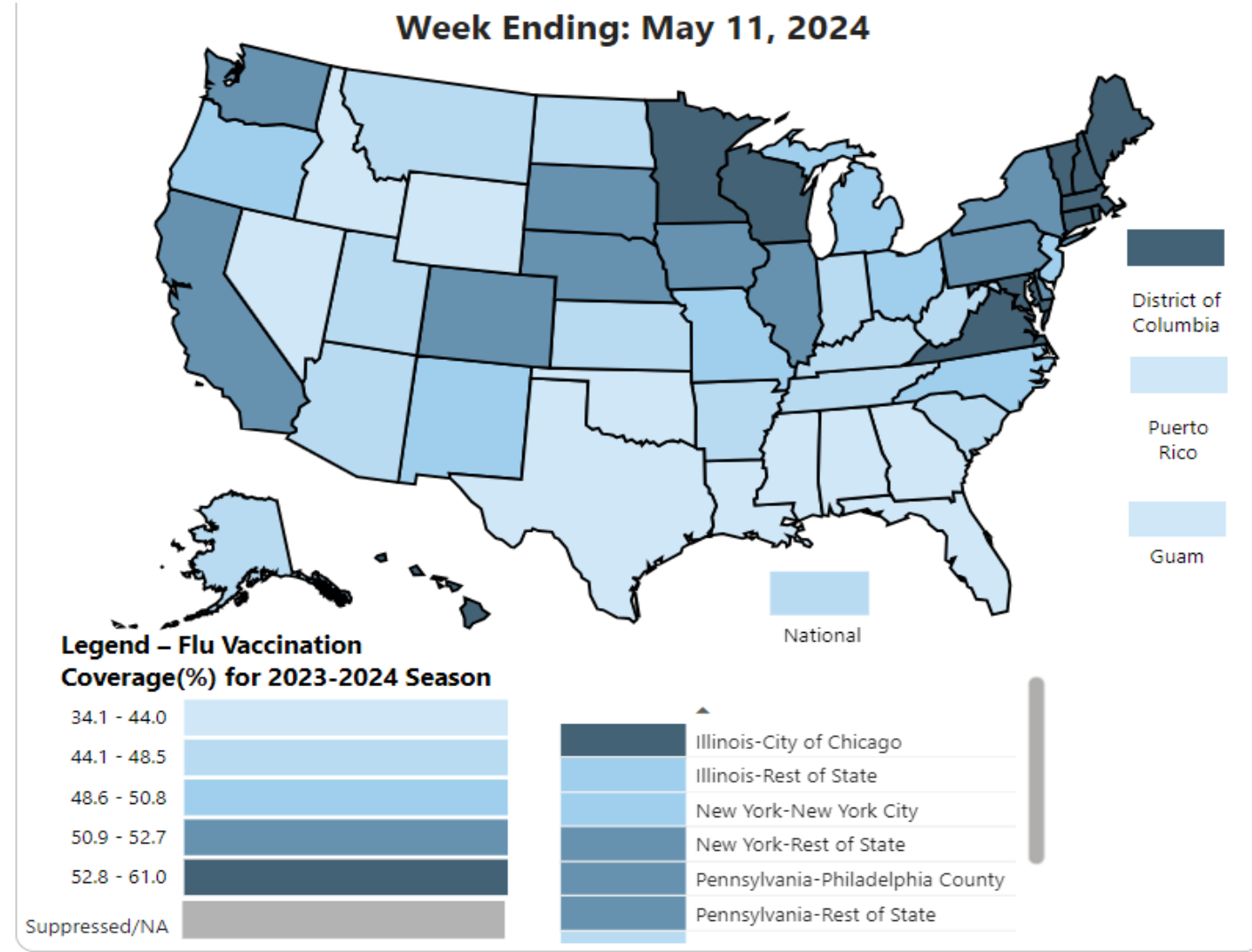
# Key Survey Takeaways

- Importance of strong healthcare professional (HCP) recommendation
- Emphasize role of vaccination in preventing hospitalization and death (partial protection vs. complete prevention)
- Address misconceptions about vaccines and the diseases they protect against



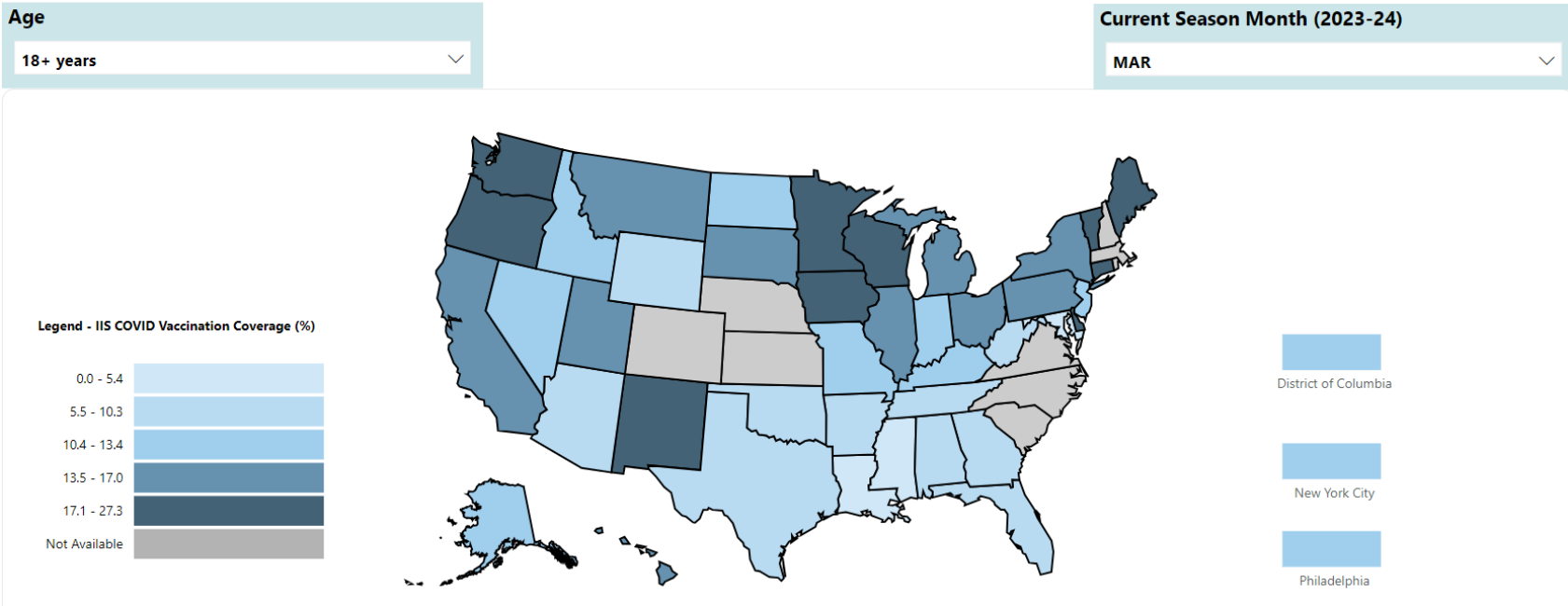


# 2023-2024 Season Flu Vaccination Coverage (Adults 18+)



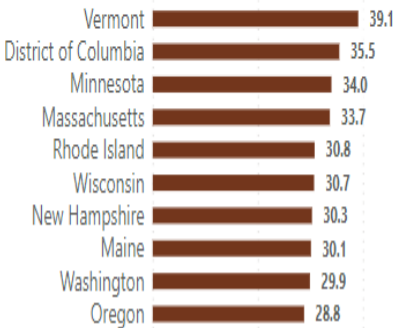
# COVID-19 Vaccination, 2023-2024 (Adults 18+)

**Figure 4D. Monthly Cumulative Number and Percent of Adults 18 Years and Older Who Received 1+ updated 2023-24 COVID-19 Vaccination Doses\*,† by Age Group and Jurisdiction, United States**  
Data Source: Jurisdictional Immunization Information Systems (IIS)  
Data are current through March 31, 2024

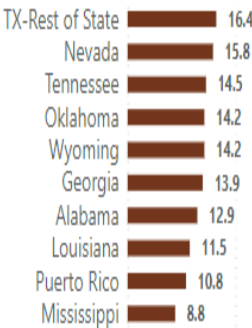


Indicator (Vaccination coverage): Up to date with 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine

Characteristic (All adults 18+): All adults age 18+ years



Top 10

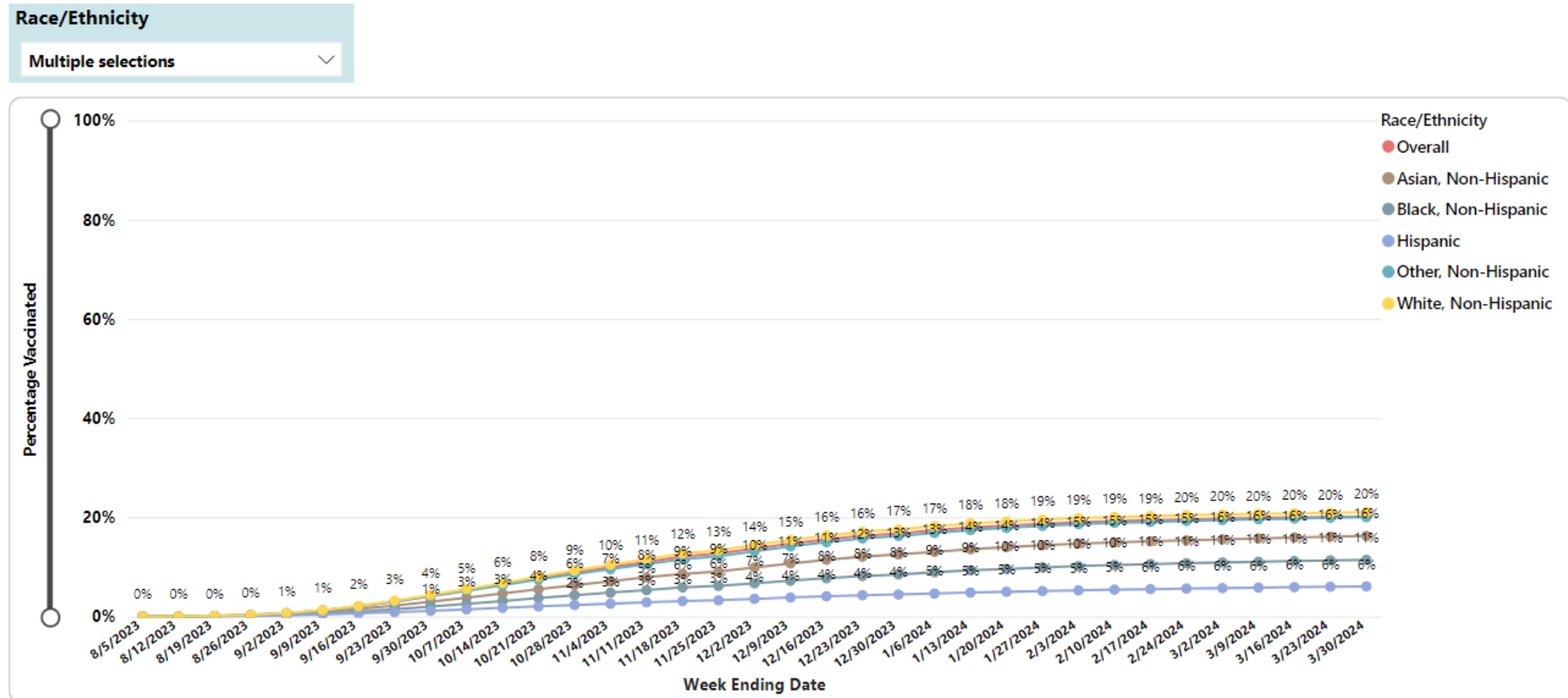


Bottom 10

Weighted Percentage

# RSV Vaccination, 2023-2024 (Older Adults 65+)

**Figure 3. Weekly Cumulative RSV Vaccination Coverage\*, by Race and Ethnicity, Medicare Fee-For-Service Beneficiaries aged  $\geq 65$  years and enrolled in a Part D plan, United States**  
Data Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Chronic Conditions Warehouse



# Where Do We Go from Here? Address '3 Cs'

- **Confidence/Complacency/Convenience**
- **Strong HCP recommendation** remains strongest motivator for vaccine receipt
- **HCP Confidence** is critical for strong recommendation
  - Some data suggests slip in this component during COVID-19 pandemic
  - Systematic approach to assess concerns
  - Additional regularly updated online resources from trusted sources may help to improve HCP confidence

# Where Do We Go from Here? Confidence

- Improve vaccine literacy among the public
  - Start early
  - Educate about organisms, diseases, vaccines
  - Outbreaks unfortunate but do provide context
  - Must be in language which reaches target audiences
- Positive social media messaging re: vaccine value and benefits
  - Mixed data on refuting antivaccine messages
- Recognize effect of pandemic on level of anxiety in individuals and communities
  - RISK becomes a prime decision driver in this context
- Mandates can have positive and negative impacts ...



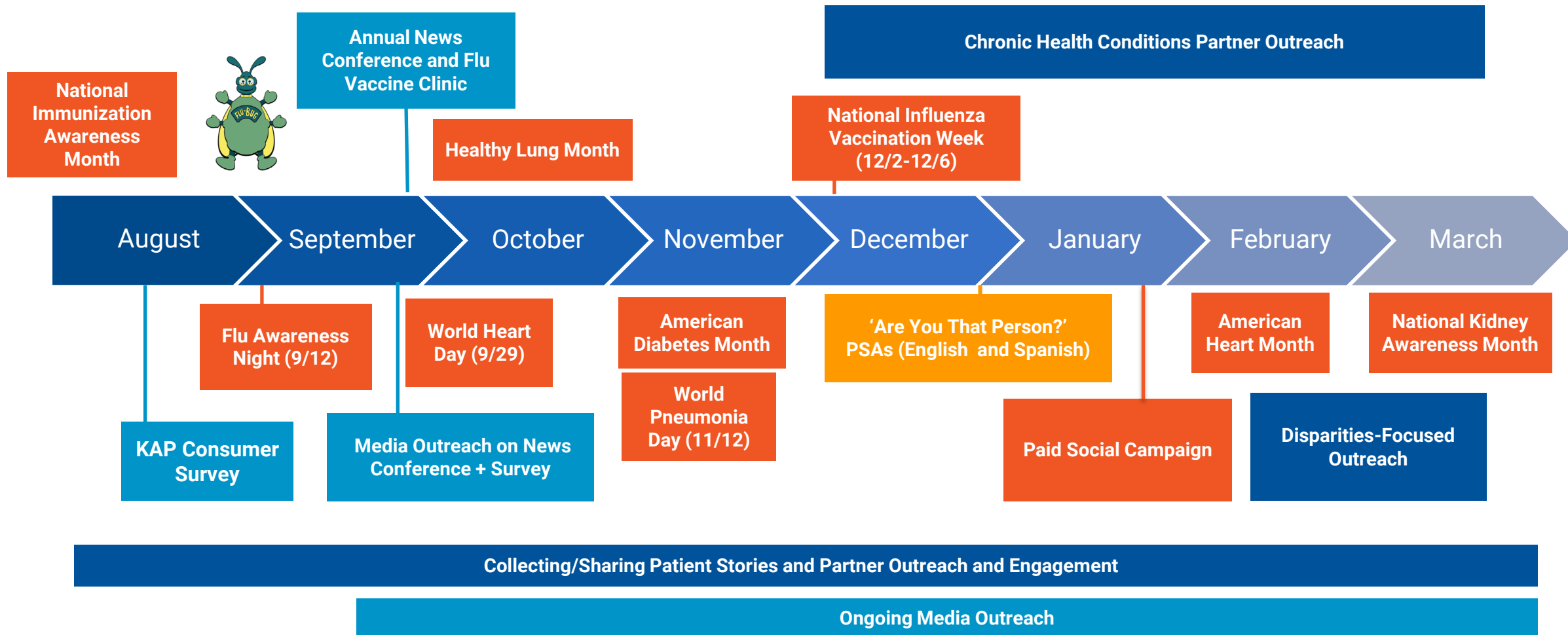
# Where Do We Go from Here? Complacency

- Providing information about disease and risk while not ‘fear mongering’ can be a delicate balance
- Outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases [measles, polio, etc.] can help put a face on importance and value of vaccines—reduce complacency

# Where Do We Go from Here? Convenience

- Minimize direct and indirect costs of vaccination
  - Enhance VFC
  - Enact VFA to close gaps in out-of-pocket costs
  - Assure reimbursement covers all associated costs of vaccination
- Access at multiple points of contact
  - Pandemic successes in community not currently replicated widely
  - Requires collaboration throughout the Immunization Neighborhood
- Coadministration: Opportunity to minimize indirect cost to patients/families
- **No missed vaccine, no missed location, no missed opportunity**

# Building Awareness and Sustaining Strong Momentum throughout 2024-2025 Respiratory Season



**THANK YOU**

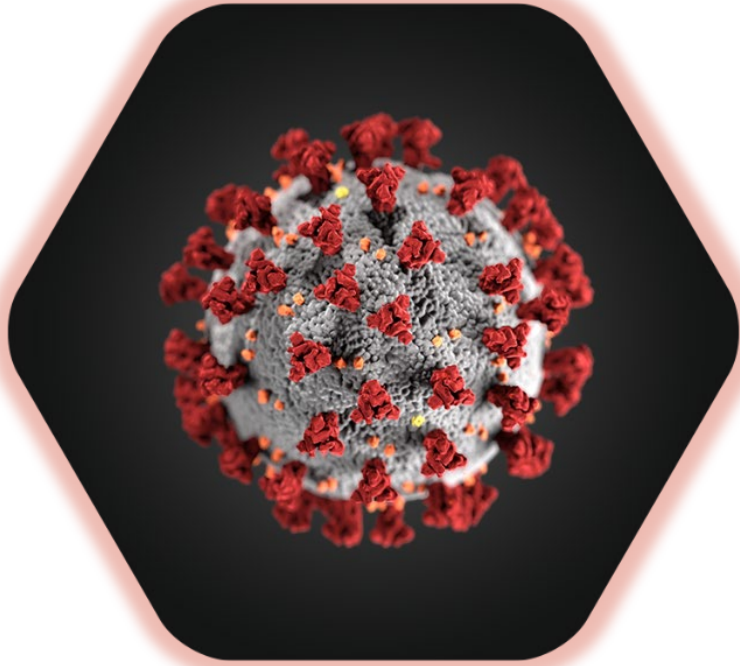
## National Vaccine Advisory Committee: Planning for Fall/Winter Virus Season

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Senior Advisor for Readiness and Response  
National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases  
June 2024

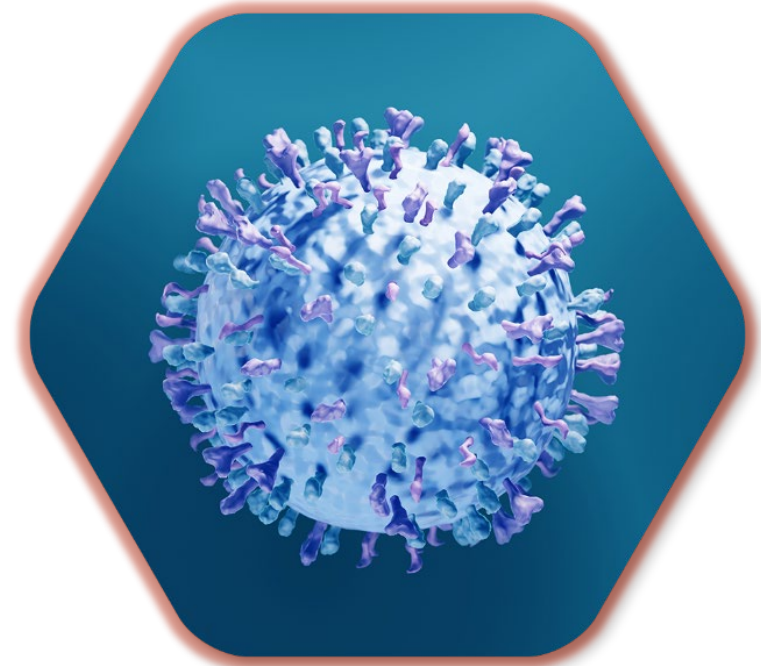
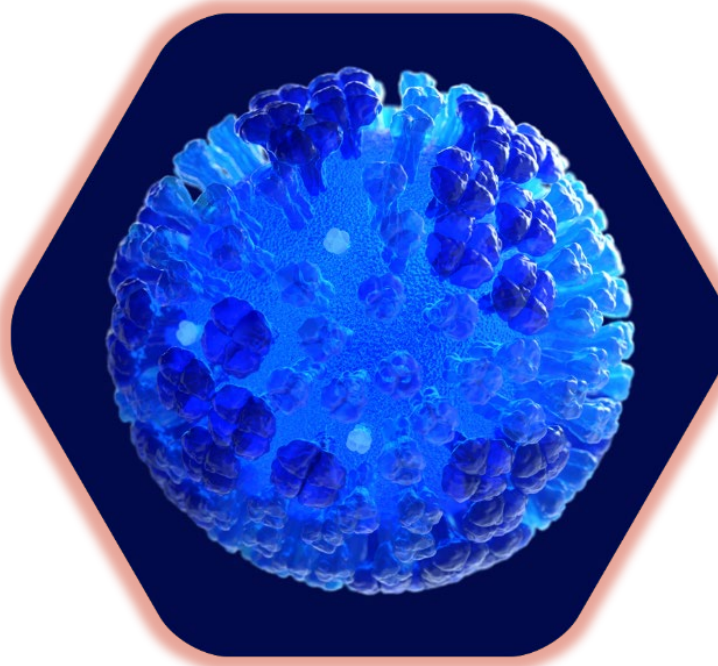




# Fall and winter respiratory virus season: not what it used to be



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COVID-19 lower than previous years but still many hospitalizations

