## California Master Plan for Aging Equity in Aging Advisory Committee

Meeting #4 **Thursday, December 16**<sup>th</sup>, **2021**10:00 am - 12:00 pm





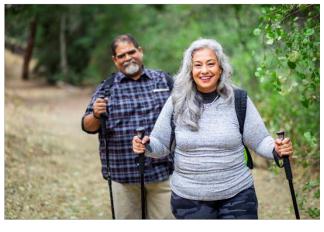
















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## Welcome and Roll Call

Amanda Lawrence California Department of Aging



### Roll Call: Equity in Aging Advisory Committee Members

Berenice Nuñez Constant, AltaMed

Betsy Butler, CA Women's Law Center/Los Angeles Probation Commission

Catherine Blakemore, Disability Rights CA

Cheryl Brown, Advocate & Former Assembly Member

Darrick Lam, ACC Senior Services

David "Jax" Kelly, Let's Kick ASS (AIDS Survivor Syndrome)

Denny Chan, Justice in Aging

Diana Murray, Advocate, HICAP



#### Roll Call: Equity in Aging Advisory Committee Members, Cont.

Donna Benton, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

Edie Yau, Alzheimer's Association

Elvira Castillo, Advocate

Gail Orum, Keck Graduate Institute

Jeffrey Reynoso, Latino Coalition for a Healthy CA

Julia Yarbough, Keeping it REAL Caregiving

Kiara Pruitt, Sistahs Aging with Grace & Elegance

Kevin Prindiville, Justice in Aging



#### Roll Call: Equity in Aging Advisory Committee Members, Cont.

Le Ondra Clark Harvey, CA Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies Marcy Adelman, CA Commission on Aging Marielle Kriesel, Disability Community Resource Center Marty Lynch, LifeLong Medical

Michael Murray, AARP California

Rigo Saborio, Saint Barnabas Senior Services

Valentine Villa, CA State University, Los Angeles

Vincent Crisostomo, San Francisco AIDS Foundation



## Opening Remarks

Susan DeMarois California Department of Aging



## Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Equity in Aging Advisory Committee (EAAC) is to advise the Administration on the implementation of the MPA, as well as CDA on the planning and implementation of aging and disability programs, services, data collection, and staff development.



## **Meeting Agenda**

- 10:00 10:05: Welcome and Roll Call
- **10:05 10:10:** Opening Remarks
- 10:10 10:25: CDA & MPA Updates
- 10:25 10:55: Vaccine Equity Discussion
- 10:55 11:30: Housing and Equity Discussion
- 11:30 11:45: Member Open Forum Hot Topics
- 11:45 11:55: Public Comment
- 11:55 12:00: Closing & Next Steps



## CDA and MPA Updates

Susan DeMarois, Amanda Lawrence, Carmen Gibbs California Department of Aging

Terri Shaw
Consultant to the MPA



## CDA Updates

#### **Hiring Updates**

New Director of the Policy, Research, and Equity Division: Sarah Steenhausen (Start date: January 18)

- New Division, will begin hiring staff Spring 2022
- Will advance many of the strategies in the MPA, including housing, workforce, elder justice, behavioral health..

Office of the Patient Representative (TBA)
State Long Term Care Ombudsman (TBA)



## **CDA Updates**

#### **COVID-19 Response & Equity**

#### **Hubs & Spokes Initiative:**

July – October: 1 launch event, 5 Town Halls, 3 Leadership in Aging Webinars (recordings, slides, and transcripts available online)

Next: Virtual Briefing with findings (TBA)



## CCOREAGE Update (California Capitol Cohort on Race & Equity)

Carmen Gibbs
California Department of Aging



Capital Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE)





## "CCORE-AGE"



# What is Capitol Collaborative on Race & Equity?

- CCORE -State government entities learning about, planning for, and implementing activities that embed racial equity approaches into institutional culture, policies, and practices.
- CCORE offers two capacity building components:
  - 1. a training program for State government entities
  - a staff team that provides technical assistance and support to the CCORE community

