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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS' COVID-19 VACCINATION EFFORTS SUCCEEDING AT REACHING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Cleveland's Community Health Center COVID Services Collaborative – comprised of Asian Services in Action (ASIA), Care Alliance Health Center, Circle Health / The Centers, Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP), Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (NEON), and Signature Health – has been working tirelessly to boost COVID-19 vaccination rates in underserved communities.

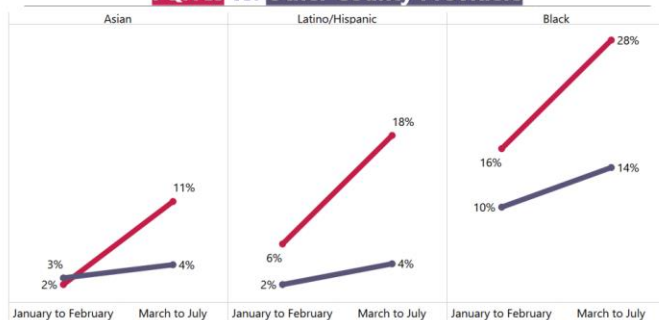
In addition to providing vaccines onsite, local community health centers have made vaccinations available in a wide array of community settings including churches, schools, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) facilities, low-income senior housing, festivals, city halls, and area nonprofits. To further boost access, health centers have worked to create walk-in appointment availability for many vaccination clinics.

“Finding ways to boost access to vaccinations particularly for people of color and those living in low-income communities is essential and core to the mission of community health centers. Community health centers are committed to continuing to find innovative ways of partnering with community stakeholders to ensure that vaccines are easily accessible when people are ready to get vaccinated,” said a Collaborative spokesperson.

Relying on data provided by Better Health Partnership, community health center strategies have proven successful at getting people of color vaccinated. In fact, community health centers are vaccinating a higher percentage of Asian, Latino / Hispanic and Black individuals than all other county providers. The Collaborative’s commitment to reaching every individual in their service area when they are ready to be vaccinated will continue. Part of this effort includes working to educate the community about the benefits of becoming vaccinated. By sharing ideas, best practices, and successes, the Collaborative has been able to boost its impact to the communities it serves.

**Percent of COVID-19 Vaccines Started:
By Patient’s Race / Ethnicity**

FQHCs vs. Other County Providers



Includes vaccinations across Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, and Summit Counties, 1/1/21 – 7/22/21



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