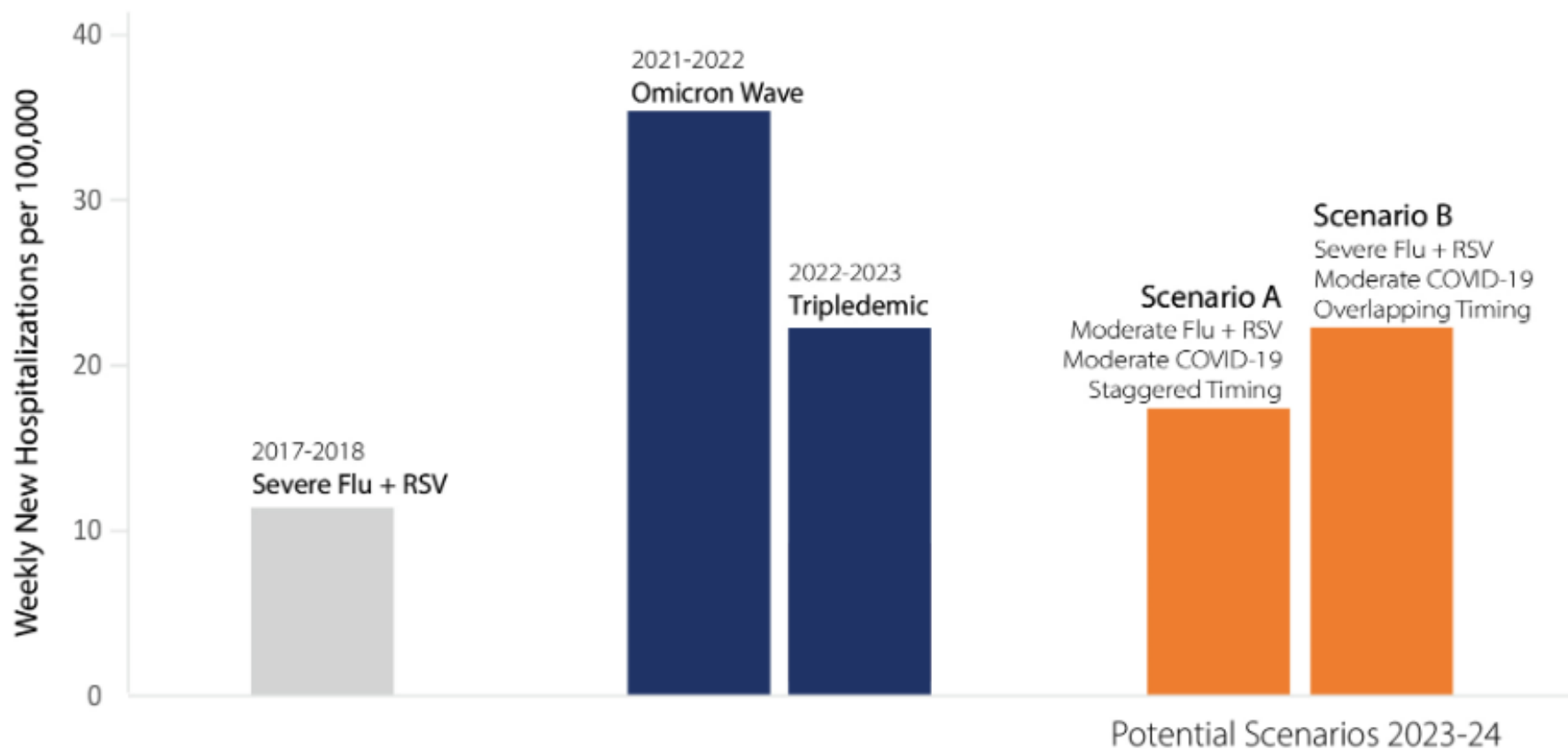
Influenza and RSV back to pre-pandemic levels

# CDC Respiratory Disease Season Outlook

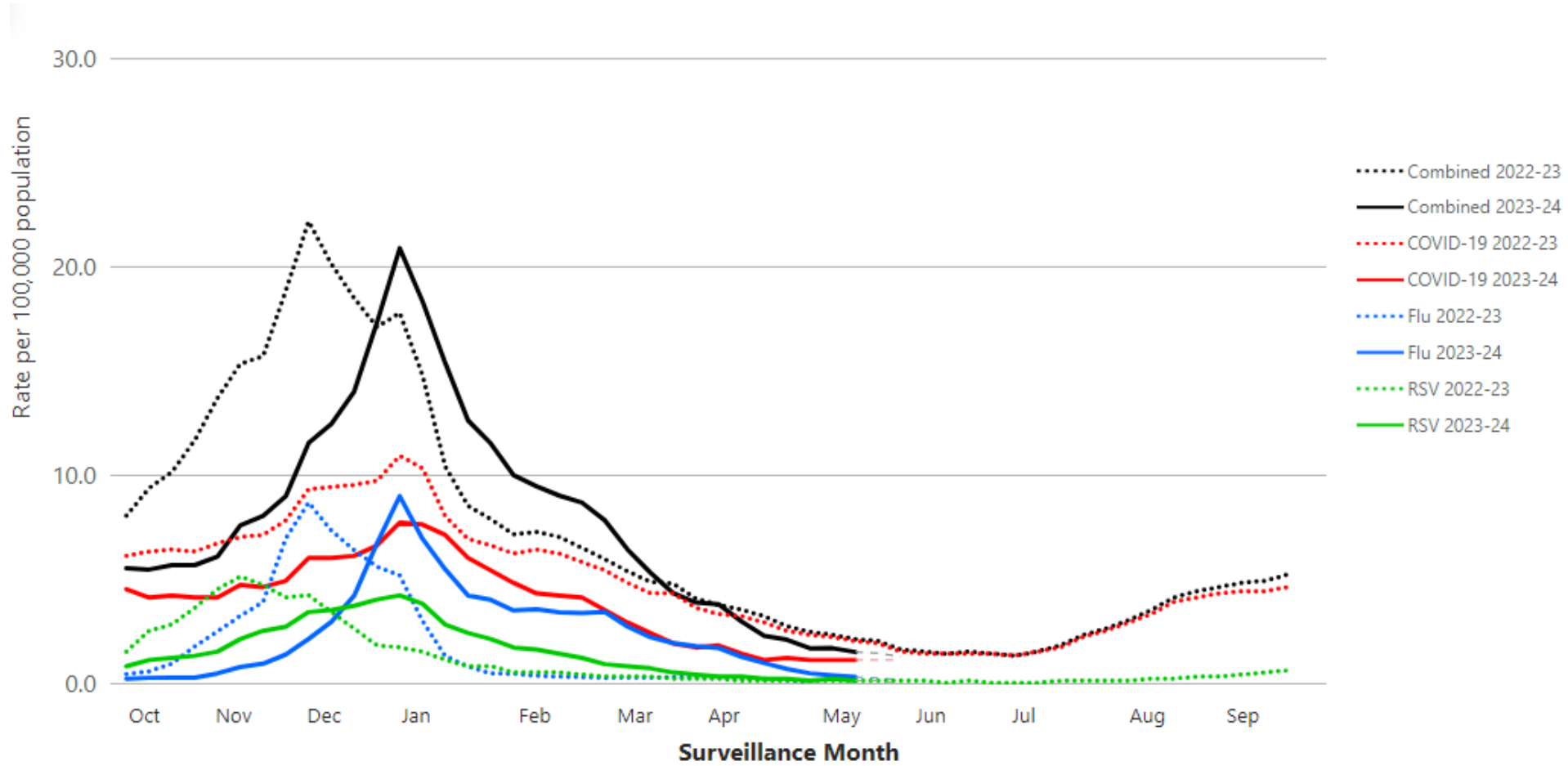


## Combined Peak Burden of COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV

Even moderate COVID-19 + Flu + RSV waves this season could cause more hospitalizations than a severe pre-pandemic season



# Last season's hospitalization rates were similar to those from the year before



Data last updated: June 7, 2024. | Accessibility: Right click on the graph area to display options such as show data as table and copy visual.



# Immunizations to Protect Against Flu, COVID-19 and RSV

Disease	What Products are Available?	Who Should Use These Products?	What Are the Benefits?	Where Can You Access?	More Information
Flu	Updated flu vaccines for 2023-2024 are available, including flu shots and a nasal spray flu vaccine	Everyone six months and older should get an updated flu vaccine. People 65 and older should get a high-dose or adjuvanted flu vaccine, if available.	Flu vaccines reduce the risk of flu illness, severe illness, hospitalization, and death.	Visit <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov/">https://www.vaccines.gov/</a> to find a vaccine.	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/index.html</a>
COVID-19	Updated 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccines are available for 2023-2024	Everyone six months and older should get an updated vaccine. Some groups may need additional doses to stay <u>up to date</u> .	COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting people from serious illness, hospitalization, death from COVID-19; they also reduce the risk of <u>Long COVID</u> .	Visit <a href="http://www.vaccines.gov">www.vaccines.gov</a> . There, you can also find providers that are participating in the <u>Bridge Access Program</u> , which provides no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. The <u>Vaccines for Children Program</u> provides vaccines at no cost for eligible children.	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>
RSV	RSV vaccines	Adults aged 60 and older	Vaccination against RSV can help prevent severe RSV illness, hospitalization, and death.	Talk to your healthcare provider to see if RSV vaccine is right for you.	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/about/prevention.html">https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/about/prevention.html</a>  Some children aged 8 through 19 months who are at <u>increased risk for severe RSV</u> may benefit from an additional RSV immunization product.
	RSV vaccine	People who are 32 through 36 weeks pregnant during RSV season	Vaccination against RSV while pregnant can help protect babies from severe RSV illness, hospitalization, and death.	Pregnant people should talk to their doctor about which option may be best.	
	RSV immunization	Infants entering or born during RSV season	Immunization against RSV from monoclonal antibodies can help prevent severe RSV illness, hospitalization, and death.	Parents and expecting parents should talk to their doctor about which option may be best.	

# Immunization rates are suboptimal



## Children

**COVID**  
14.1%

**RSV**  
41.3%<sup>†</sup>

**Flu**  
53.3%



## Pregnant Persons

**COVID**  
13.3%

**RSV**<sup>‡</sup>  
17.8%

**Flu**  
38.1%



## Adults ≥18 years

**COVID**  
22.5%

**Flu**  
48.4%



## Older Adults<sup>§</sup>

**COVID**  
41.0%

**RSV**  
24.1%

**Flu**  
73.4%

\*Children and adult estimates are from the National Immunization Survey (NIS); pregnant person estimates are from the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD).

<sup>†</sup> Through March 31, 2024

<sup>‡</sup> Through January 31, 2024

<sup>§</sup> Defined as ≥65 years for COVID and flu and ≥60 years for RSV

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/respvaxview/index.html>





🏠 Respiratory Illness

Respiratory Guidance +

Respiratory Virus Data  
Channel Snapshot

Activity Levels

Illness Severity

Groups Most Impacted +

Vaccination Trends +

Resources to Prepare +

## Respiratory Virus Data Channel Weekly Snapshot

Provides a summary of the key viral respiratory illness findings for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV from the past week and access to additional information and figures.

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*Note: data summaries are based on CDC subject matter expert interpretation of publicly available findings across multiple data systems, some of which are not included in the data visualizations on these web pages.*

The amount of respiratory illness (fever plus cough or sore throat) causing people to seek healthcare is **low** nationally. This week, no jurisdictions experienced moderate, high, or very high activity.

*Reported on Friday, June 7th, 2024.*

# RespVaxview

This page provides access to the weekly COVID-19, flu, and RSV vaccination dashboards. These dashboards provide in-depth vaccination data from a variety of data sources including surveys, healthcare claims, electronic medical records, and immunization information systems data. Select from the options below for the vaccine of interest. Please visit [VaxView Vaccination Coverage | CDC](#) for data on routine vaccinations.

Vaccination coverage is the estimated percentage of people who have received specific vaccines. Vaccination coverage information is used to identify areas and groups with lower vaccination coverage so public health departments, healthcare partners, and schools can take action to help improve vaccination coverage and protect everyone from vaccine-preventable diseases. During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), CDC tracked nearly all COVID-19 vaccines administered. However, the end of the PHE limits the completeness of COVID-19 vaccine administration data CDC receives. As a result, survey data are now the primary source for tracking vaccination coverage for COVID-19, RSV, and flu. Other available data sources will be used to provide additional insight into the vaccination landscape.

COVIDVaxview

Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination  
Dashboard



FluVaxview

Weekly Flu Vaccination Dashboard



RSVVaxview

Weekly RSV Vaccination Dashboard



# Learning from last season

Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the  
United States—Interim CDC  
Recommendations to Protect Infants from  
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) during the  
2023–2024 Respiratory Virus Season

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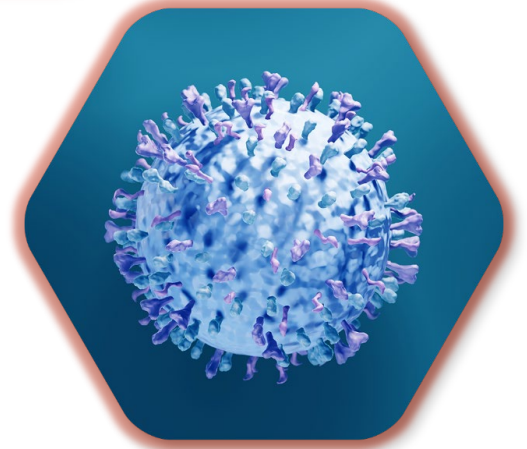
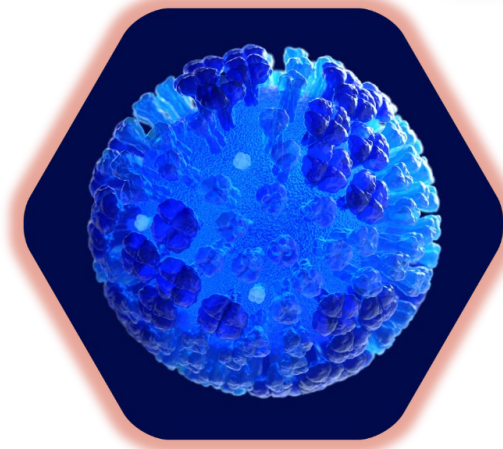
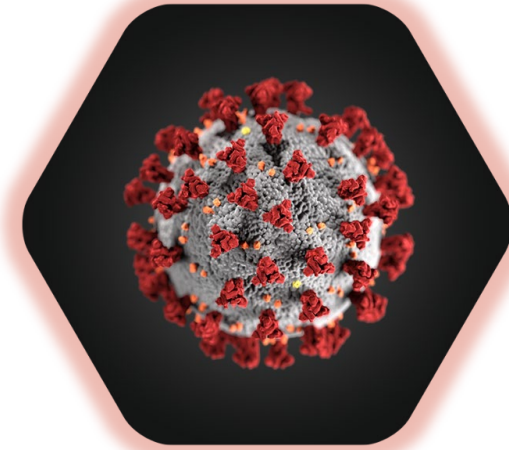
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# Preparing for 2024–2025 Season

- Vaccine Planning and Operations
- Data
- Communications
- Community and Partner Engagement
- Provider Engagement
- Long-Term Care
- Testing and Treatment





# Updated COVID-19 Vaccines for Use in the United States Beginning in Fall 2024

FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) met on June 5, 2024, to discuss and make recommendations on the selection of the 2024-2025 Formula for COVID-19 vaccines for use in the United States beginning in the fall of 2024.

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Based on the totality of the evidence, FDA has advised the manufacturers of the licensed and authorized COVID-19 vaccines that the COVID-19 vaccines for use in the United States beginning in fall 2024 should be monovalent JN.1 vaccines to more closely match currently circulating SARS-CoV-2 viruses.



# United States is transitioning from quadrivalent to trivalent influenza vaccines

Why is the United States transitioning from quadrivalent to trivalent flu vaccines?

The influenza B/Yamagata vaccine component in flu vaccines is being removed because influenza B/Yamagata viruses have not been detected after March 2020, using global surveillance for actively circulating influenza viruses.

# Upcoming Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting – June 26-28

- Updates on immunizations for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV followed by votes on recommendations
- Particular focus on adult RSV vaccines:
  - Data on safety, efficacy, effectiveness, and economic analysis
  - Update to benefits and risks discussion
  - Data on revaccination at 24-month interval
  - Coadministration data



PROTECT THE HEALTH OF YOUR  
*everything*  
THIS FALL AND WINTER VIRUS SEASON

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW IN 2023–2024

Respiratory viruses are expected to surge this fall and winter, causing illnesses like **flu, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)**.

Respiratory viruses can be very serious, especially among people who are at higher risk for severe illness. This includes **older adults, infants and young children, pregnant people, people who have a weakened immune system, and people with certain underlying or chronic health conditions.**

A **FLU**  
**VACCINE**  
CAN TAKE  
**FLU** FROM

# WILD TO *mild*



#FIGHT FLU







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Find COVID-19 Vaccines

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Need help finding a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.? Call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY [1-888-720-7489](tel:1-888-720-7489))

# Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you

Use Vaccines.gov to find a location near you, then call or visit their website to make an appointment.

[Find COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Powered by **VaccineFinder**





## Healthcare Provider Toolkit: Preparing Your Patients for the Fall and Winter Virus Season

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### On This Page

How to talk to your patients about flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines

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Prepare your practice for the fall and winter virus season

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Coadministration of flu, COVID-19, and older adult RSV vaccines

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Print materials for patients

Comprehensive clinical guidance

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Educational videos and webinars for providers

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Preventing vaccine administration errors

# Updating healthcare provider outreach

## Clinicians are Saying

**“Shorter Information  
is Better”**

**“Give me what I need,  
when I need it”**

**“Put information in the  
tools I’m already using”**

## Solutions

**Streamline  
Information**

**Strategic  
Outreach**

**Integrate Public Health  
Practice into Healthcare**

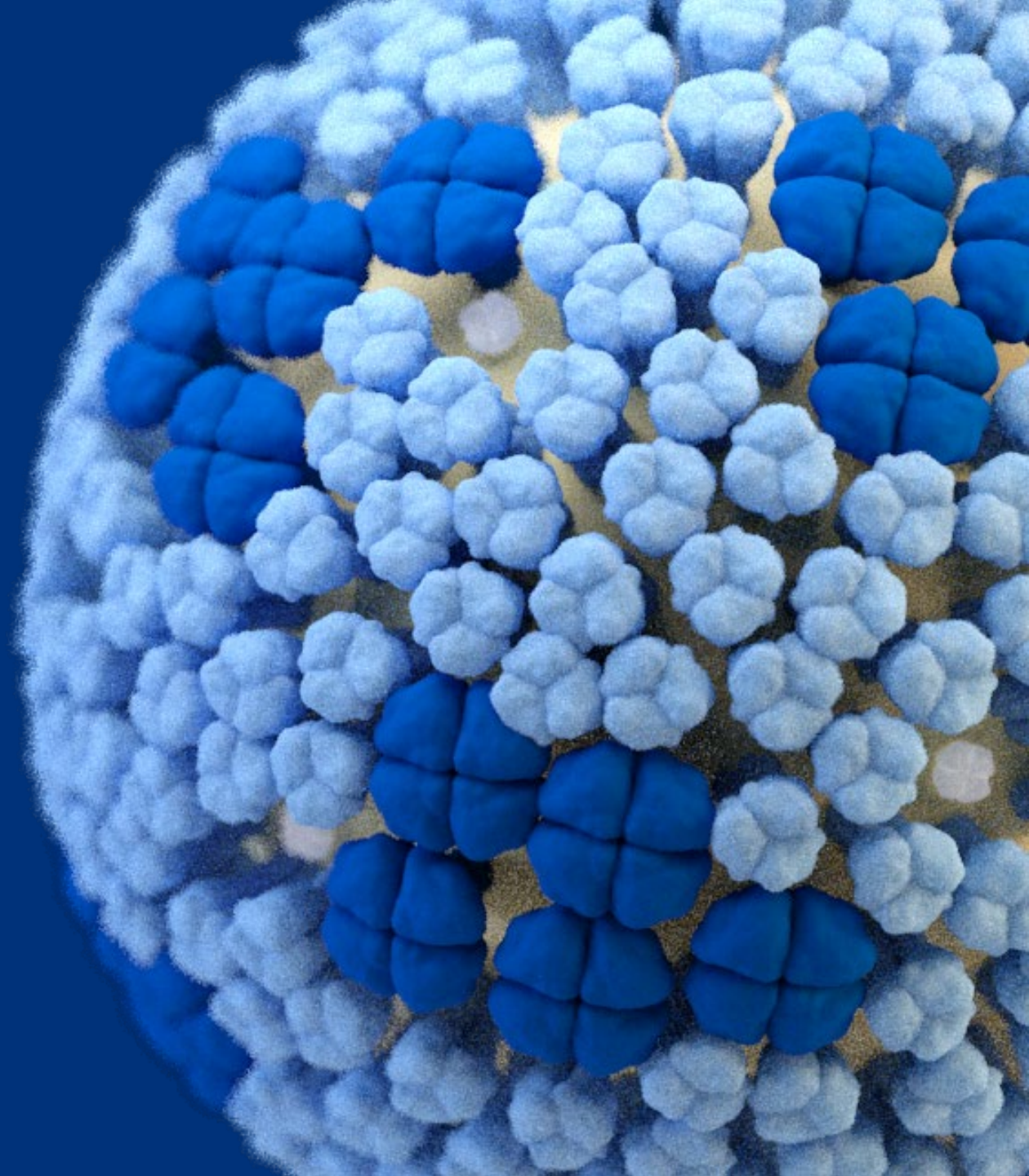
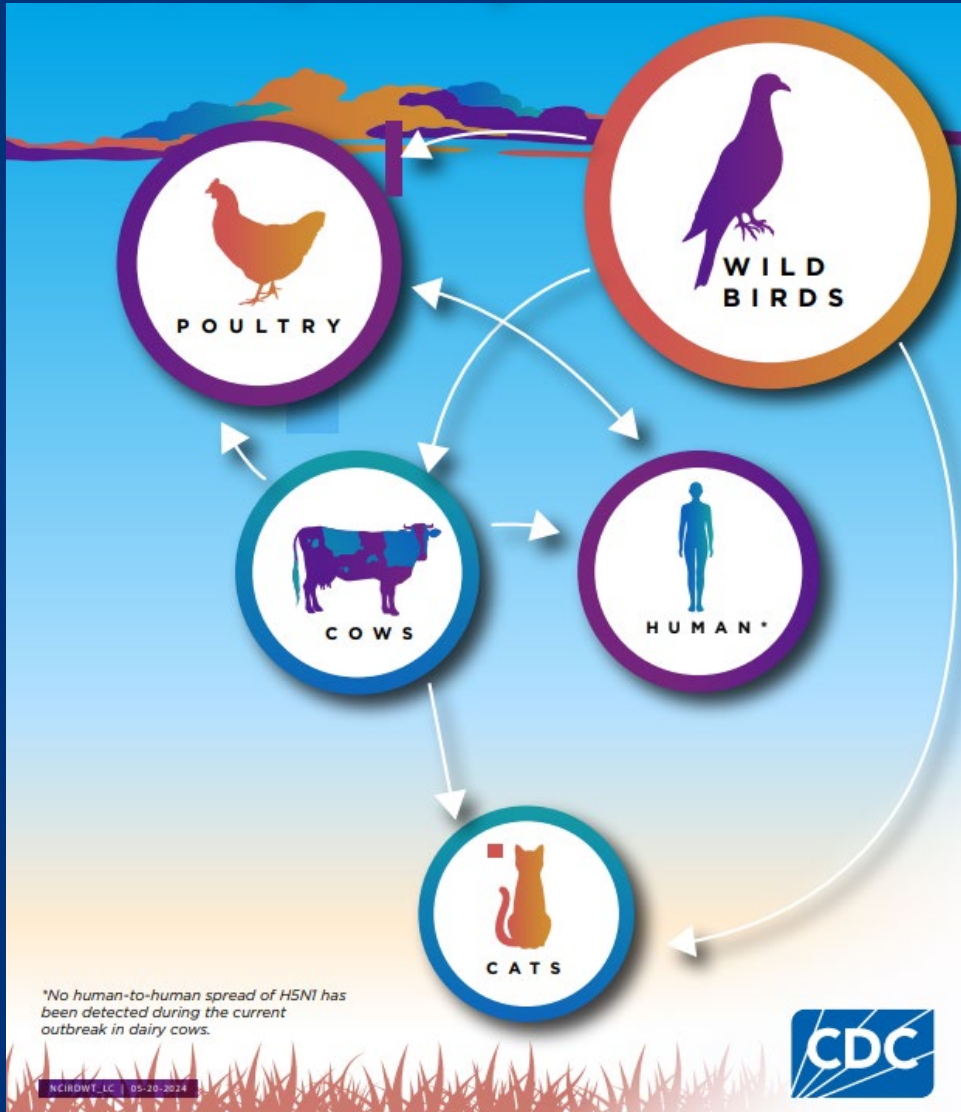


# CDC's Bridge Access Program

## What You Need to Know

CDC's Bridge Access Program provides free COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. This program will end in August 2024. Use these resources to [promote the program](#) and [expand equitable access](#) for COVID-19 vaccination.