**Bonus:** Work collaboratively with other departments to have greater impact on equity



## Why should CDA lead with Race?

- Inequities cut across many areas of success
- Racial anxiety is on the rise
- Specificity matters to achieve success
- Learning an institutional and structural approach to address equity
- Racism is the root cause of many inequities within government



## Racial Equity Action Plans

## A document to help CDA put a theory of change into action



## Racial Equity Action Plans are...

- A means to an end; NOT the end
- Both a process and a product
- Guided by a clear results statement/vision
- Structured to achieve meaningful and measurable results

- Transformative
- Policy documents
- Complementary to and leverage existing planning/policy documents
- Used to create and maintain accountability



## **MPA Updates**

First MPA Annual Progress Report to be released mid-January

First MPA Anniversary Summit: January 21st, 10:30 - noon, Please register!

#### **Elder & Disability Justice Coordinating Council**

21 Stakeholder members appointed by CDA First meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 4pm

Direct Care Workforce Stakeholder webinar: February 1st, 10-11:30

#### **Local Leadership & Age-Friendly Planning**

Orange and Ventura Counties, DAN Coalition & more



## MPA Committee 2022 Calendar

#### <u>Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in CA Together (IMPACT) Stakeholder Committee</u>

Jan. 18, April 19, July 12, Oct. 11

#### **Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC)**

Jan. 28, April 28, July 20, Oct. 19

#### **Equity in Aging Advisory Committee (EAAC)**

March 16, June 15, Sept. 14, Dec. 14

#### **Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC)**

Feb. 9, May 11, Aug. 10, Nov. 16

<u>Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Advisory Committee</u> – Dates TBD





The Data Dashboard for Aging: Using Data to Drive Action

## SOGI Data Being Added: Characteristics

- LGBTQ
  - Cis-Gender and Straight/Heterosexual
  - LGBTQ
- Sexual Orientation
  - Bisexual
  - Gay, Lesbian, or Homosexual
  - Not Sexual/Celibate/None
  - Other
  - Straight/Heterosexual

- Sexual Orientation by Gender
  - Bisexual Female
  - Bisexual Male
  - Gay, Lesbian, or Homosexual Female
  - Gay, Lesbian, or Homosexual Male
  - Straight/Heterosexual Female
  - Straight/Heterosexual Male
- Gender Identity
  - Cis-Gender
  - Transgender or Gender Non-Conforming

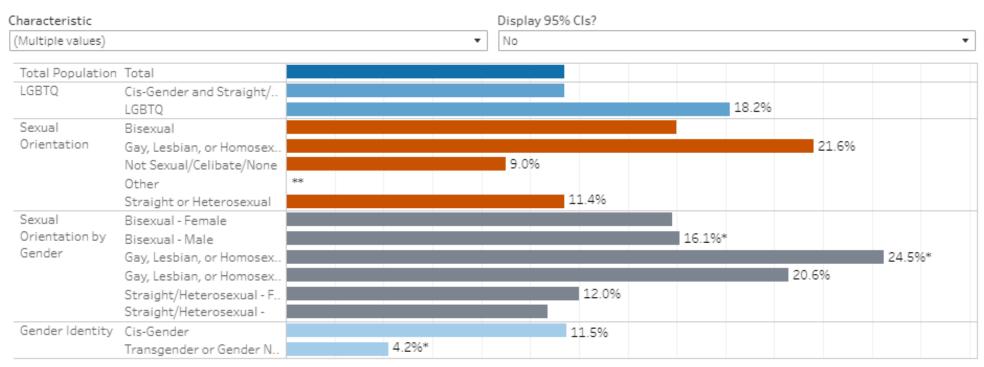
## SOGI Data Being Added: Measures

Entire Demographic Dashboard

- Indicators (Goal, Strategy):
  - Usual Source of Care (2B)
  - Psychological Distress (2C)
  - Community Support (3A)
  - Volunteering (3D)
  - Food Insecurity (5C)

## DRAFT Example: Volunteering

Percent of Adults Age 60 or Older Who Volunteered to Organize/Lead Efforts to Help Solve Problems in Community in the Past Year, by Characteristic, 2020



<sup>\* =</sup> Statiscallly unstable estimates are based on the relative standard error (RSE) and indicate a small sample.

