# Latino/a/x Vaccine Equity Strategy

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## Accelerating Vaccinations in the Latino/a/x Community

• The Latinx community has been disproportionately burdened by COVID-19 in Oregon.

- Vaccinations have accelerated recently in the Latin-x community but not fast enough. Need to co-create a plan:
  - Make current vaccination sites more welcoming
  - Decrease systemic barriers
  - Maximize strategies that are working
  - Increase culturally specific vaccine options



### Strengthen Efforts with Latino/a/x Community

- Co-create and publish a comprehensive, culturally responsive plan to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations.
  - Monitor weekly and course correct where needed.
- Co-create benchmarks for success and regularly report on progress.
  - Engage statewide Latinx leaders to regularly review progress and reassess strategies as needed.



#### **Increase Inclusiveness in Existing Vaccination Sites**

 Ensure existing vaccinations sites are culturally responsive and prioritize equity

- Decrease systemic barriers in existing vaccination sites
  - Language access
  - Minimizing unnecessary requirements
- Consider additional options to make existing sites and mass vaccination sites more appealing
  - Explore walk-in options
  - CBO partnerships for specific outreach



## Maximize Existing Strategies to Increase Access to Vaccination: FQHC and Pharmacy

 Maximize effective Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) pathways to get more vaccinations happening in places community member's trust.

 Allocate sufficient vaccine doses to FQHCs and specific community vaccine efforts based on zip code to meet benchmarks.

Work with Pharmacies to increase access and increase cultural responsiveness



### **Increase Access to Vaccination: Agricultural Worker Efforts**

Continue to implement an agricultural worker and migrant, seasonal farmworker vaccination strategy across the state.



#### ¡Trayendo vacunas a todos!

Dónde: Salem Free First Methodist Church

4455 Silverton Rd NE, Salem, OR 97305

Cuando: Sábado, 1 de mayo de 2021 —

8:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m.

Quién: Personas en la comunidad que tengan o sean

mayores de 16 años

Detalles de la cita: Requiere cita previa.

Vaya a: https://bit.ly/3asjLeK Vacuna disponible: Pfizer

















#### **Increase Access to Vaccination: Community-Driven Vaccine Events**

- Work with Latinx community Based Organizations (CBOs) to identify resources and provide funding needed to promote vaccine-specific work.
- Work with CBOs and Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) to expand culturally responsive, low barrier vaccination sites.



#### **Host an Event**

Host or co-host a vaccination event(s) in which you collaborate with a vaccine provider to give the vaccine to your community.



### Provide Staff or Volunteers

Provide staff or volunteers to support an existing vaccination event(s).



## Promote a Vaccination Event or Effort

Promote a vaccination event(s) or effort through outreach to the community or communities you serve.



#### Provide Transportation or Registration Support

Help community members attend a vaccination event(s) through registration or transportation support.

### Partner with CBOs to Reduce Structural Barriers to Vaccination

- Establish a Latinx language line for vaccination registration.
  - Create, publish and regularly update a master list of statewide BIPOC and Latinx vaccine events to assist with outreach and registration
- Enable pathways for Community Health Workers as vaccinators and increase long-term workforce capacity.

Collaborate with public transit partners to address transportation barriers to vaccination.

### Questions?