# Influenza A/H5N1





# Thank you for the ongoing partnerships



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Please feel free to contact us at [NCIRDResponseOperations@cdc.gov](mailto:NCIRDResponseOperations@cdc.gov)





## Long-Term Care Quick Start Guide: Preparing for Respiratory Virus Season

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When respiratory viruses are spreading in the community, the risk for spread in long-term care (LTC) settings, including nursing homes, increases as well. Existing infection prevention and control measures can help prevent and slow the spread of [flu](#), [RSV](#), and [COVID-19](#) to protect residents and staff. Preparing and responding to respiratory viruses in LTC settings requires a comprehensive approach that includes infection prevention, testing, vaccination, and treatment.

Below are some helpful CDC links to bookmark for the respiratory virus season.

# Routine Immunizations on Schedule for Everyone (RISE)



**Initiative to get all Americans back on-schedule with their routine immunizations**

Understand the size, scope and cause of declines in routine vaccinations resulting from COVID-19 pandemic

Devise an evidence-based strategy and operational plan to better direct CDC routine vaccination catch-up activities

Equip partners with evidence-based strategies and resources to get vaccination back on schedule

Share data and insights on trends in routine vaccination rates to find and protect communities that have fallen behind on vaccinations

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/routine-immunizations-lets-rise.html>

# Healthcare provider outreach strategies



## Strengthen and Build Partnerships

Prioritizing clinical partners with deep reach into populations at highest risk



## Streamline Materials

Co-create short, timely messaging and materials that help clinicians protect their patients



## Build Engagements into Clinical Workflows

Embed key information into systems and platforms that clinicians routinely use



## Routinize Partner Communications

Regular cadence of communications from CDC to providers



# Fall and Winter Respiratory Diseases: The Vaccination Season Ahead

## Discussion



# Outbreak Update: Measles Cases in Illinois

**Commissioner Olusibmo Ige**  
**Dr. Frank Belmonte**





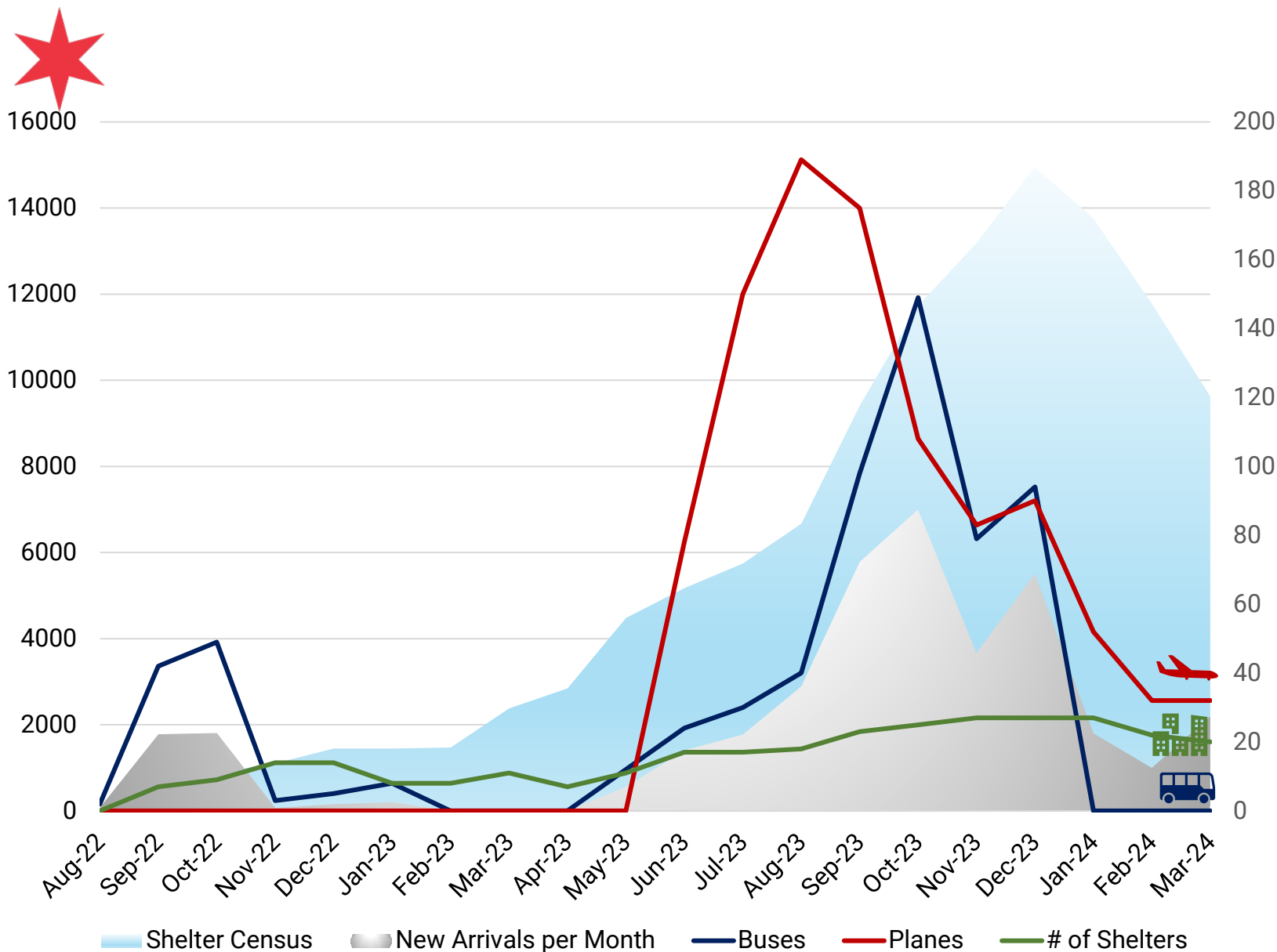
# CDPH Measles Response

**June 13, 2024**

**Olusimbo Ige, PhD, MS, MPH**

**Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health**

# Context: Unvaccinated People in Close Quarters



## By the numbers



> 40,000 new arrivals have arrived since August 2022  
# of arrivals exceeds the population of all but 50 of Illinois' municipalities



At its peak, the City operated 27 shelters

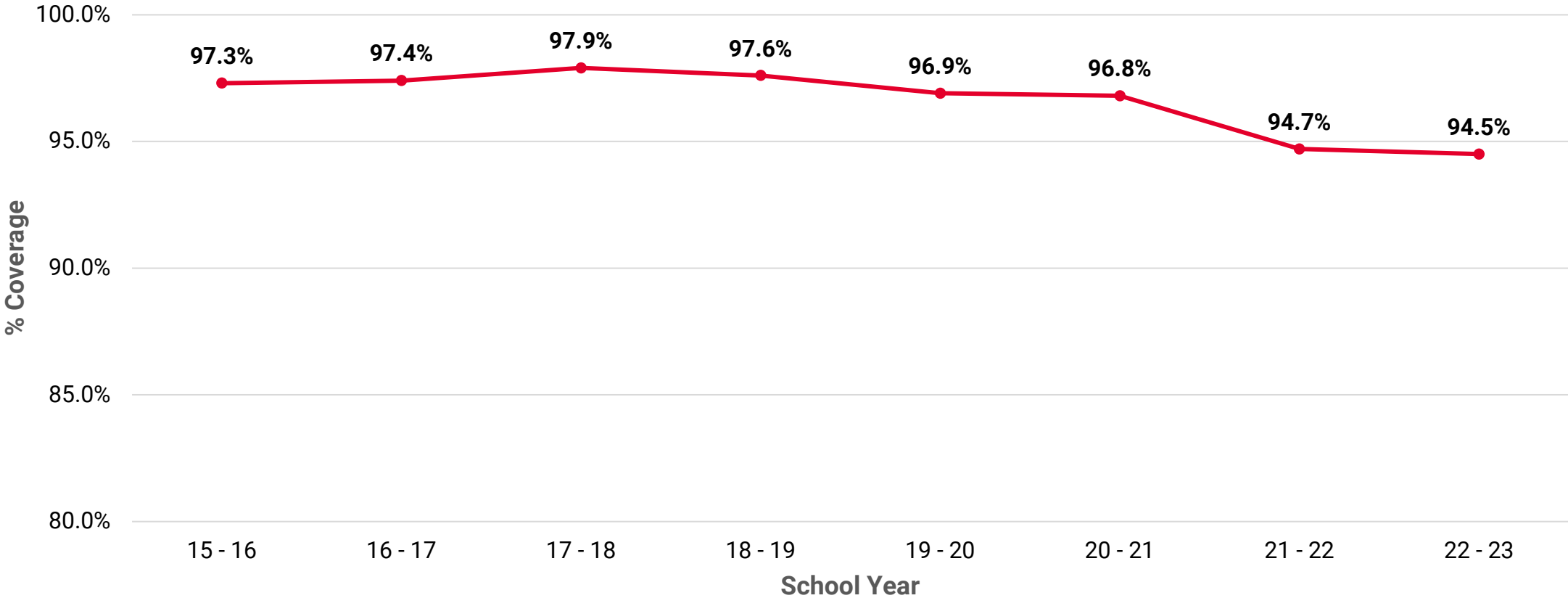


At its peak, City sheltered >14,900 residents

# Context: Lower MMR Coverage among Chicago Students



Percentage of Eligible Students with At Least Two ( $\geq 2$ ) Doses of Measles-Containing Vaccine by School Year



# Chicago Measles Outbreak 2024



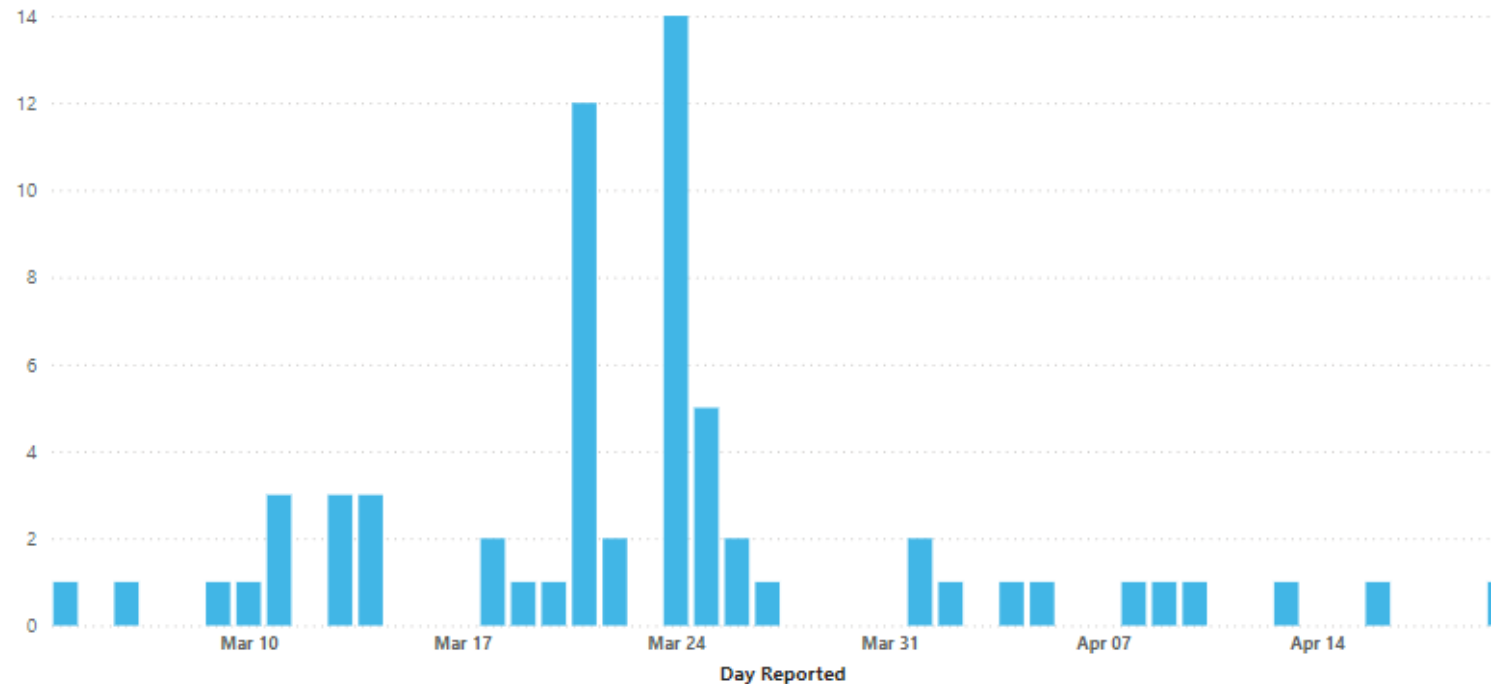
Cases This Year

64

Cases This Week: 06/02 - 06/08

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Cases by Date Reported

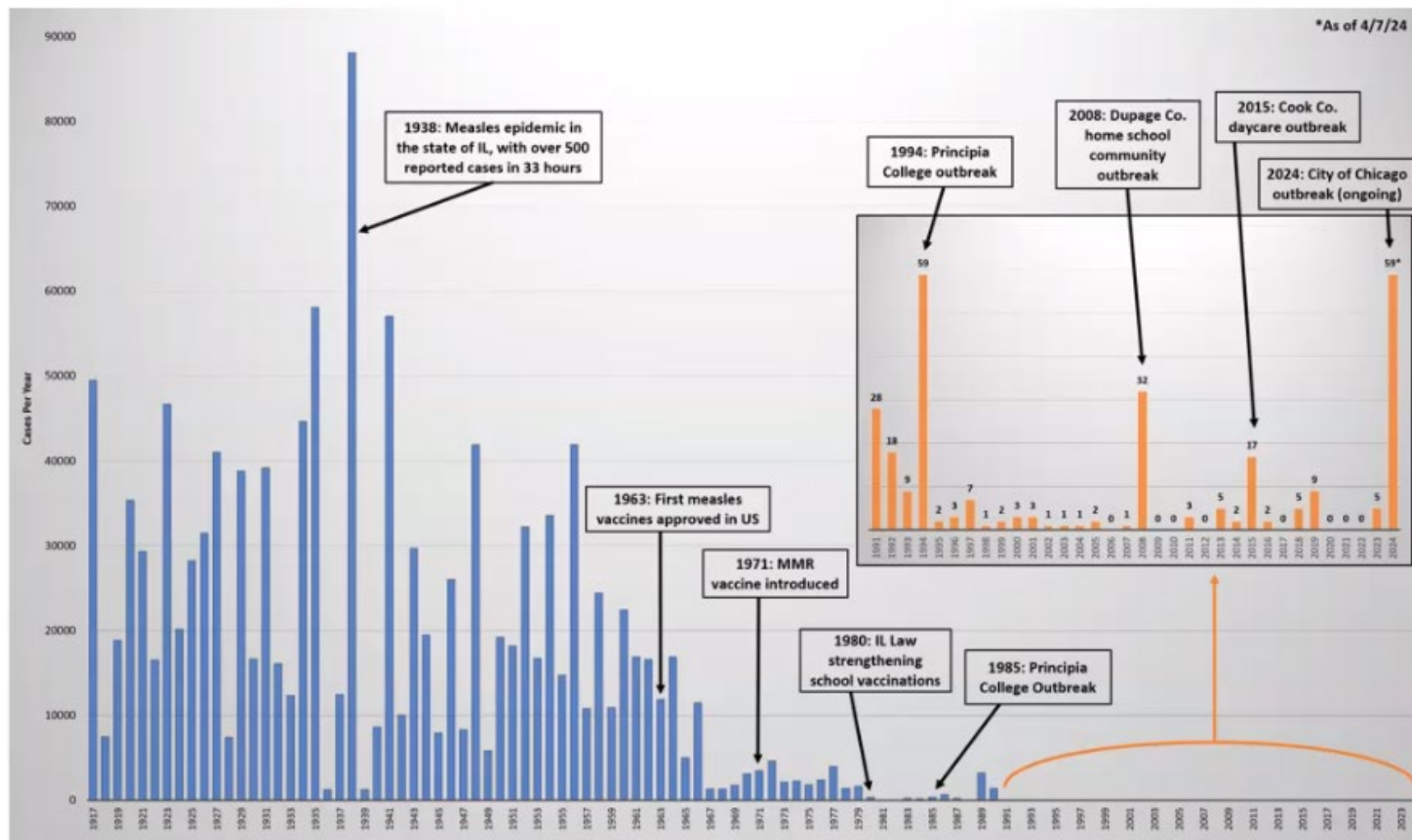


Cases by Age Group

Age Group	Count	%
0 - 4 years	33	52%
5 - 17 years	9	14%
18 - 49 years	18	28%
50+ years	4	6%