<sup>\*\*=</sup>Values with a population less than 500 have been suppressed. 0% and 100% estimates have been suppressed since RSE cannot be calculated.

## Vaccine Equity Presentations & Discussion

Denny Chan Justice in Aging

Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna California Department of Public Health

Connie Nakano California Department of Aging





# Vaccine Equity Update and Discussion with CDA Equity in Aging Advisory Committee



Rohan Radhakrishna, MD, MPH, MS (he/him)

**Deputy Director and Chief Equity Officer** 

California Department of Public Health

Office of Health Equity

December 16, 2021

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## Vaccine Equity Presentation

Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna and Colleagues from the Immunization Branch/Vaccine Taskforce & Vaccinate All 58 Communications Team California Department of Public Health



## Agenda

- Vaccine Equity Goals & Data (Rohan)
- Long Term Care Facility Vaccination Efforts (Lily Horng & Lindsay Bradshaw)
   Lily.Horng@cdph.ca.gov & Lindsay.Bradshaw@cdph.ca.gov
- VA58 Outreach, Education and Appointment Assistance (Sonya Harris)

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 Question/Answer & Discussion: strategies to overcome access barriers and better reach community living older adults?

## Overview of progress toward equity goals

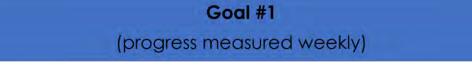


Ensure **75% of 12+ individuals** across **all races / ethnicities** have received **at least 1 dose** of the COVID-19 vaccine by Jan 1, 2022

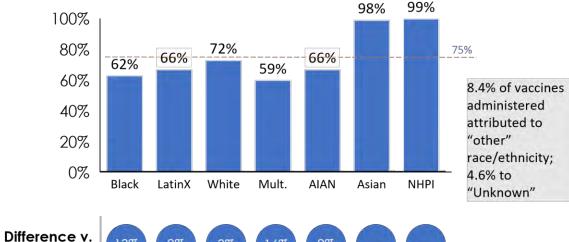
Goal 2

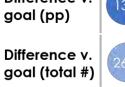
**Decrease inequities** in COVID-19 1+ dose vaccination rates for 12+ individuals across **place-based (HPI Q1 vs. Q4) and insurance type groups (MediCal vs. Non-MediCal)** to **less than 10 percentage points** by Jan 1, 2022

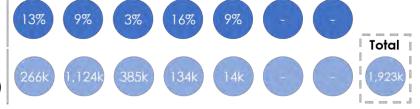
## Overview of progress toward equity goals



COVID-19 vaccination rates (1+ dose, 12+ y.o.), by race / ethnic group<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>



