

Vaccine Access Barriers Identified from 2021 Vaccine Equity Plans

Background

- Each county was able to submit a vaccine equity plan during the 2021 Vaccine Rollouts.
- We've identified some statewide strengths and barriers that were common themes throughout the plans.

Vaccine Access Strengths

- Making vaccine information accessible in multiple languages.
- Reducing any transportation barriers to vaccines by meeting the community where they are located.
- Engaging with CBOs that serve BIPOC & Tribal, and Houseless communities.
- Making walk-in vaccinations available during commuting hours at pharmacies, urgent care, primary care providers, and focused clinics.
- Holding conversations around community needs and how to meet them.

Vaccine Access Strengths Cont'd

- Providing vaccines at mobile shower sites for the houseless population and at local food pantries they frequent.
- Outreach to the houseless community with a local tribal partner offering clinics in local homeless center.
- Helping transport unhoused community members to other scheduled vaccination events and local pharmacies.
- Feedback received from members of houseless population included how to introduce the idea, which camp leaders to connect with, and how to progress from introducing the idea of vaccinations to being able to give vaccinations.

Vaccine Access Barriers

- Difficulty engaging some of the BIPOC & Tribal communities.
- Power sharing opportunities.
- Vaccine hesitancy.
- Vaccine-related misinformation within Latin community.
- Language accessibility needed for languages outside of Spanish.
- Lack of staff.
- Loss of faith in government.
- Lack of trust from healthcare workers.
- Transportation barriers.
- Low efforts to reach rural communities.
- Limited community feedback from BIPOC & Tribal communities.

Resource Links

- **Vaccine Equity Plan Guide**
 - <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/EquityPlan/Equity-Plan-Submission-Guidance.pdf>
- **County Equity Plans & Progress Reports**
 - <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Thank You!

Any questions?

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