# Largest Outbreak in Illinois since 1980

## Measles Cases in Illinois 1917-2024\*



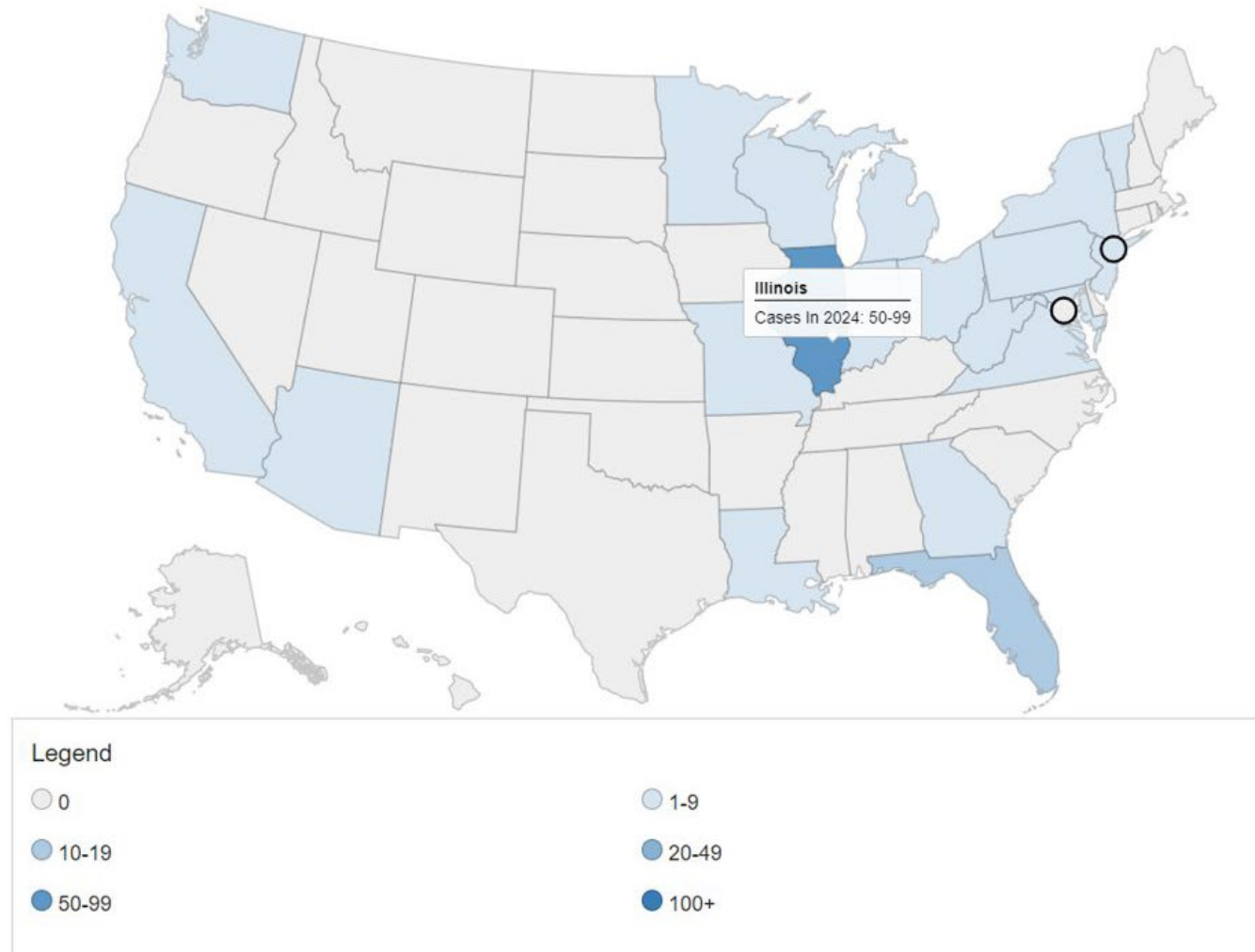


# Largest Measles Outbreak in the Country



## Measles Cases Nationwide 2024

As of May 30, 2024



# Challenges



## Environment



Politically charged  
climate



Resource  
constraints

Funding  
Staffing  
Vaccine supply



No vaccination  
policy

Lacking  
infrastructure

## Residents' Concerns



Ability to work

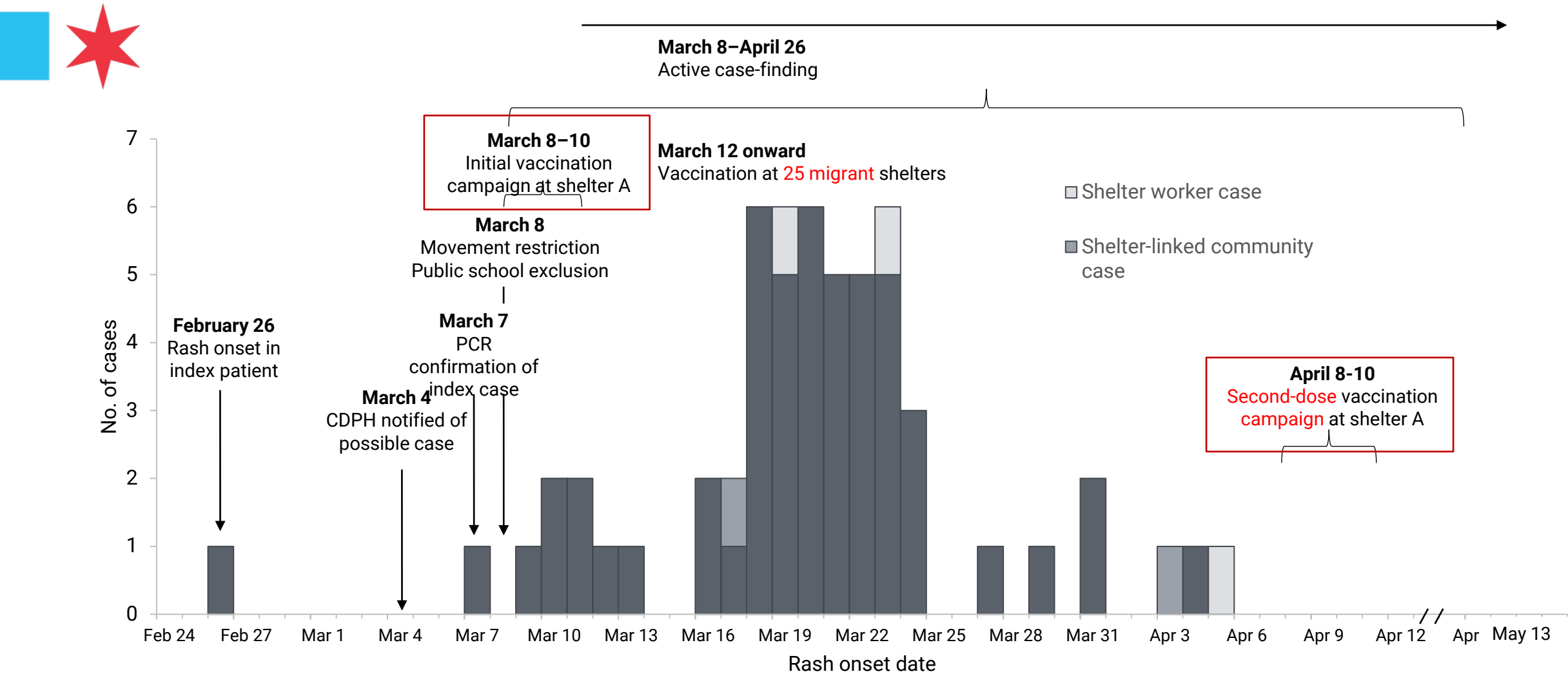


Access to schooling



Culturally appropriate  
food

# Measles Outbreak and Response: February 26–May 13, 2024



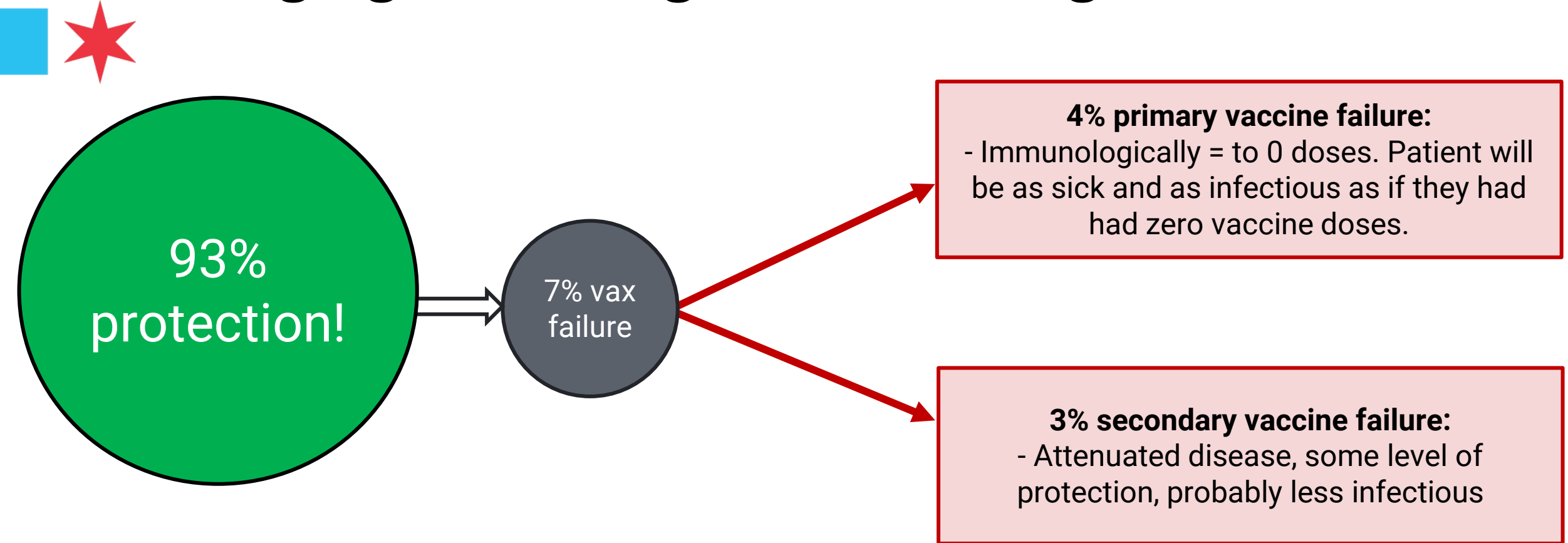
**Abbreviations:** CDPH = Chicago Department of Public Health; PCR = polymerase chain reaction.

\* Shelter A resident cases were defined as those in persons exposed while residing at Shelter A. Shelter-linked community cases were defined as those in persons exposed outside of shelter A and epidemiologically linked to a case in a shelter A resident. Shelter worker cases were defined as those in persons exposed while working at shelter A

† Two persons with unknown or no rash onset were included by symptom onset date.

§ Interventions included active case-finding, vaccination events, and movement restriction

# Congregate Settings: Breakthrough Cases



## Anticipated

~430 ppl in Halsted with 1 historical dose:  
→ 4% of 430 = 17 cases  
→ 3% of 430 = 13 cases

## Actual

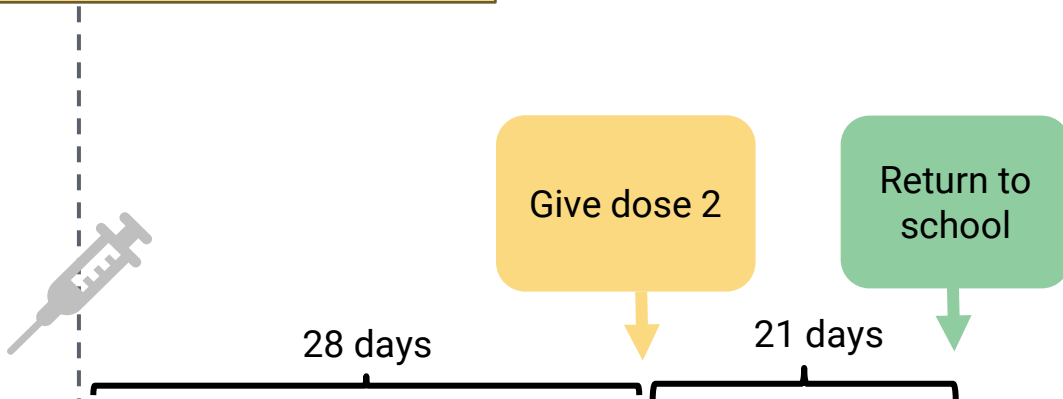
→ 13 cases after dose  
→ 4 cases after 2 doses

# Response to Breakthrough Cases



## **Cohort 2:**

- Children  $\geq 12m$  who had 1 dose 3/8/24 to 3/11/24



- Action Steps
- Give 2<sup>nd</sup> dose after 28 days
- Exclude from preschool or daycare
- Return to school 21 days after 2nd dose

2/22/24: First known measles exposure



# Proposed Immunization Requirements



## Minimum Immunization Requirements for Children Enrolling or Entering a Child Care Facility or School in Illinois, 2023-2024

### Measles

#### Vaccine Requirement

##### Child Care Facility, Preschool, Early Childhood, Pre-Kindergarten Programs

One dose on or after the 1st birthday.

##### Kindergarten through 12th Grade

Two doses of measles vaccine, the first dose must have been received on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.

##### Minimum Intervals Allowed Between Doses and Other Options for Proof of Immunity

### Our proposal:

1. **Enforce** this requirement (2 doses required for K–12 grade)

*and*

2. **Apply it to younger children** (pre-K, early childhood, preschool, and child care settings)

# Innovative Solutions

## Robust partnership engagement

- IDPH
- Cook County Health
- Mutual Aid
- Chicago Alders
- Healthcare system
- Mayor's Office of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights
- CBOs
- FBOs

## Address SDOHs to combat concerns

- Provision of resources to increase trust and comfortability



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# CDPH New Arrival Shelters Vaccination Response

Data last updated 6/4/2024. Counts include vaccinations administered through 6/2/2024 to account for reporting lags.  
Data are updated Tuesdays at 1 p.m. All data are provisional and subject to change.

## Measles-Containing Vaccines Administered to Chicago Residents

[Click here to view  
vaccines administered in  
2023 compared to 2024](#)

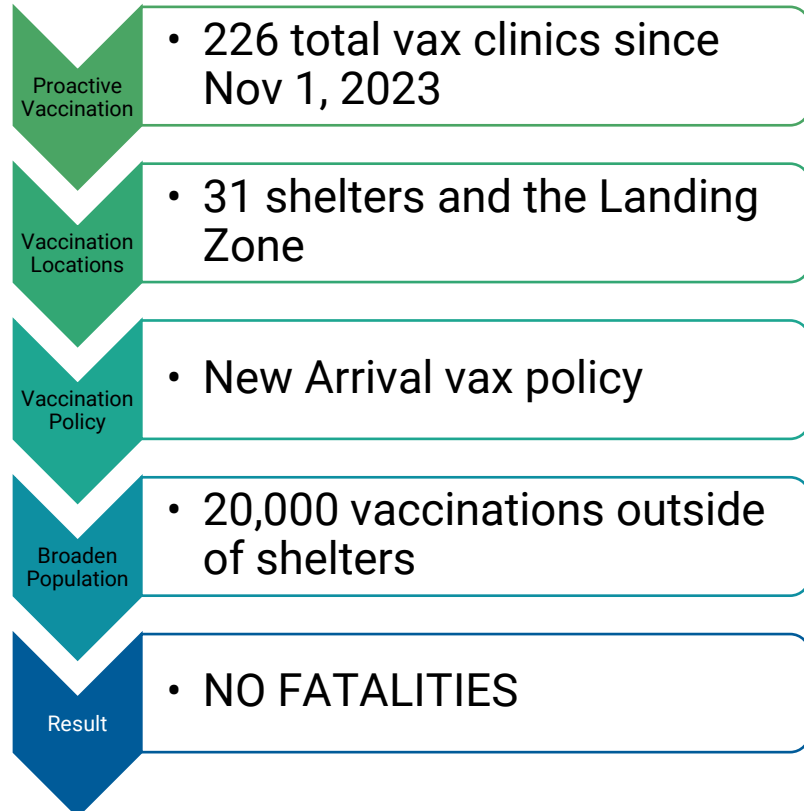
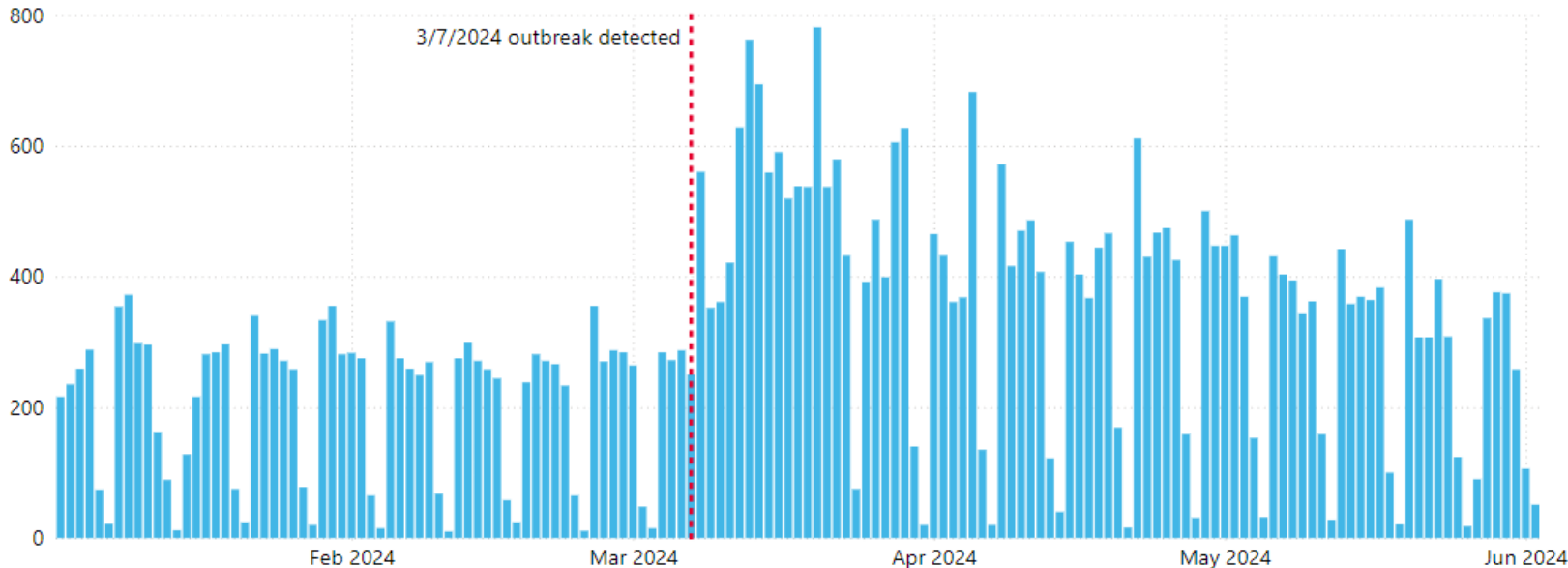
Doses Administered since 3/7/2024

31,843

Doses Administered Last Week (5/26/2024 - 6/1/2024)

1,558

### Vaccinations Administered by Day



# ★ Messaging Context

**Anti-migrant commentary** (12.6K interactions) dominated the discourse, accounting for **22% of all online interactions**

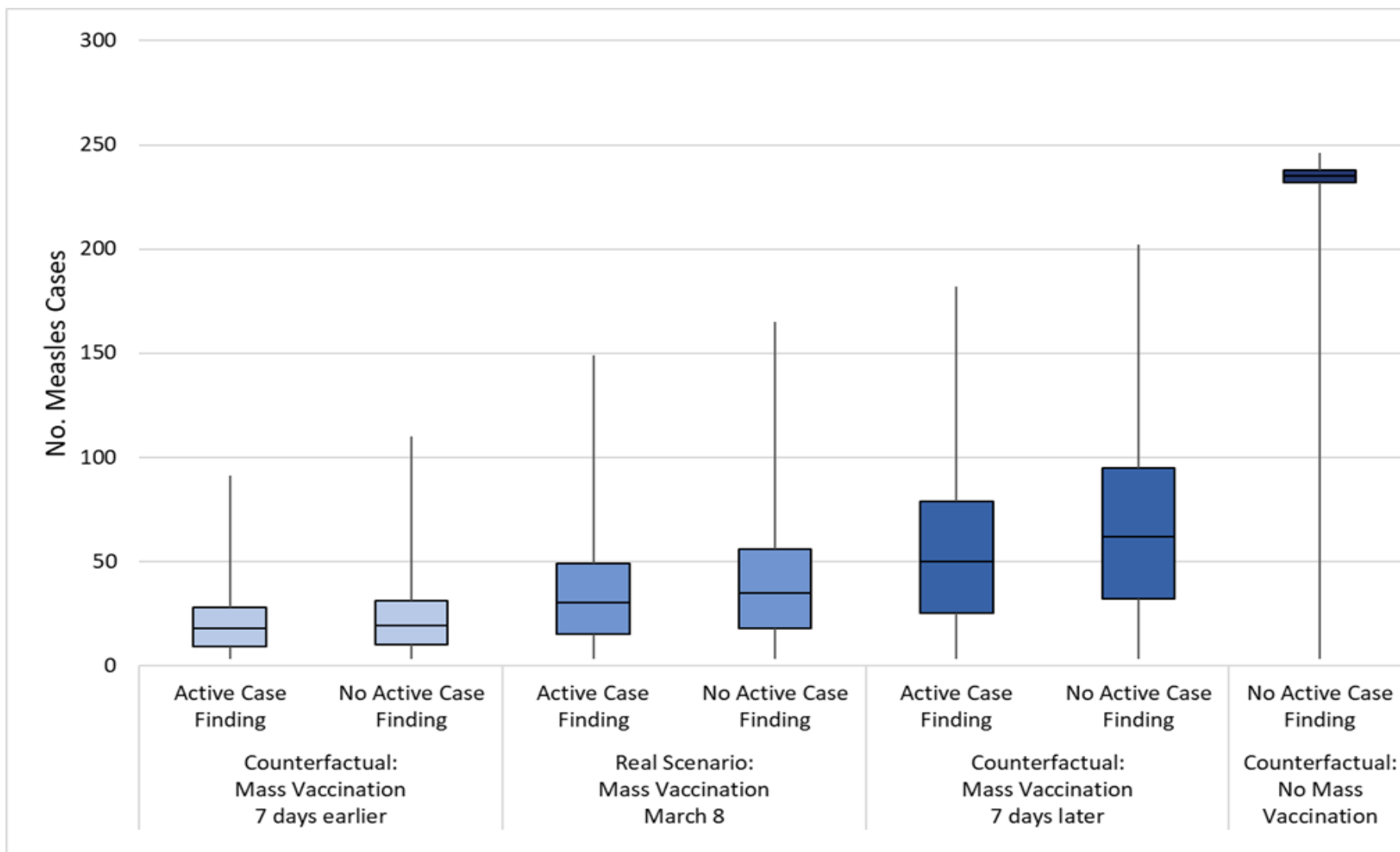
News of **possible exposures in public spaces** (4.2K interactions)

**Shelter evictions** (4.7K interactions) were the secondary driver of discourse. Many expressed concern for migrants facing their shelter stay limit and fear about the spread of measles.

Posts about the City's vaccination efforts garnered **limited visibility** (1.5K interactions), even with the City's new vaccine policy

# Counterfactual Analysis

Data  
for  
Action







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# **A Case of Measles Exposure**

## *Lessons Learned in Chicago*

Frank Belmonte, D.O., MPH  
Chief Medical Officer and Chair of Pediatrics  
Advocate Children's Hospital

# Case

- 3/8/24: 3 year-old child presented to the Pediatric Emergency Department with upper respiratory tract symptoms. No rash at that time.
- Tested positive for Adenovirus and was sent home with supportive care
- Returned to the ED on 3/11/24 with a rash and increased lethargy. Vaccine records revealed that he received his first MMR vaccine at age 15 months. No known exposures. Admitted to a negative pressure room.
- 3/13/24 Measles PCR returns positive

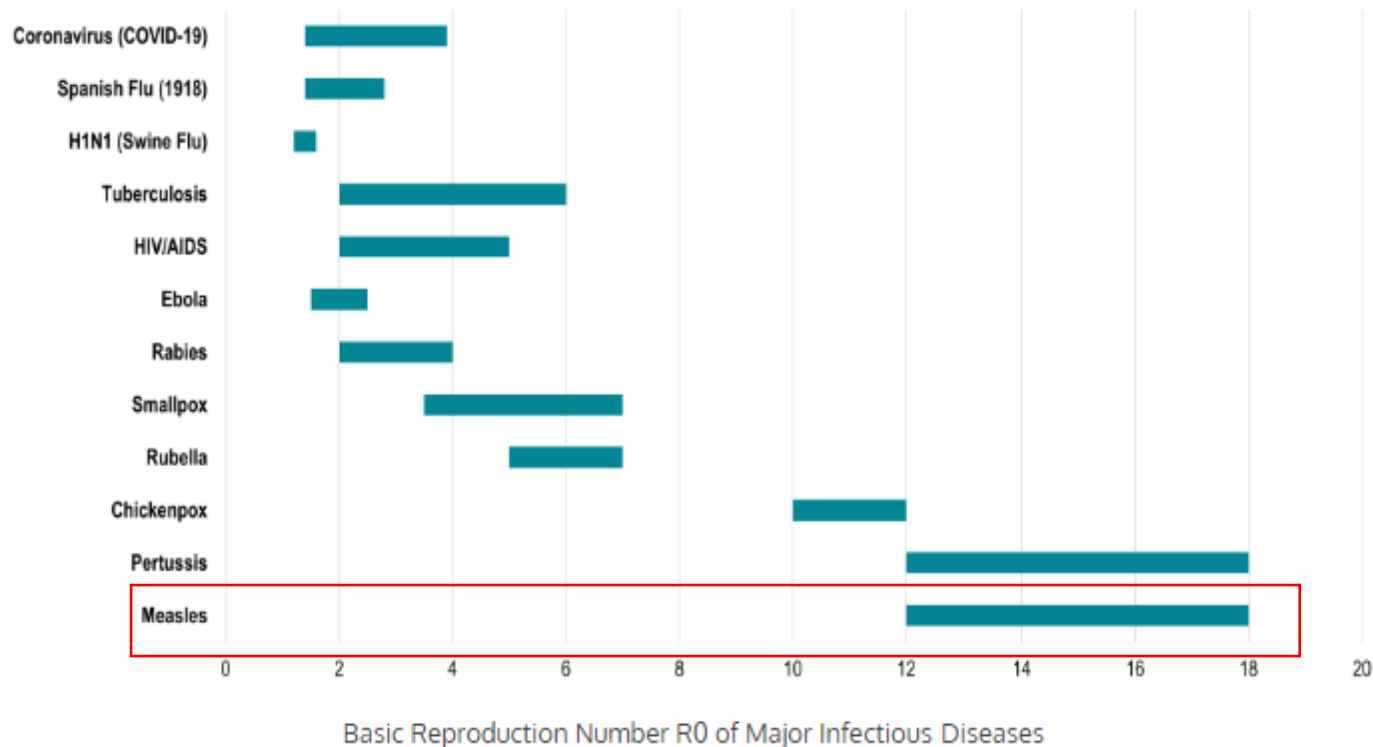
# Measles: Typical Course

- Rash begins at the hairline and spreads outward from face
- Rash typically lasts 6-7 days
- Fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis typically resolve around day 3 of rash
- Pharyngitis, vomiting, diarrhea, and acute otitis media can also occur



From CDC/PHIL

# Measles Is Extremely Contagious



- Spread by airborne particles that linger
- Exposure: In a shared airspace or an airspace occupied within the prior 2 hours

Source: CDC and WHO.