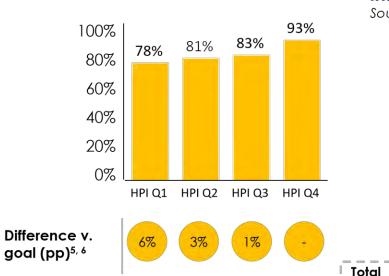




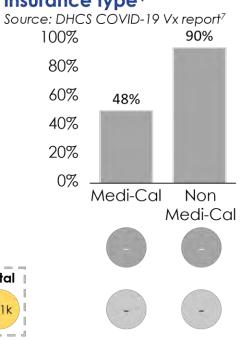
#### Goal #2

(HPI progress measured weekly; Medi-Cal progress measured bi-weekly)<sup>4</sup>

COVID-19 vaccination rates (1+ dose, 12+ y.o.), by place / HPI<sup>4</sup>



## COVID-19 vaccination rates (1+ dose, 5+ y.o.), by insurance type<sup>4</sup>



<sup>&</sup>quot;AIAN" category refers to the American Indian and Alaska Native populations; 2. "NHPI" category refers to Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander populations, but data for this category may not reflect actual vaccination rates due to some vaccine administrations being misclassified into this group; 3. Excludes vaccination data that is unknown or classified as "other"; 4. Excludes federally administered doses, including DOD, IHS, and VA; 5. HPI goal based on Q4 projections derived from 4-week rolling average; 6. Initial CDPH hypothesis only – goal to be refined; 7. https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/COVID-19/DHCS-COVID-19-Vaccine-Stats.pdf

Difference v.

goal (total #)<sup>5, 6</sup>

Note CDPH data validation ongoing to ensure accuracy amid multiple system-wide changes (e.g., addition of 5-11, boosters, updated DOF data, ongoing multi-race attribution)

Source: CDPH Snowflake accessed on 12/9/21 (for data through 12/8/21); CA Department of Finance population projections (July 2021)

#### Vaccination Rates by Age Group

data as of December 10, 2021

60,485,328 total doses administered statewide (all age groups)

#### 65+ Population Data

87% received at least one dose

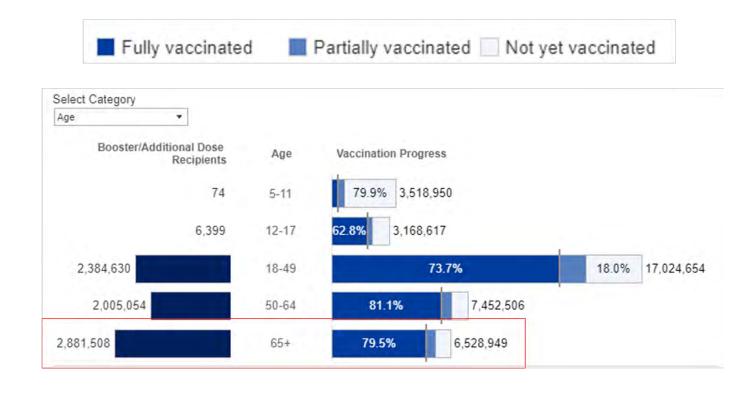
80% fully vaccinated

7% partially vaccinated

13% not yet vaccinated

**2,881,508** booster recipients 65+

40% of all booster\* recipients have been 65+



#### 65+ Vaccination Rates by HPI Quartile

#### 1+ Vaccination Rate

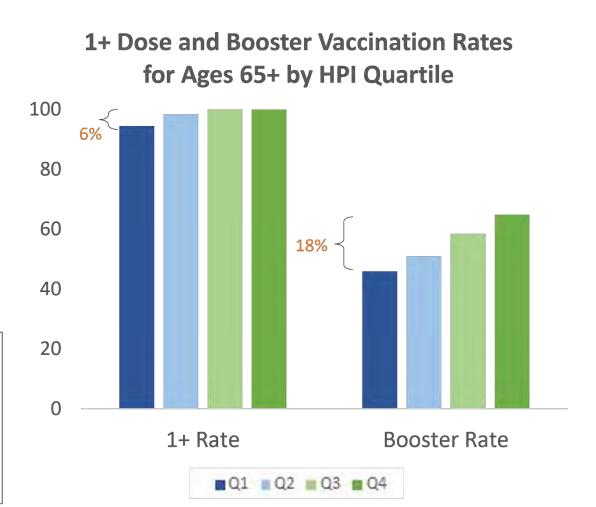
6% gap between HPI Q1 and HPI Q4

#### **Booster Vaccination Rate**

18% gap between HPI Q1 and HPI Q4

#### Technical Notes:

- Booster rates are estimated as a percent of those eligible for a booster (i.e. individuals fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago or 2 months ago based on Pfizer/Moderna or J&J respectively)
- Population estimates are based on projections and thus have a margin of error; this error can result in >99.9% values
- HPI Q1 = Health Places Index (Quartile 4 = more healthy community conditions; Q1 = less healthy community conditions)