# Three Part Intervention

**Step 1: Determine who has been exposed**

**Step 2: Who needs post exposure prophylaxis (PEP)?**

**Step 3: Limit future exposures**

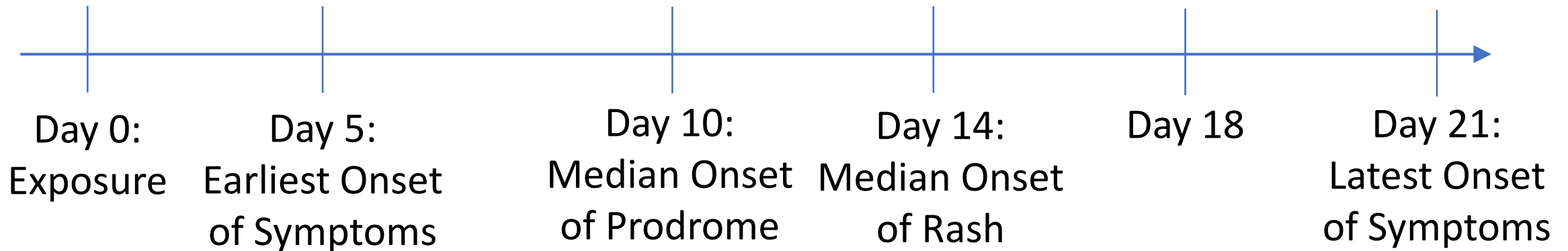
# Step 1: Determine Who Has Been Exposed

- Commenced Incident Command structure
- Determine patients/teammates exposed to infected patient or airspace within 2-hour window.
- 2 potential exposure times:
  - ED trip 3/8/24
  - Admission 3/11/24 (prior to negative pressure room)

# Measles Typical Timeline

Quarantine Period for Susceptible Patients:  
Until Day 21 from Exposure

Infectious Period: 4 days before and  
after onset of rash



## Step 2: Who Needs Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)?

Age	Requirement
< 6 months old	Immunoglobulin within 6 days of exposure
6-12 months old	MMR within first 72 hours post exposure. Immunoglobulin after 72 hours and up to 6 days post exposure
>12 months	If not vaccinated, or partially vaccinated, same recommendations as above.

**72 potential exposures on 3/11/24:** 8 children requiring MMR vaccine  
1 requiring IMIG (<6months)

**All patients required notification by certified letter.**

# Measles PEP with Immunoglobulin


- Intramuscular (IM) IG is preferred for kids < 12 months old
- Intravenous (IV) IG is preferred for individuals > 12 months old
- IMIG may not be available – check with pharmacy!
- If IG is administered, quarantine time needs to be extended to 28 days



# Step 3: Limit Future Exposures


- Activate Incident Command Structure – unlikely stakeholders include lab, pharmacy and public affairs
- Develop and disseminate educational tools to front line clinicians immediately! (webinar, written materials, online repository)
  - Recognition of Measles
  - Exposure guidelines and prophylaxis
  - Testing guidelines
- Email to patients eligible for MMR vaccine (ages 1 to 5)
- Flag in Epic EMR – to alert outpatient and ED clinicians on exposed patients.

# Measles Exposure Flagging in EMR


 Search (Ctrl+Space)


COVID-19 Vaccine: Unknown

Infection: Measles (rule out)

 Recommended Isolation

High Priority (1)

 This patient has a documented infection that may require isolation.

**Isolation Updates Required: Airborne**  
Current: None  
Required: Airborne 

Reasons for Isolation

Isolation	Reason
Airborne	Measles (rule out)

Please navigate to the web page noted below. You will be prompted to log into SharePoint before viewing the Advocate Aurora Transmission Based Isolation Reference Grid.

<https://advocatehealth.sharepoint.com/sites/AO/Dept/infection-prevention/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FAO%2FDept%2Finfection%2Dprevention%2FDocuments%2FTransmission%20based%20Isolation%2FDocuments%2FTransmissionBasedIsolationReferenceGrid.aspx>

Potentially exposed to positive measles patient on 10/10/23. Upon arrival, mask patient immediately and place in negative pressure room with airborne isolation precautions. If negative pressure room not available place patient in room, close door keeping patient masked with airborne isolation precautions. Patient received IVIG for measles on 10/12/23. Isolation end date 11/7/23.

# Proactive Patient Outreach

## Targeted Email Campaign for MMR Vaccination

Initiated a targeted email campaign to nearly 16,000 families

- **Goal:** Increase awareness of local measles outbreak, boost MMR vaccination rates and curb measles spread in the community
- **Audience:** Parents of medical group patients potentially overdue for their first or second MMR dose
- **Content:** Educational information about measles, vaccination benefits and a call-to-action to schedule a vaccination appointment

Advocate Health Care  
Now part of ADVOCATEHEALTH



Measles can be serious, and cases of measles are on the rise. Now is the time to make sure you and your family are fully vaccinated.



- Measles can be serious, especially for children.
- Measles is very contagious.
- Children in the U.S. can still get measles.
- You have the power to protect your child with a safe & effective vaccine.

Call your child's doctor to schedule their vaccination now

[Find a doctor & schedule](#)

Our records indicate your child may be overdue for their MMR vaccine. Children need two doses of the MMR vaccine to protect against measles, mumps and rubella:

- First dose: 12-15 months of age
- Second dose: 4-6 years of age

**Is your child already fully vaccinated?** If your child got vaccinated in another state or at another health system, we may not have all of their immunization information. Please send us a copy of their MMR immunization as a message through [LiveWell](#) so we can update their records.

What you need to know about  
measles from the CDC

[Get the facts](#)

How vaccines work & why  
they're important for children

[Get the details](#)



Advocate Children's Hospital

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# Promote Vaccination!!

- Provided 246 MMR vaccines to migrant children during the Chicago outbreak.
- O'Hare Airport and Migrant Shelters.
- Reviewed hundreds of vaccine records and entered previous vaccines into the Illinois vaccine registry Icare.





# This is a team sport!!!!

- The pandemic taught us the importance of working with our local and State public health authorities.
- Collaboration leads to a more comprehensive response!





# Parent Perspective



# Questions?

# Outbreak Update: Measles Cases in Illinois

## Discussion



Public Meeting  
**NATIONAL  
VACCINE  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**  
June 13-14, 2024

**Break**



# Breast Cancer Vaccine Innovations in the Works

**Dr. Nora Disis**  
**Dr. Kiran Dhillon**  
**Kristen Dahlgren**







# Vaccines to treat and prevent cancer

**Nora Disis, MD**

Helen B. Slonaker Endowed Professor for Cancer Research

Professor, Medicine University of Washington, Member, Fred Hutch Cancer Center

Director, UW Medicine Cancer Vaccine Institute

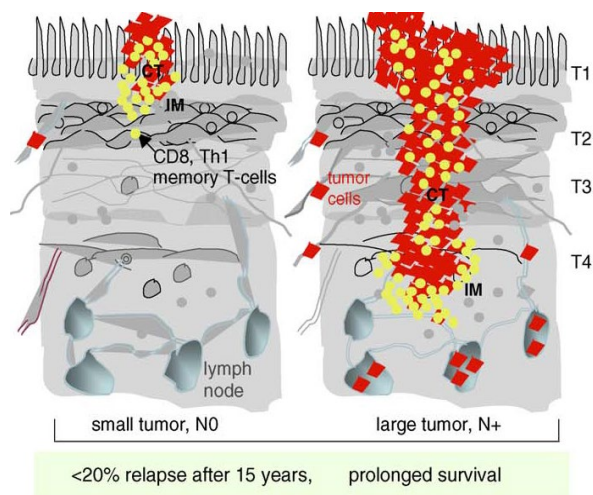


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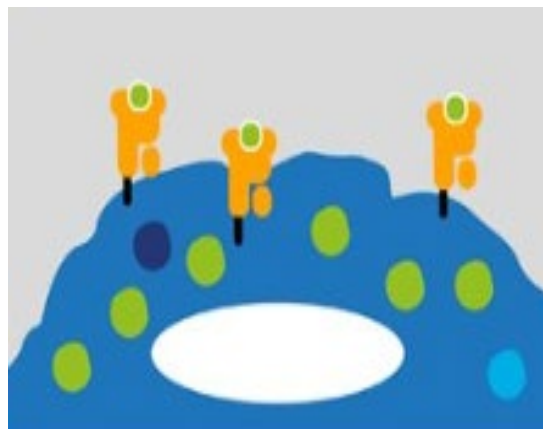
# Tipping point for cancer vaccines

Type I T-cells are needed for cancer eradication

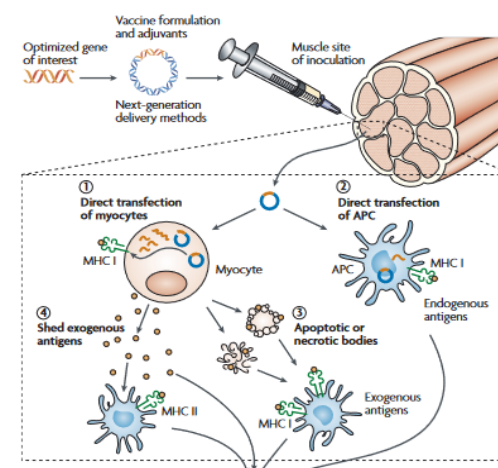


Bindea et al, Curr Opin Immunol, 2010

Hundreds of tumor antigens have been identified



Safe and effective vaccine delivery

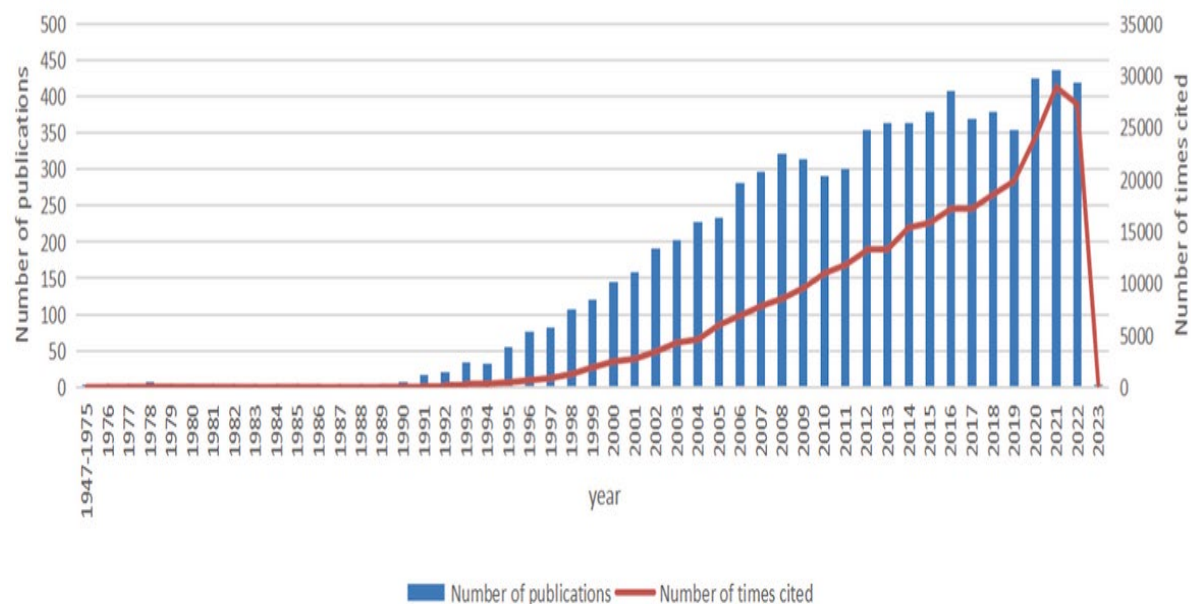


Kutzler et al, Nat Rev Genetics, 2008

Appropriate patient populations



# USA leading the explosion of cancer vaccine research



The top 10 productive countries with publications.

Rank	Country	Article count	Percentage(n/7807)	H-index	TLS	Total citations	Average citation per article
1	USA	3769	48.28	182	29045	183964	48.81
2	CHINA	1011	12.95	59	7151	20999	20.77
3	JAPAN	698	8.94	62	4771	18913	27.1
4	GERMANY	588	7.53	83	7400	25698	43.7
5	ITALY	426	5.46	62	5475	16502	38.74
6	ENGLAND	401	5.14	74	5710	19564	48.79
7	FRANCE	341	4.37	77	6323	21903	64.23
8	NETHERLANDS	330	4.23	78	5981	19612	59.43
9	CANADA	277	3.55	63	4662	15846	57.21
10	BELGIUM	210	2.69	61	4837	12837	61.13

Yu et al, Heliyon, 2024

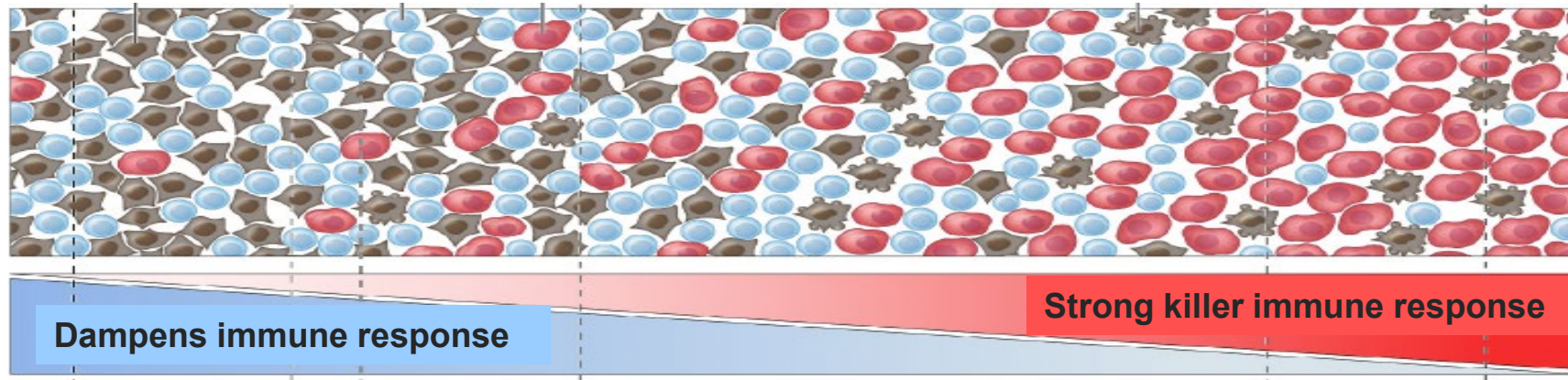
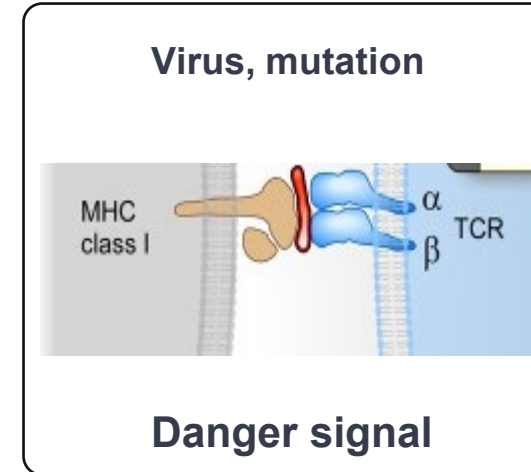
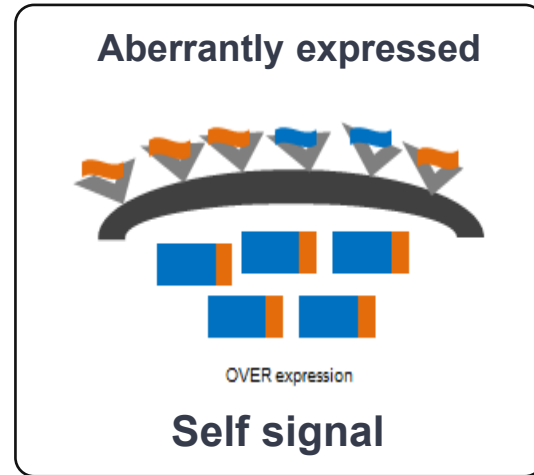


# The UK Cancer Vaccine Initiative



- Enroll 10,000 cancer patients
- mRNA personalized vaccines
- Treatment for existing cancer

# Types of immunogenic proteins

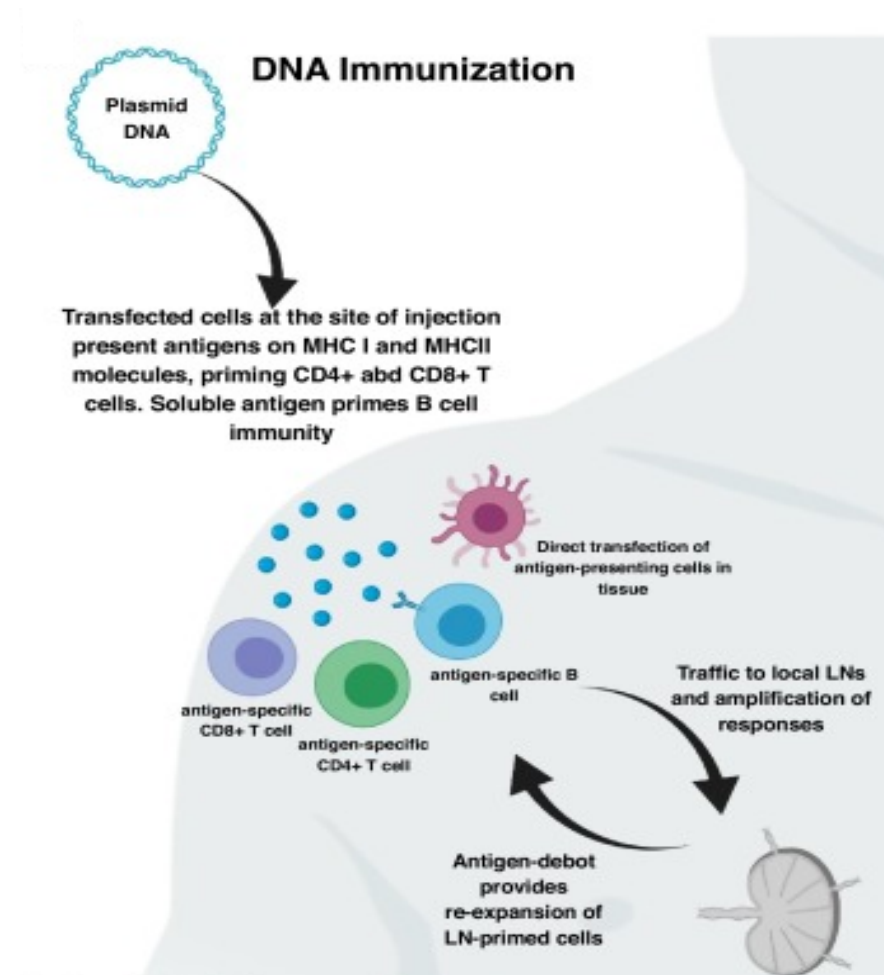


**MOST CANCER PATIENTS**

**A FEW CANCER PATIENTS**



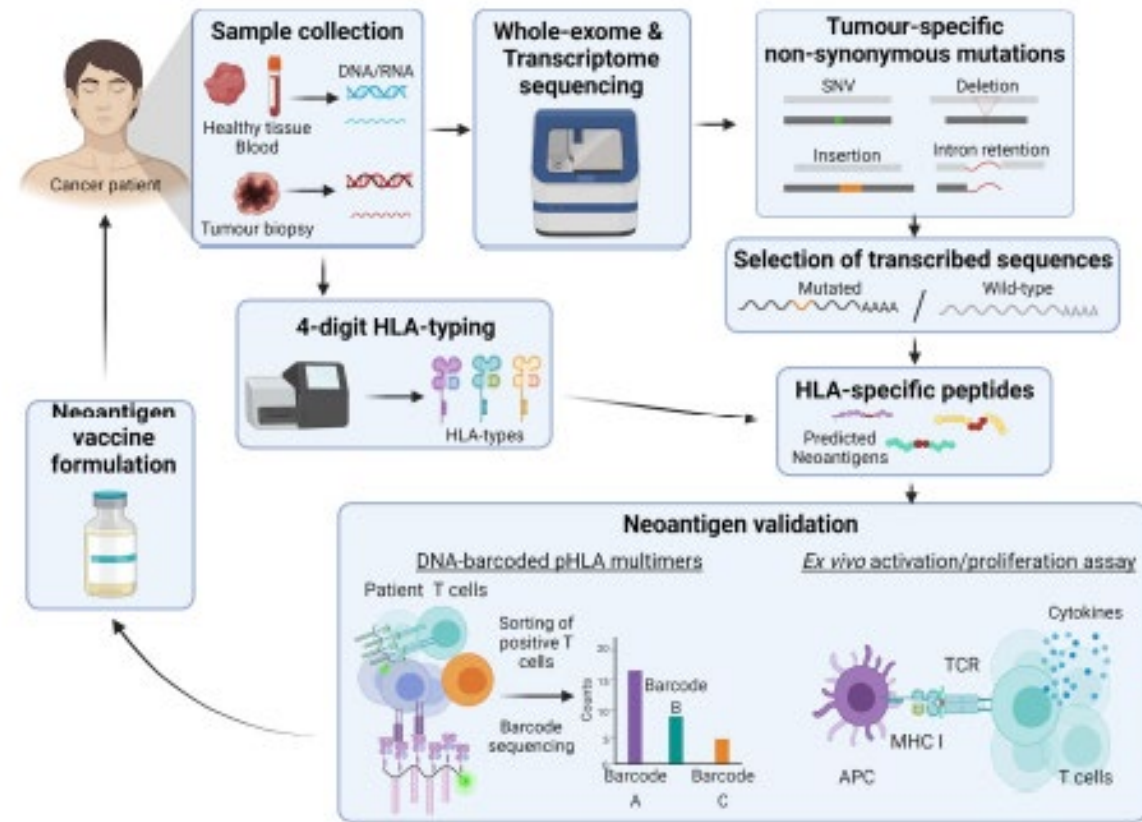
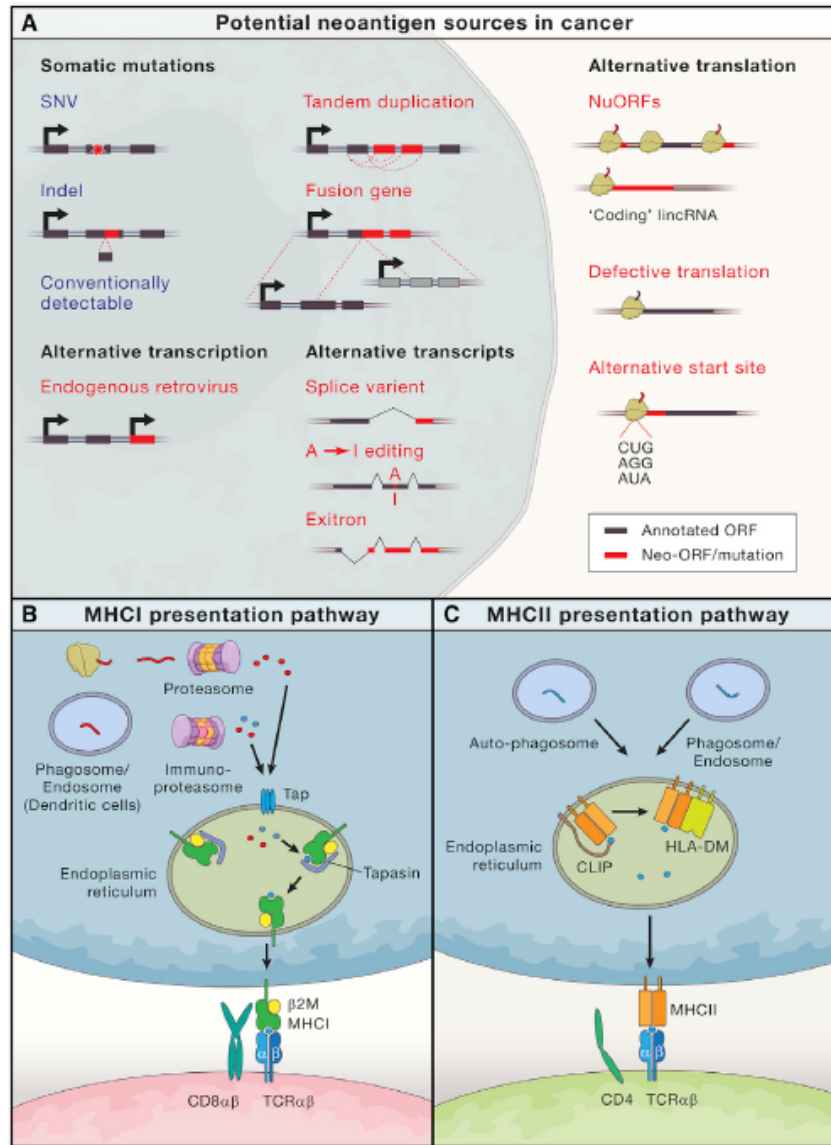
# Nucleic acid vaccines are safe & effective



Gary et al, Current Opinions in Immunology, 2020

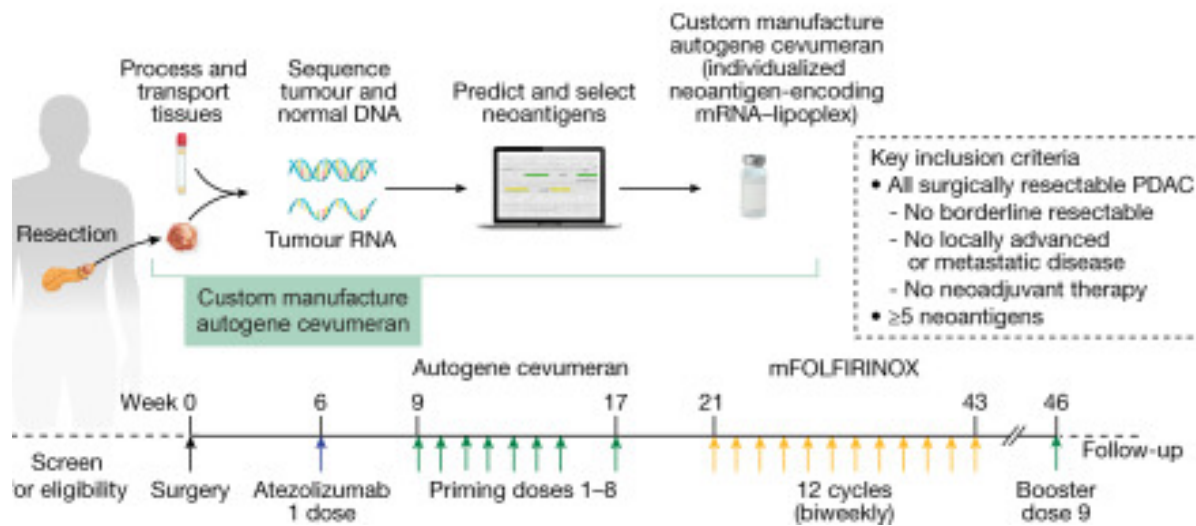
- Adaptable to multiple antigens
- Superior in the generation of cytotoxic T-cells
- Stable over time and at higher temps
- Persist at injection site
- Low cost
- Rapid manufacture

# Mutation based personalized vaccines

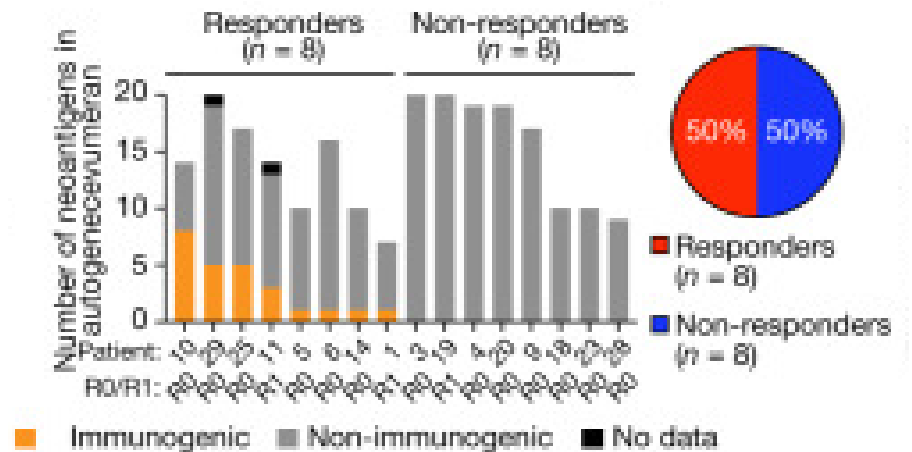
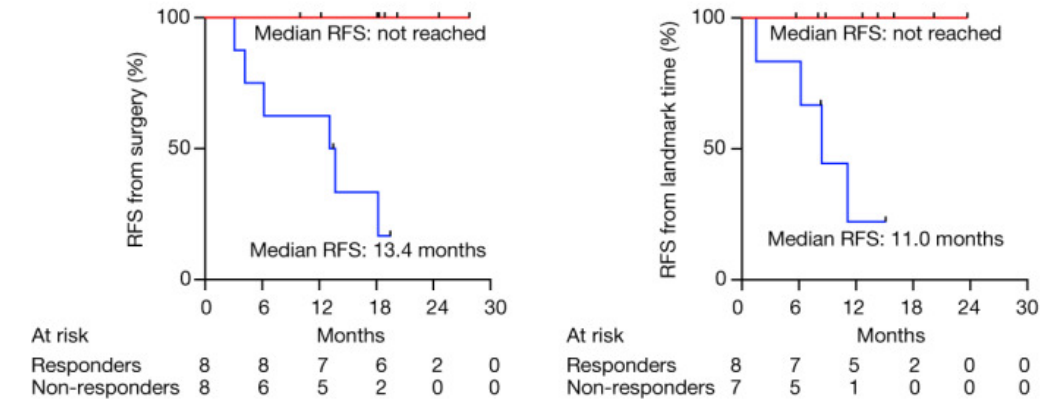


Tay et al, Vaccines, 2021

# Personalized vaccine for pancreatic cancer

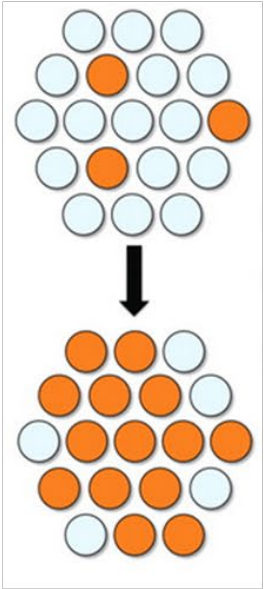


Rojas, LA et al Nature, 2023

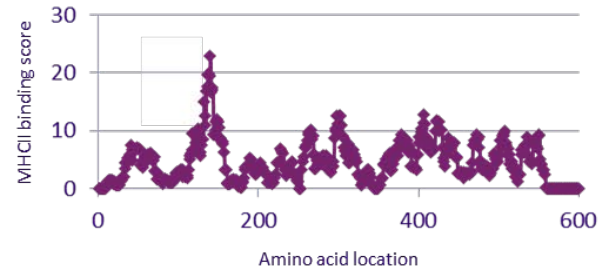


# Epitope editing for non-mutated cancer vaccines

Proteins that are cancer “drivers”



Predicting which protein segments will have the right response



Barcode for effective cancer vaccine

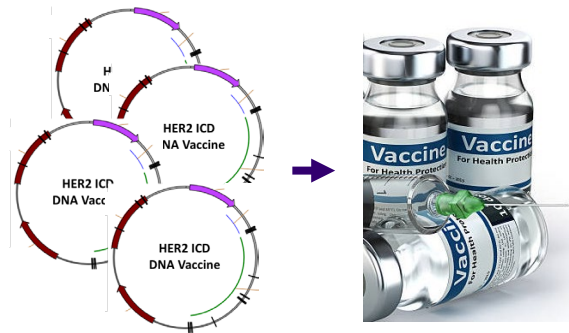
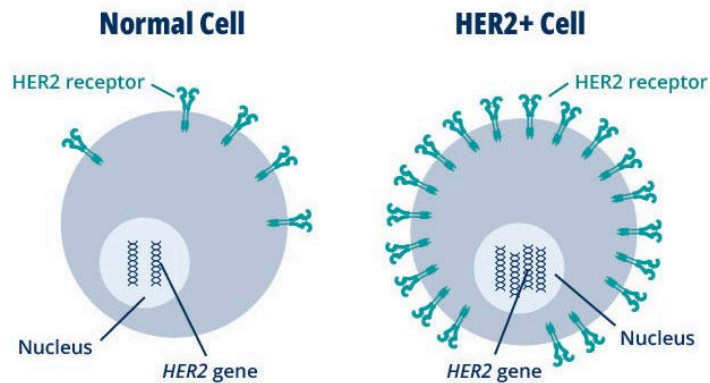


Multi-antigen cancer prevention & treatment vaccine



# Vaccine to prevent breast cancer recurrence

30% of breast cancers caused by high expression of HER2 protein



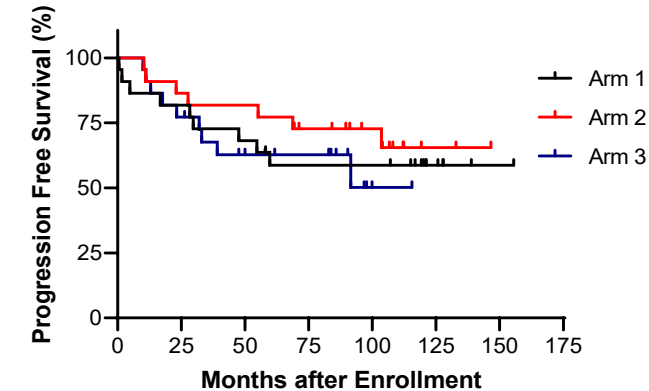
HER2 ICD DNA vaccine

## Phase I Clinical Trial

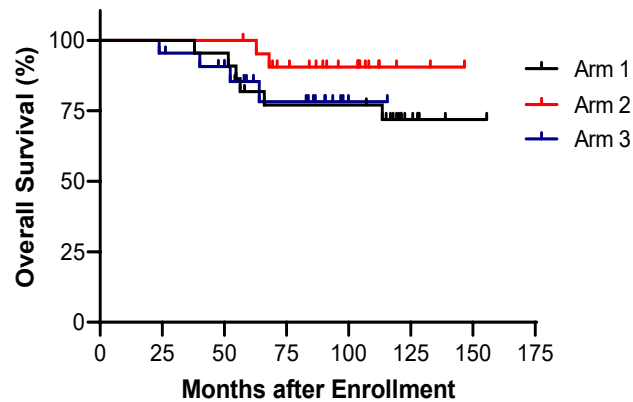
- Stage III and IV HER2+ breast cancer patients
- Enrolled 66 patients with no evidence of disease or bone only disease
- Received one of three doses (10, 100, & 500 mcg), intradermally once a month for three months
- Safety, immune response, clinical response



# Immunogenicity and clinical outcomes



No. at risk							
Arm 1	22	18	15	12	12	5	1
Arm 2	22	19	18	14	10	2	0
Arm 3	22	17	12	9	1	0	0

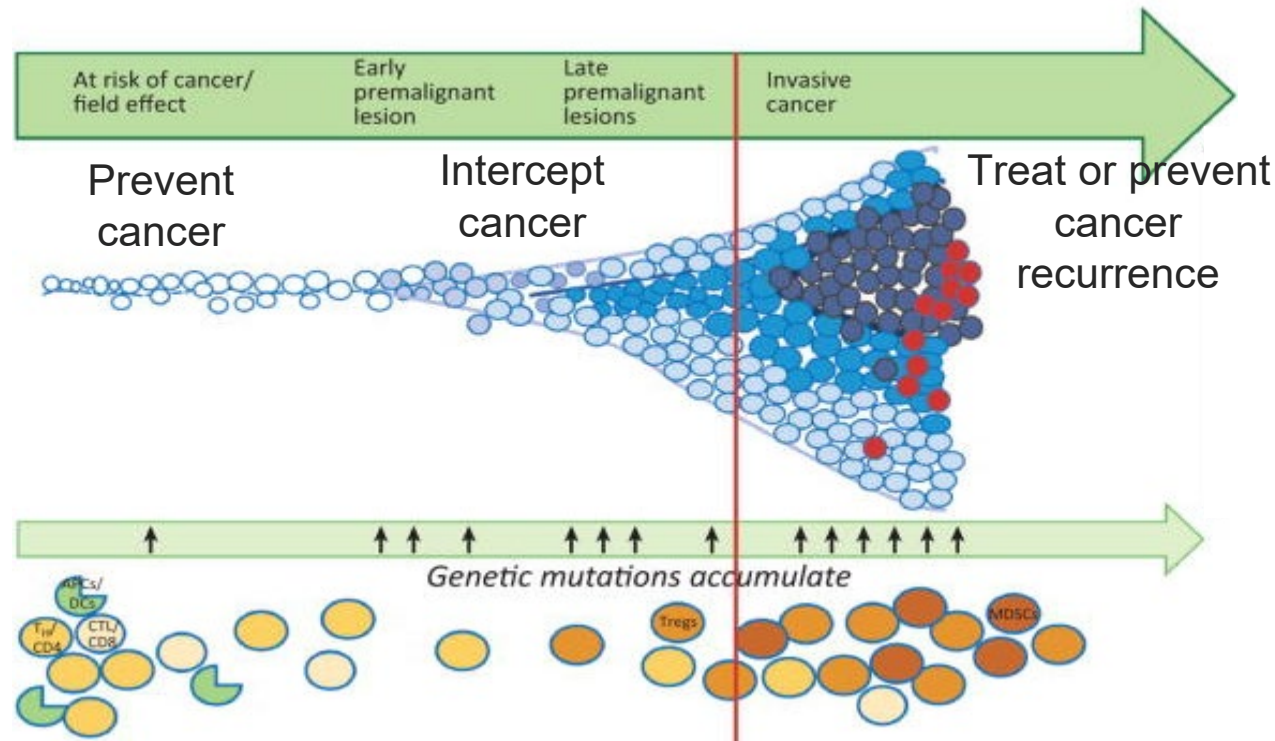


No. at risk							
Arm 1	22	22	21	16	16	6	1
Arm 2	22	22	22	17	11	2	0
Arm 3	22	21	18	11	1	0	0

- All 3 doses elicited an immune response
- ~50% of patients have not had a relapse
- ~75-85% of patients alive 10 years after vaccination
- Licensed by a commercial partner
- Basket trial for different types of HER2+ cancers (uterine, gastric, lung, etc)

Disis et al, JAMA Oncology 2022

# Cancer vaccines are moving forward in multiple clinical scenarios



Adapted from Dunn et al, Trends Cancer, 2016



Lung



Breast



Colon



Prostate



Ovary



Bladder



A vertical image of the Space Needle tower in Seattle, Washington, set against a sunset sky with orange and purple hues. The tower is dark and stands out against the lighter sky.

# Clinical application of cancer vaccines

**Kiran Dhillon, PhD**  
*Executive Director*

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University of Washington



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# Clinical application of cancer vaccines



Prevent cancer  
recurrence



Treat cancer



Prevent or intercept  
cancer

Development  
status



# Vaccines to prevent cancer recurrence

Vaccinating patients who had been successfully treated to no evidence of disease or in some cases bone-only disease

JAMA Oncology | **Original Investigation**

## Safety and Outcomes of a Plasmid DNA Vaccine Encoding the ERBB2 Intracellular Domain in Patients With Advanced-Stage ERBB2-Positive Breast Cancer A Phase 1 Nonrandomized Clinical Trial

Mary L. (Nora) Disis, MD; Katherine A. Guthrie, PhD; Ying Liu, PhD; Andrew L. Coveler, MD; Doreen M. Higgins, BSN; Jennifer S. Childs, MPH; Yushe Dang, PhD; Lupe G. Salazar, MD

CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH | CLINICAL TRIALS: IMMUNOTHERAPY

## Immunization with a Plasmid DNA Vaccine Encoding the N-Terminus of Insulin-like Growth Factor Binding Protein-2 in Advanced Ovarian Cancer Leads to High-level Type I Immune Responses

Denise L. Cecil, John B. Liao, Yushe Dang, Andrew L. Coveler, Angela Kask, Yi Yang, Jennifer S. Childs, Doreen M. Higgins, and Mary L. Disis

### ONGOING STUDIES

Phase I:

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NCT02780401

Phase II:

NCT05455658

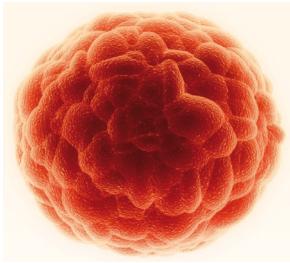
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# STEMVAC – Vaccination to treat cancer

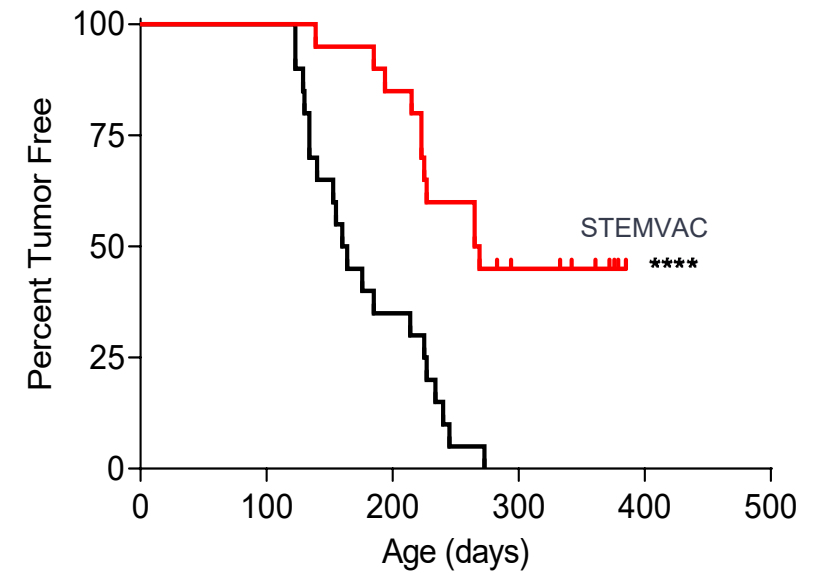
Cancer Stem Cell



Resistance to therapy  
Recurrence  
Metastasis



STEMVAC DNA vaccine  
Targets 5 stem cell proteins  
CD105, Yb-1, SOX2, CDH3, MDM2

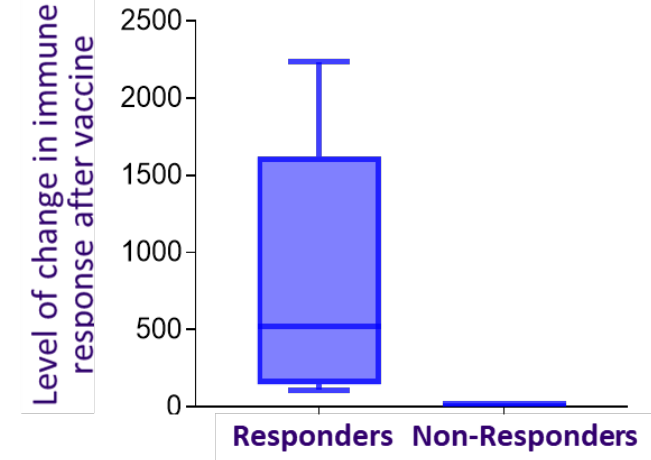
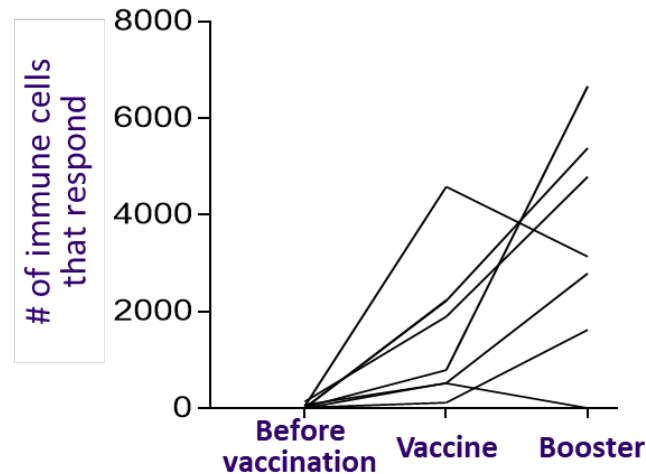


Effective in preventing  
mammary cancer in mice



# STEMVAC generated strong immune responses in a Phase I clinical trial

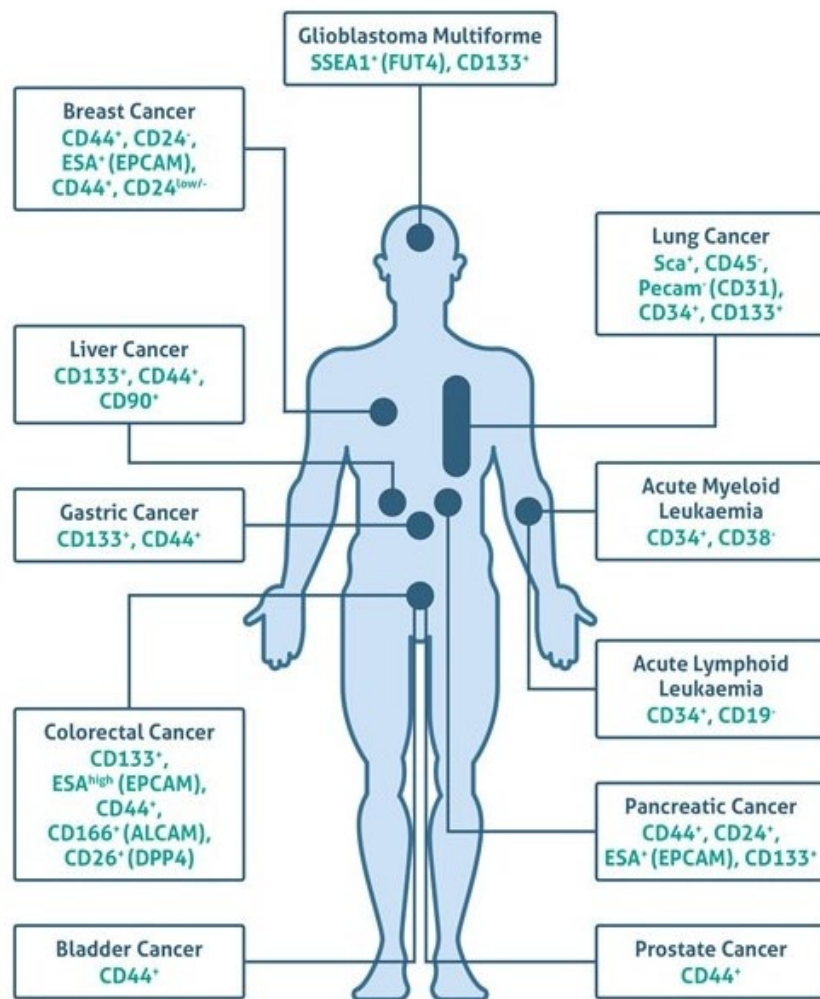
Clinical Trial
Phase I, dose escalation
3 doses of vaccine
Stage III/IV Breast Cancer Hormone receptor positive or Triple Negative
30 patients (10 per dose)
3 vaccines 1 month apart, id
Boosters at 3 and 9 months