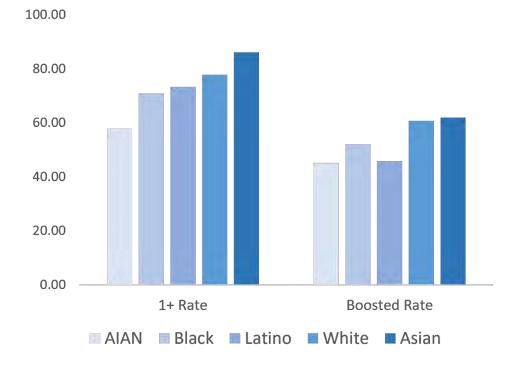
#### Vaccination Rates by Race/Ethnicity for 65+

AI/AN, Latinx, and Black Californians have <u>lower</u> 1+ dose and booster dose rates than Asian and White Californians

#### **Technical Notes:**

- Booster rates are estimated as a percent of those eligible for a booster (i.e. individuals fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago or 2 months ago based on Pfizer/Moderna or J&J respectively)
- This data does not include vaccinations by federal entities (including the Indian Health Service), so the vaccination rate for AIAN Californians is likely higher than this estimate.
- NHPI and Multiracial population data quality is under validation at this time and could not be included here





#### Vaccination Rates by Provider Type for 65+

35% of doses have been administered by Pharmacies

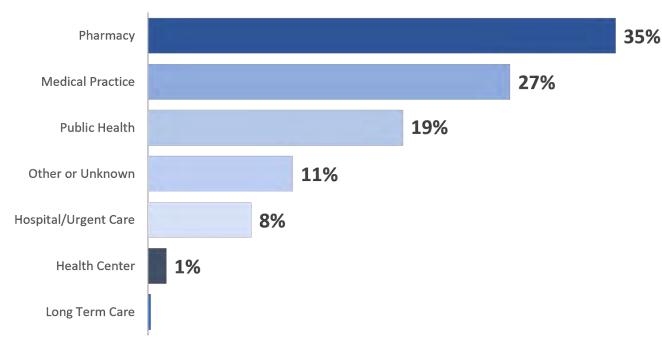
**27%** by Medical Practices

19% by Public Health

#### Technical Note:

 Pharmacy includes doses administered at Long-Term Care Settings

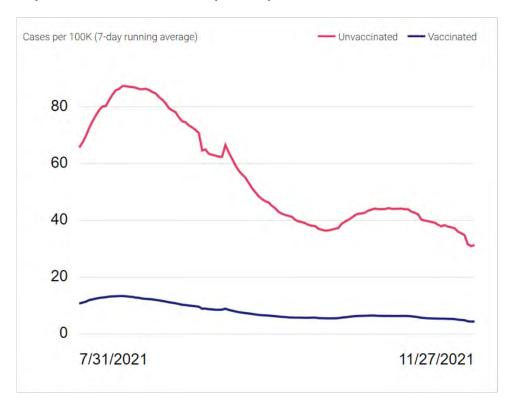




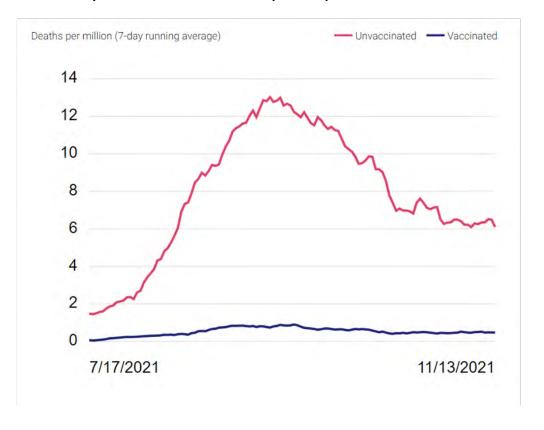
## Vaccinated vs Unvaccinated

From November 21 to 27, 2021, unvaccinated people were

7.1x more likely to get COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people.