- ✓ We detected an immune response to all 5 stem cell proteins
- ✓ Boosters increase level of response
- ✓ Very high levels of STEMVAC-specific immunity



# STEMVAC may be effective for many cancers



## Ongoing clinical trials:

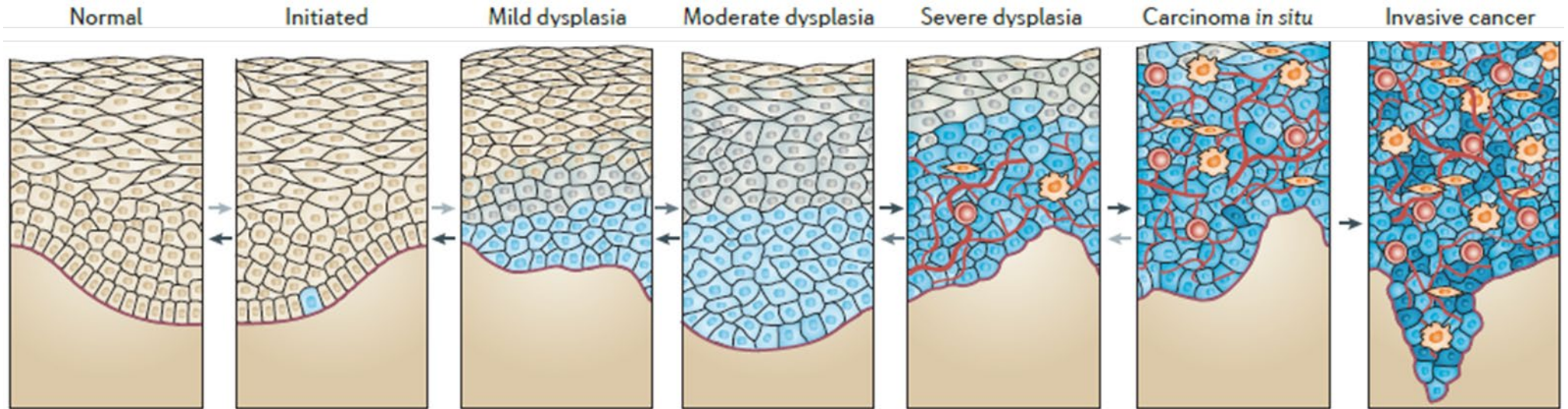
- NCT05455658 - Phase II non-metastatic triple negative breast cancer
- NCT05242965 – Phase II randomized in non-small cell lung cancer

## Under development:

- Metastatic triple negative breast cancer
- Metastatic hormone receptor positive breast cancer



# Vaccines to intercept or prevent cancer



Multi-antigen vaccines  
in development

**Prostate:** Intraepithelial neoplasia

**Colon:** Adenomatous polyps

**Ovary:** Serous tubal intraepithelial carcinoma

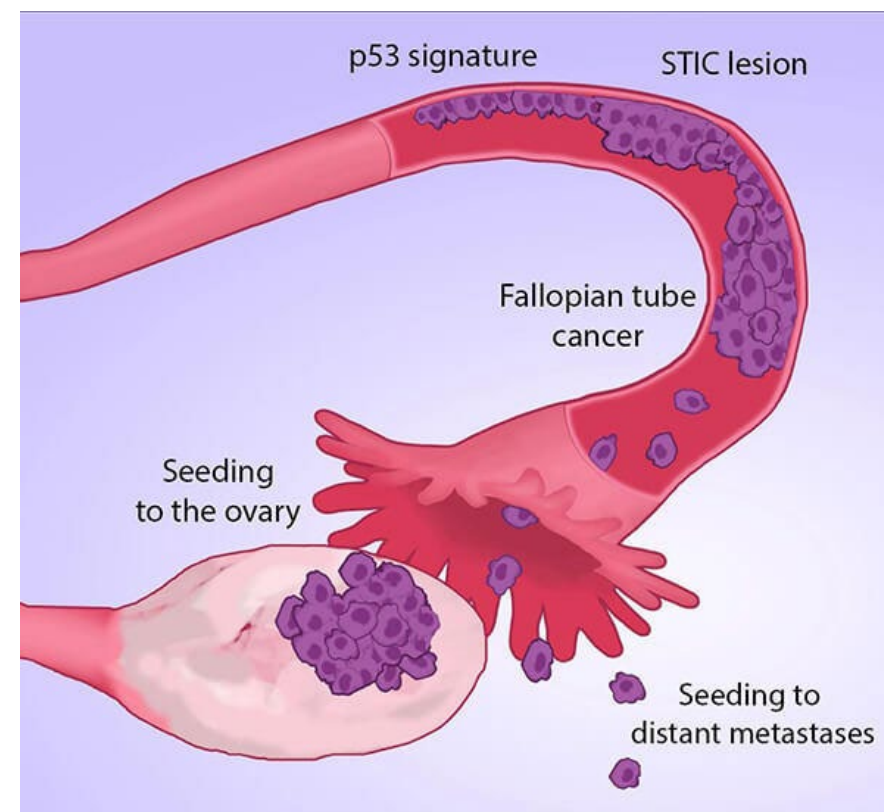
**Breast:** Ductal carcinoma in situ

**Bladder:** Carcinoma in situ



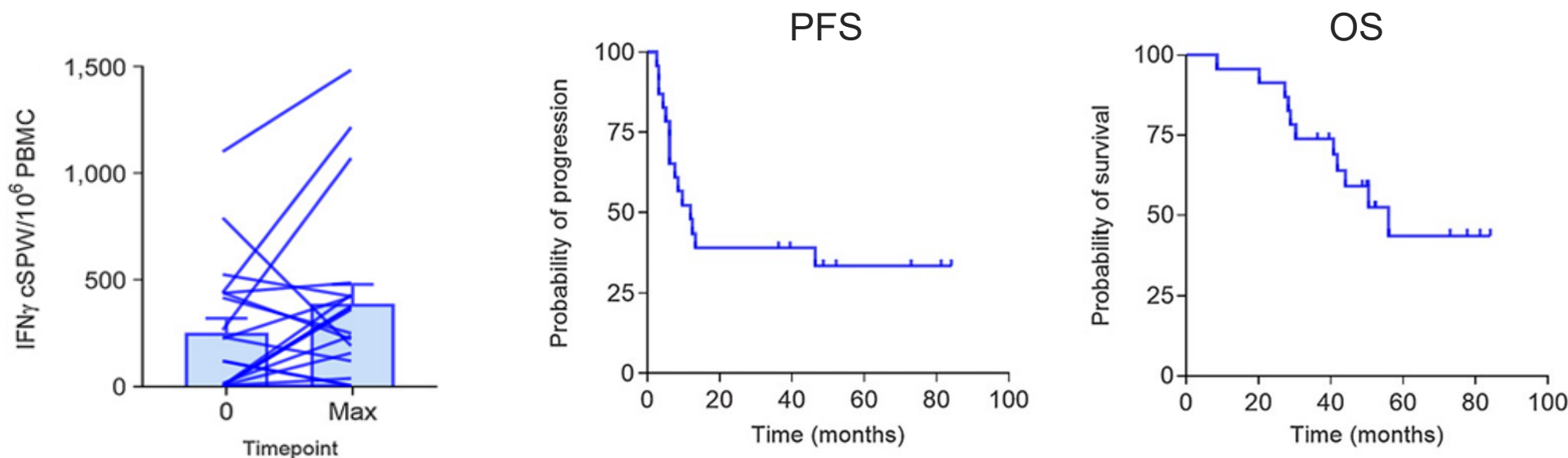
# Preventing ovarian cancer, the 'silent killer'

- Serous tubal intraepithelial carcinoma (STIC) – precancerous lesion thought to be origin for most high grade serous ovarian cancers (HGSOC)
- Prophylactic removal of ovaries and fallopian tubes in patients at high risk reduces risk by 80% but does not eliminate it completely
- STIC found in patients with genetic high risk and found incidentally after hysterectomy in patients at normal risk
- Can a vaccine of STIC-associated antigens prevent ovarian and peritoneal cancer?





# IGFBP-2 vaccine induced immune responses in patients with advanced stage ovarian cancer



Median survival (without vaccine) is 18 months  
in similar patient populations

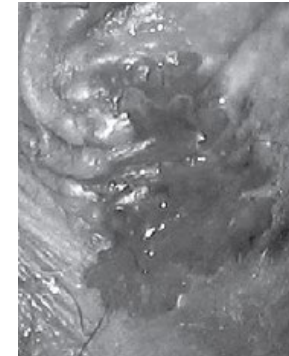
**Currently developing a multi-antigenic STIC vaccine, including IGFBP-2 epitopes**



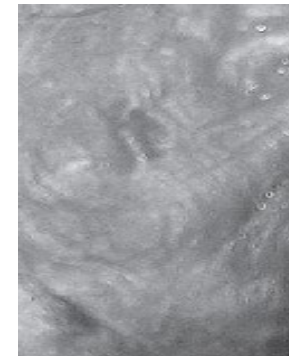
# Interception of vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia (VIN)

**Table 3. Clinical Results at 3, 12, and 24 Months after the Last Vaccination.\***

Patient No.	No. of Vaccinations	At 3 Months				At 12 Mo		At 24 Mo
		Symptoms	Lesion Response	Histologic Findings	Type of HPV Infection	Symptoms	Lesion Response	Lesion Response
1	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 2	16	Mild to moderate	Partial	Partial†
2	4	Severe	None	VIN 3	16		Carcinoma	
3	4	Severe	None	VIN 3	16	None	Partial	Partial‡
6	4	None	Complete	Normal	16	None	Complete	Complete
7	4	None	Complete	Normal	None	None	Complete	Complete
8	4	Mild to moderate	Complete	Normal	6b	None	Complete§	Complete
9	3	None	Complete	Normal	None	None	Complete	Complete
10	4	None	Partial	VIN 3	16	Lost to follow-up¶		
11	4	None	None	VIN 3	16	None	Complete	Complete
12	4	Mild to moderate	None	VIN 3	16	Mild to moderate	Partial	None
13	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 3	16	Mild to moderate	Partial	Partial
16	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 1	16	Mild to moderate	Complete	Complete
18	4	Severe	None	VIN 3	16	Severe	None	None
22	4	Mild to moderate	None	VIN 3	16	Severe	Partial	Partial
23	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 2	16	None	Partial	Microinvasive carcinoma**
26	4	None	None	VIN 3	16	None	None	None
27	3	None	Partial	VIN 3	16	None	Complete	Complete
28	4	None	None	VIN 3	16	None	None	None
29	4	None	Complete	Normal	None	None	Complete	Complete
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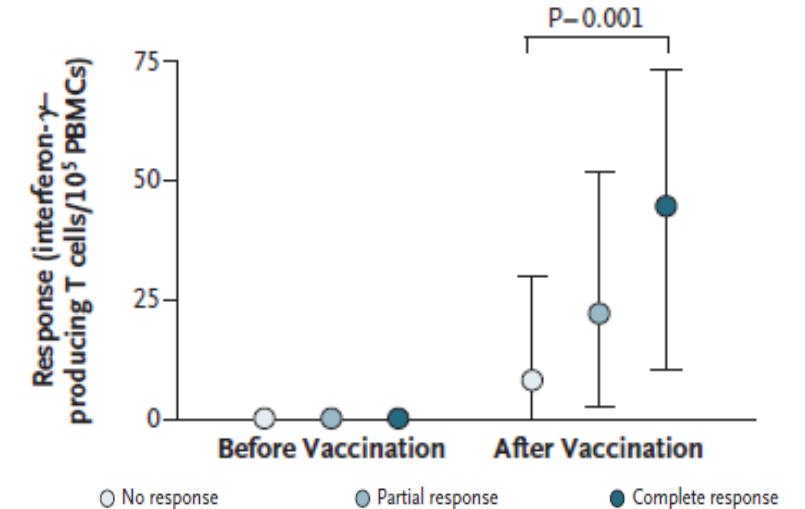


Pre-Vaccine



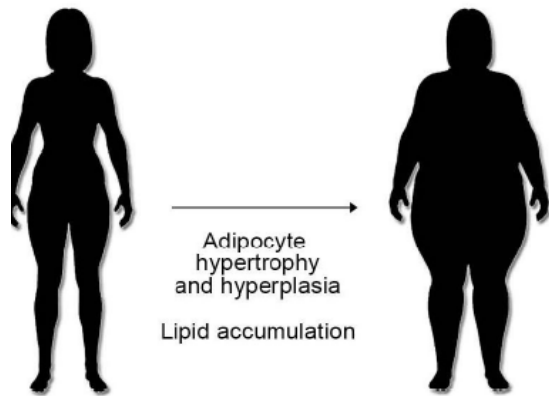
Post-Vaccine

- 79% had clinical responses at 12 months
- 47% had complete responses which were maintained at 24mo
- All patients had vaccine induced T-cell responses



Extended peptide vaccines HPV oncoproteins: E6, E7; 3 vaccines, sq monthly

# Can we prevent breast cancer by targeting a risk factor – obesity?

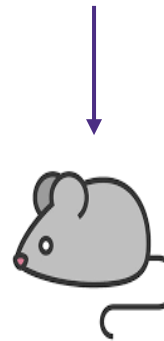


Metabolic dysfunction in inflammatory fat can lead to metabolic syndrome & increased risk for many cancers in individuals with obesity

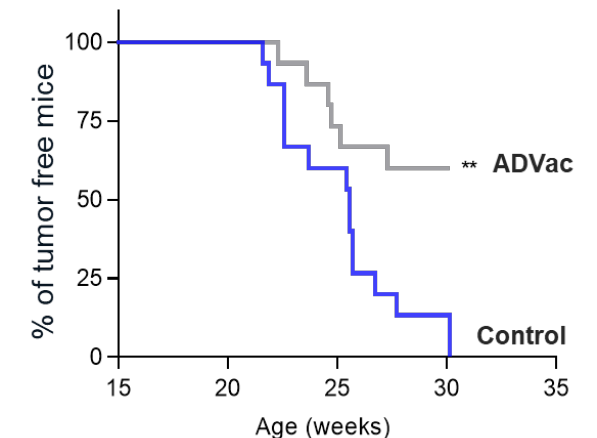
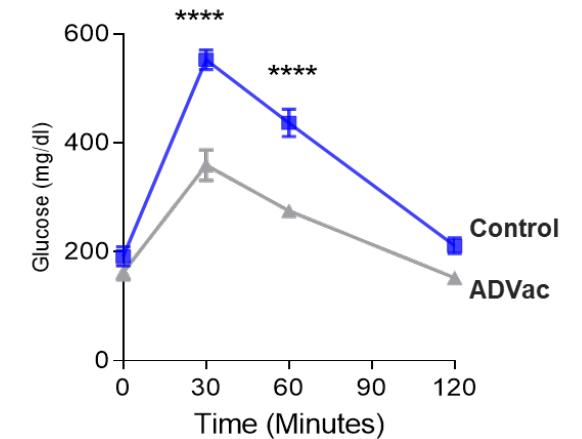


## ADVac DNA vaccine

Targets proteins associated with inflammation from adipocytes



Reversal of diabetes & breast cancer prevention in obese mice?



# Vision for a cancer-free future



**Intermediate Risk**  
Chronic inflammation



**Vaccines to target risk factors to  
prevent cancer**



**High Risk**  
Genetic mutations or  
precancerous lesions



**Vaccines to intercept or prevent  
cancer**



**Very High Risk**  
Cancer diagnosed



**Vaccines to treat cancer &  
prevent recurrence**



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A stylized DNA double helix graphic on the left side of the text. It features two vertical strands of colored dots (blue, purple, pink, red, orange, yellow) connected by horizontal lines, forming a helical shape.

# CANCER VACCINE COALITION

MOVING SCIENCE FORWARD... **FASTER**



**KRISTEN DAHLGREN**  
**FOUNDER & CEO**



Award winning News Correspondent for NBC News including Today Show and NBC Nightly News for more than 2 decades. Breast Cancer Survivor.

## Stage 2 IDC w/lobular features

8 rounds of ACT chemo

Double mastectomy

25 Rounds of radiation

6 surgeries including LVA, Diep Flap,  
revision, flap removal w implants, more  
revisions

Today:

- no feeling in chest, abdomen, part of my lower leg
- Limited shoulder mobility
- Lung Fibrosis from radiation
- chemically induced menopause



2019

# BREAST CANCER HAS BEEN NORMALIZED IN SPITE OF THE FACTS:

**2 MINUTES**

how often someone in the US is diagnosed with Breast Cancer

**1 IN 40**

how great a woman's chance is of dying from breast cancer, in the US

**1 IN 8**

how many women in the US have a chance of developing breast cancer  
in her lifetime

**1 IN 3**

how many new female cancers in the US will be from breast cancer, each year

Why did we put more weight on lives lost  
during COVID-19 than we are now?

--Noubar Afeyan, Founder & Chairman, Moderna





Can we accelerate the process?

A COVID style push to :

- Move scientists out of silos
- Engage the public
- Involve Industry
- Streamline the pipeline
- **\*\*BRING IN GOVERNMENT\*\***



Dr. Nora Disis, UW Cancer Vaccine Institute

# Move Scientists out of Silos:



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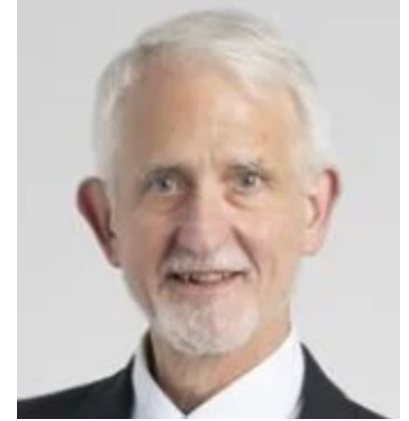
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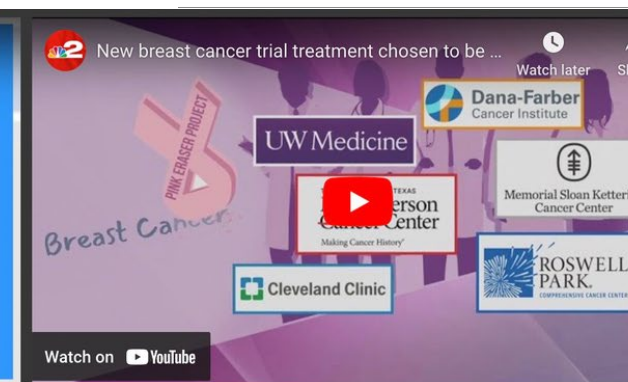
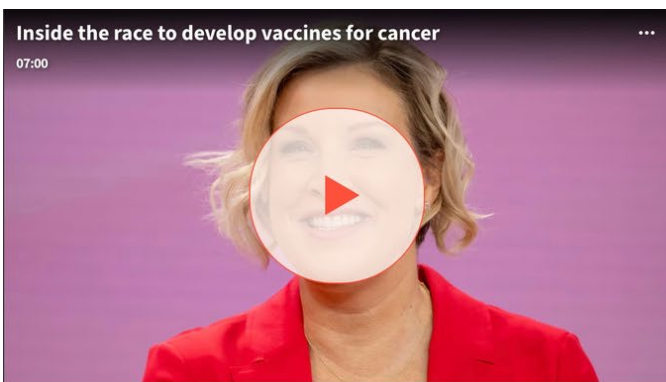
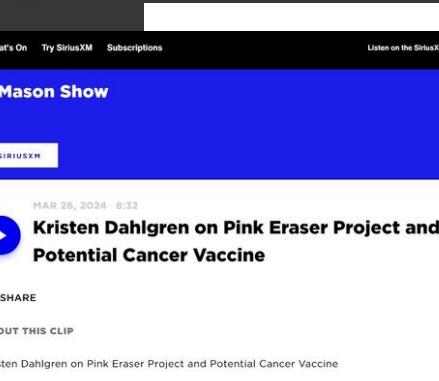
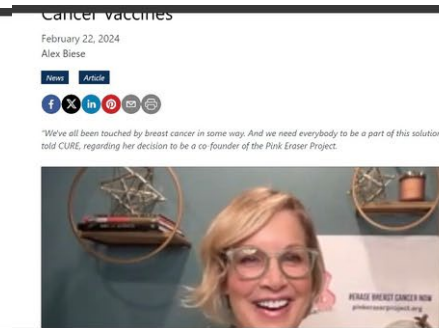
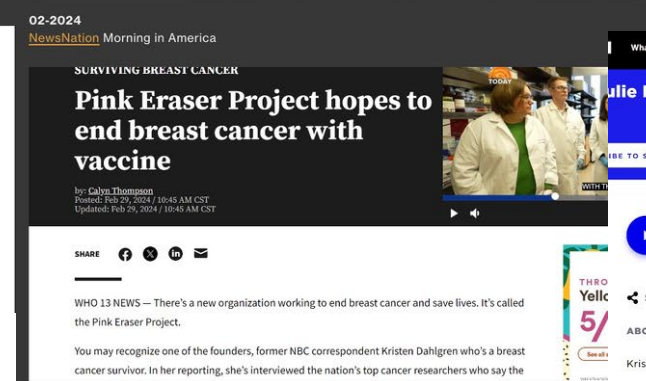
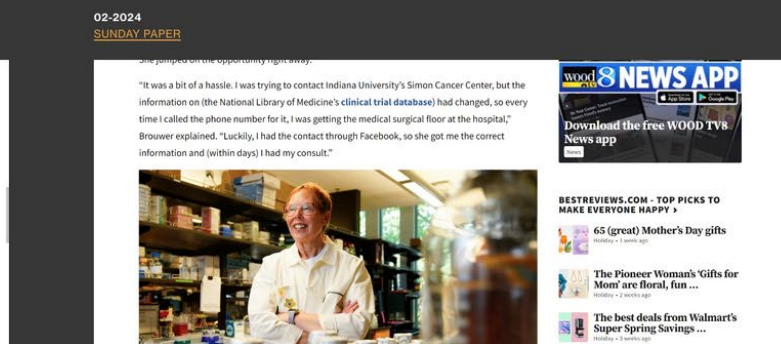
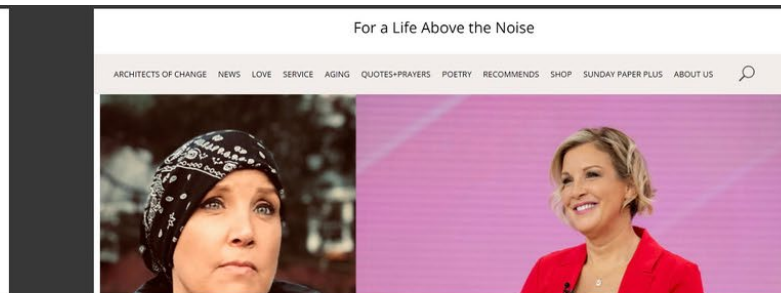
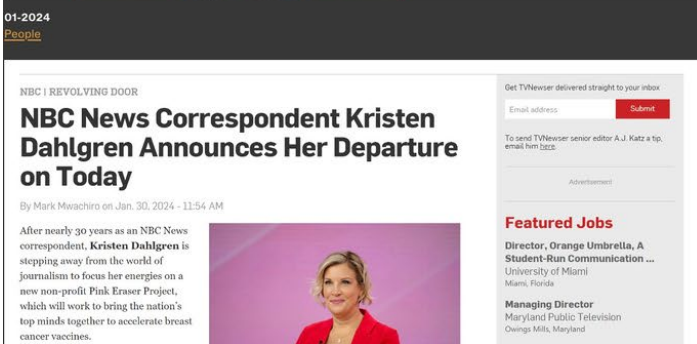
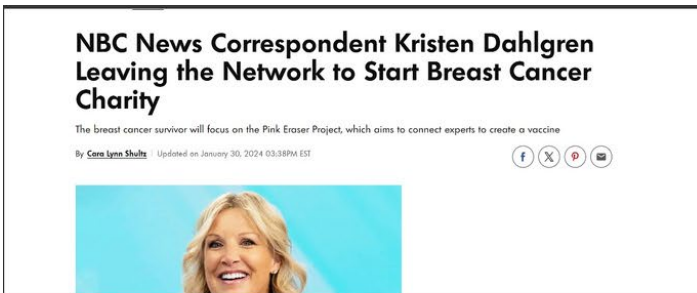
Dr. Powell Brown  
MD Andersen Dept of  
Clinical Cancer  
Prevention.  
Currently focused on  
developing molecularly  
targeted therapy for  
the prevention of ER-  
breast cancer.  
Principal Investigator of  
the N01 Contract that  
support multi-center  
Phase I and II early  
phase  
chemoprevention  
trials.



Dr. G. Thomas Budd  
Cleveland Clinic.  
Recently presented  
positive data from  
Phase I Trial of alpha-  
lactalbumin vaccine in  
high-risk operable  
triple negative breast  
cancer (TNBC) and  
patients at high  
genetic risk for TNBC



# Engage the public:



Involve industry : 

- Moderna
- BioNtech
- Johnson & Johnson
- Genentech
- GSK
- Pfizer
- Anixa Biosciences
- Epithany/ Aston
- Immunolight

Among others....





## Streamline the pipeline & Engaging Government :



- Accelerate established concepts
- Quickly enroll studies and design clinical trials to yield swift “go-no-go” decisions for advancement.
- Work with FDA to provide roadmap for approval a la Covid

Together we can do this



# The UK Cancer Vaccine Launchpad

The foundations and the Frontiers of Cancer therapy



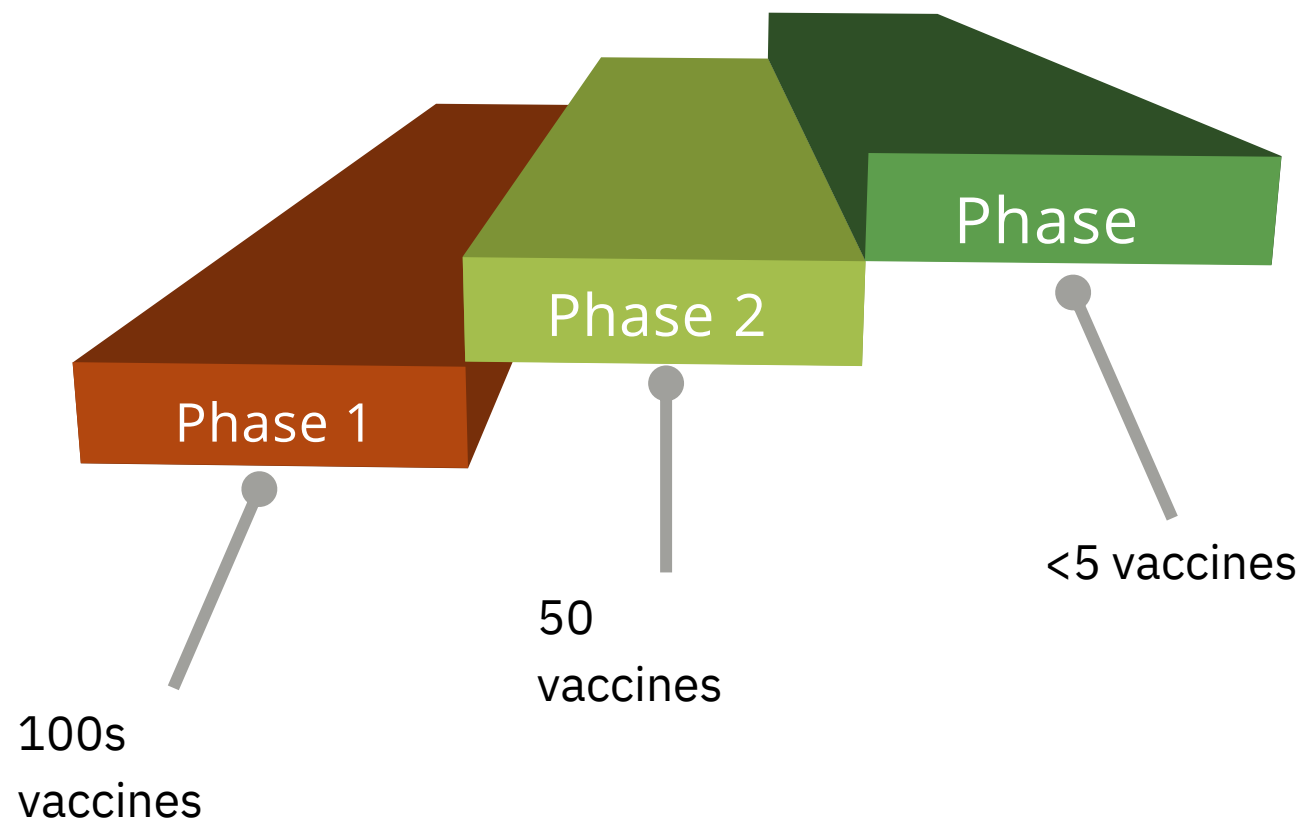
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# A global vaccine technology race is underway



# National Cancer Vaccine Advance

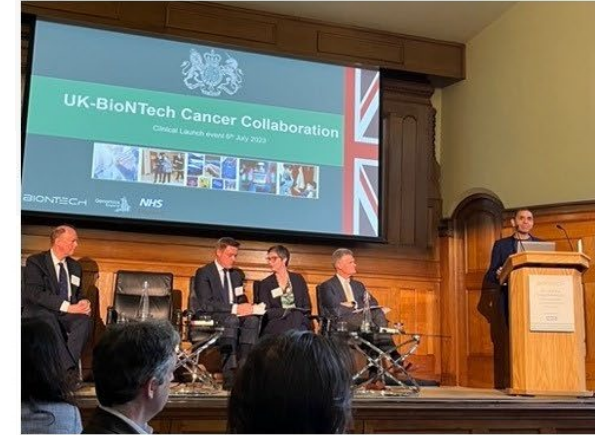


## UK plan for national mRNA cancer vaccine advance

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By Michelle Roberts  
Digital health editor

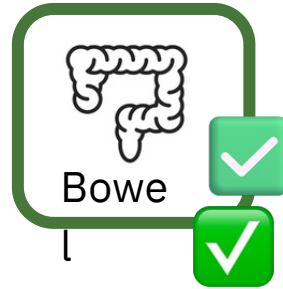
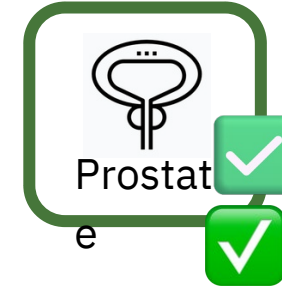
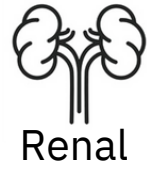
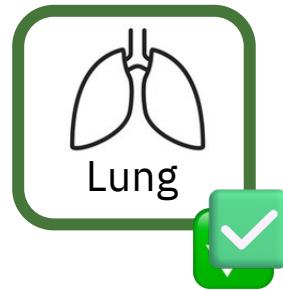


16 active cancer vaccine sites

500+ patients consented to trials  
in year 1

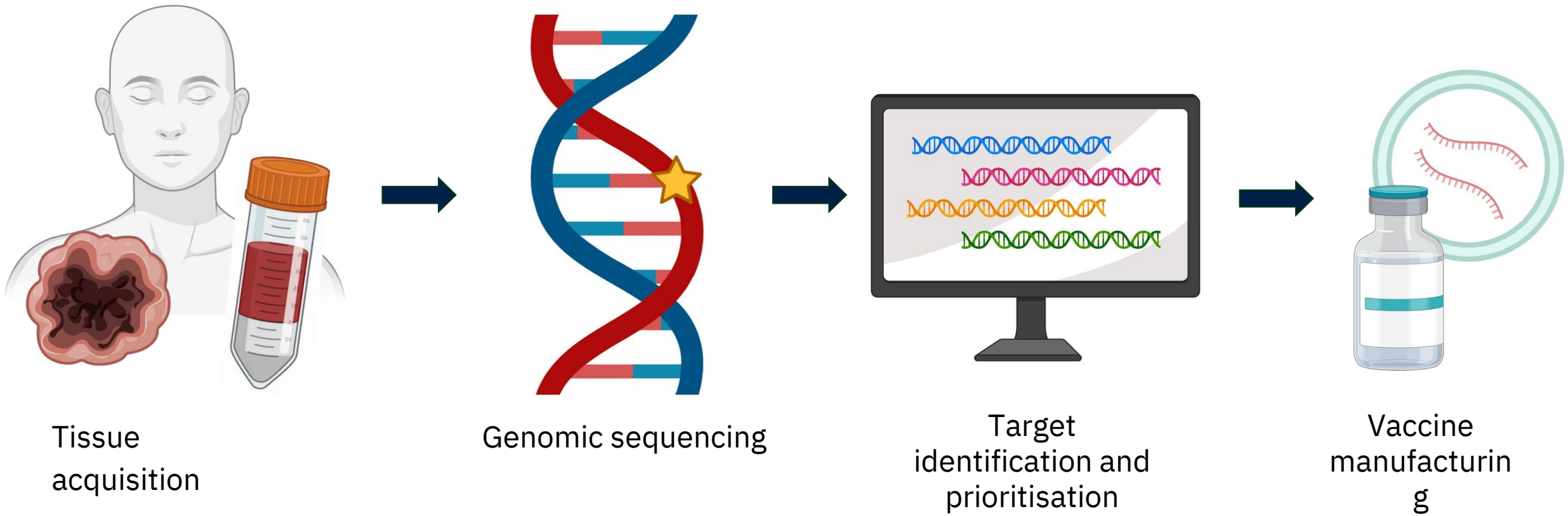








# Genomics underpinning cancer vaccines



## Dozens of NHS hospitals to offer pioneer cancer vaccines in next three months

Health chiefs sign deal with BioNTech as part of cutting-edge clinical trials



By Joe Pinkstone, SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

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## Up to 10,000 Britons could take part in cancer vaccine trials

Participants could receive groundbreaking treatment after the Government signed an agreement with a leading pharmaceutical company.



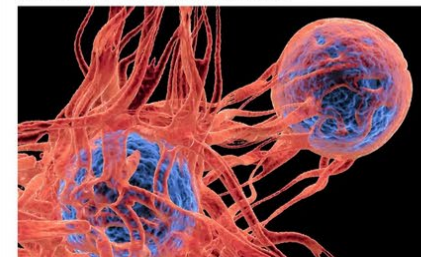
## UHB first to start mRNA cancer vaccine trial for colorectal cancer



University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB) is the first site in the UK to launch the BioNTech Messenger RNA (mRNA) cancer vaccines trial which will aim to recruit 10,000 people across the UK.

## 'A silver lining': how Covid ushered in a vaccines golden era

Pandemic accelerated advances in vaccine technology, opening up possibilities for combating array of diseases



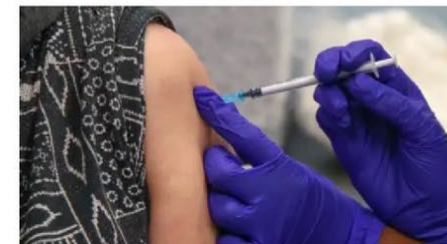
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## BioNTech says it will start cancer vaccine trials in the UK from September

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## Britain jabs its way to centre stage in the mRNA revolution



## Pioneering cancer vaccine trials could start in UK by September

The prospect of a cancer vaccine takes a step forward as German pharmaceutical firm BioNTech announces a partnership with the UK government for plans to deliver personalised treatments to 10,000 patients by 2030 through a new research and development hub in Cambridge.

By Adam Solomons, news reporter

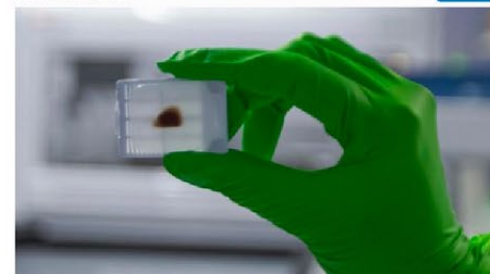


BREAKING

## Cancer Vaccine Trials—Using Same mRNA Tech Behind Covid Shots—Could Launch In U.K. This September

Robert Hart Forbes Staff  
I cover breaking news.

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## Covid vaccine research now helping cancer patients

By Gill Dummigan  
Health Correspondent, BBC North West

Ten months ago, Adrian Taylor was told he had incurable cancer and there were few treatment options left.





# Operation Cancer Vaccine

The UK will initiate a global advance of vaccines for cancer for immunity against cancer

Transformative benefit will be achieved across multiple cancer subtypes, for early and late stage cancers

To place 10,000 people through clinical trials by 2030

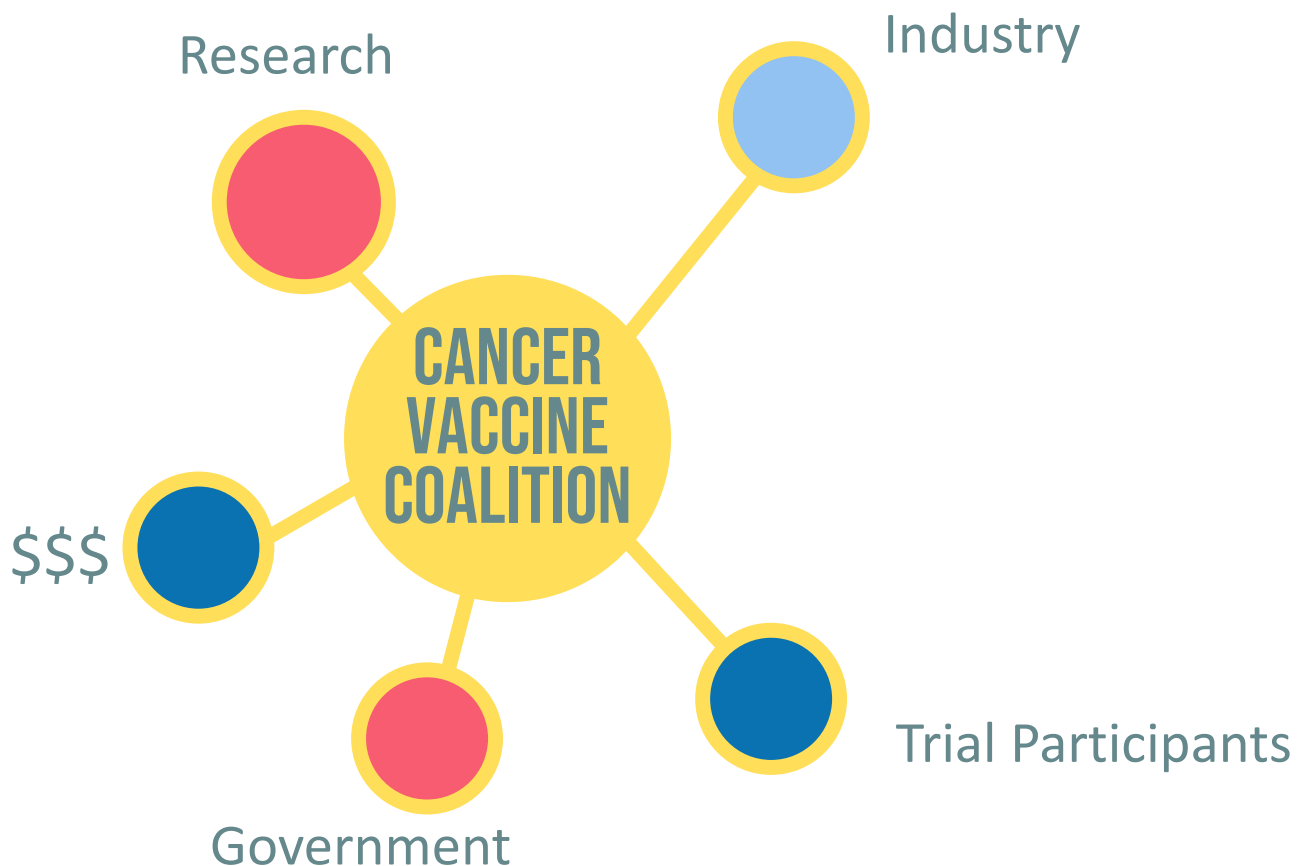




No NHS??



- American Ingenuity
- National pride
- Philanthropy
- Strong Industry
- History of success from space race to Manhattan Project.



## CVC is the hub

Bringing together stakeholders to create an ecosystem where breast cancer clinical trials can move forward quickly.

- We connect researchers to collaborate on ideas and inspire each other to innovate and find collective solutions to problems.
- We connect industry partners to manufacture and develop vaccines.
- We connect government stakeholders to streamline the approval pipeline.
- We connect philanthropic donors and investors to fund trials.
- We connect patients to enroll trials quickly.





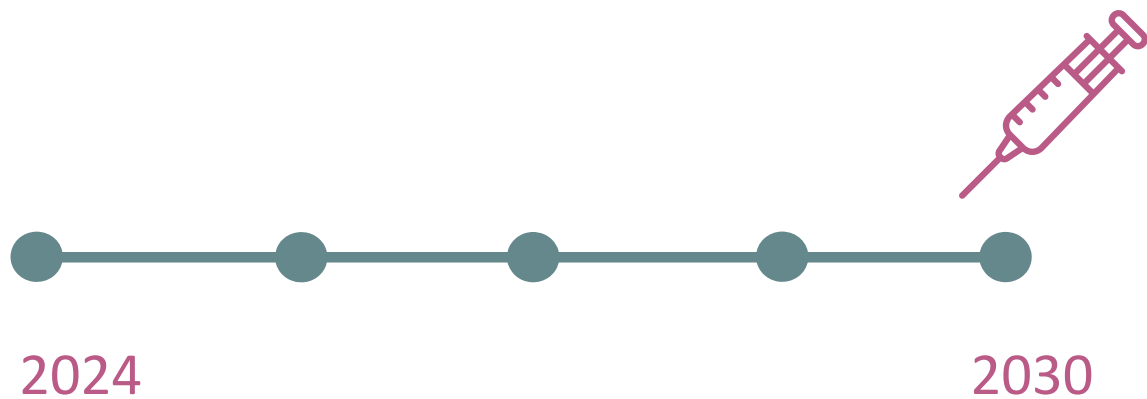
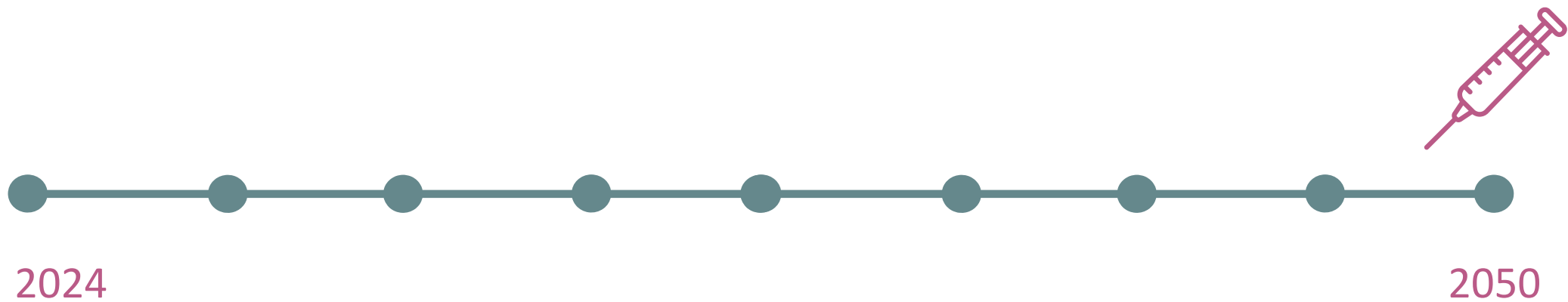
## MISSION

TO SPEED THE DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES AND  
END BREAST CANCER AS A FATAL DISEASE. (WITH  
OTHER VACCINES TO FOLLOW)



## VISION

CVC aims to revolutionize cancer research by bringing together the world's best scientists and thought leaders, supporting and funding vaccine development, while building a social movement and structure to rapidly enroll clinical trials with the goal of a breast cancer vaccine to market in 5-10 years.



**860,000 LIVES SAVED IN U.S.  
ALONE**



- We spend over \$26 BILLION on breast cancer care alone annually
- It is estimated that for less than \$2 Billion we could have safe, effective, breast cancer vaccines to market
- WHY WOULDN'T WE INVEST NOW IN THE BEST R-O-I imaginable:  
An end to cancer as a fatal disease
- Success in Breast cancer vaccines = success in other solid tumor vaccines.



We can build a better world for the next generation





Thank you!

# Breast Cancer Vaccine Innovations in the Works

## Discussion



# Public Comment



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