From November 7 to 13, 2021, unvaccinated people were 13x more likely to die from COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people.



## **Ensuring Vaccine Access**

We reached our aging community through long term care facilities and worked in partnership with Local Health Departments, state licensing agencies (including Department of Social Services), and the Public COVID Call Center to provide vaccine updates. Resources included:

- Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit
- State Assistance Request Form if needed

We continue to support the work of the Department of Aging to gather key insights and share up to date vaccine information with equity focused stakeholder groups.

California provided in-home vaccination and transportation services to all Californians. If someone doesn't have a way to the get to a vaccination site, they can receive free transportation through MyTurn.ca.gov or the state's COVID-19 hotline at 1-833-422-4255 (available in 250+ languages). As of December 6, 2021, we have administered over 15,000 doses through in-home vaccination and transportation services.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) issued Inclusive Planning Blueprint for Addressing Access and Functional Needs at Mass Testing/Vaccination Sites, outlining a comprehensive list of lessons learned and guidance that can be used to integrate access and functional needs-related considerations when creating mass testing or vaccination plans at the state, regional, tribal, territorial, or local levels.

## Long Term Care Facility Vaccination Efforts

#### Long Term Care Facility Vaccination Efforts

- Goal to ensure that long-term care facilities (LTCFs) have access to COVID vaccine, including booster doses.
- CDPH working with many partners
  - Local health departments (LHDs)
  - State licensing agencies including Department of Social Services (DSS)
  - Public COVID Call Center
  - Pharmacy partners: long-term care and retail pharmacies
  - CDC



#### LTCF Outreach and Assistance

- Active, tailored outreach to LTCFs
- Survey vaccination needs, including for any residents with mobility challenges
  - Provide vaccination resources
  - LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit
    - How to access local pharmacy options
    - LHD, state, and CDC resources
    - CDPH LTCF-pharmacy team can help if needed: <u>State assistance request</u> form

## LTCF Education and Resources

- Co-presenting on LTCF partner calls
- Sharing Staff and Patient Education Resources
  - Everyone in Long-term Care Needs
     Protection Against COVID-19 and
     Influenza poster
  - <u>COVID-19 Information for LTC Residents</u> and Family Members (CDC)
  - Myths and Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccine webpage (CDC): Chinese, English, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages

#### **Everyone in Long-term Care Facilities Needs Protection Against Flu and COVID-19!** Flu and COVID-19 can be life-threatening · Patients and staff depend on each other to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to flu and COVID-19 **Protect Yourself and Those Around You** Complete a COVID-19 vaccine series and get a COVID-19 booster · Get a yearly flu shot COVID-19 and flu vaccines can be given on the same day Get your flu and COVID-19 vaccines at: Vaccinate

## DSS Adult and Senior Care Program: Vaccination Progress

Statewide Total: 88% Resident and 86% Staff Fully Vaccinated ADULT & SENIOR CARE PROGRAM SURVEY-123 PERCENTAGE VACCINATED BY FACILITY TYPE STATEWIDE (AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER 2021) Resident % Fully Vaccinated - - Staff % Fully Vaccinated 93% 100% 93% 91% 89% 90% 79% 94% 80% 87% 84% 70% 70% 77% 60% 68% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% ARF for Persons Adult Day Program Adult Residential Residential Care Residential Facility Social Facilities for the for the Chronically Rehabilitation (ADP) Facility (ARF) with Special Health Care Needs Eldlery (RCFE) III (RCFCI) Facility (SRF) (ARFPSHN)

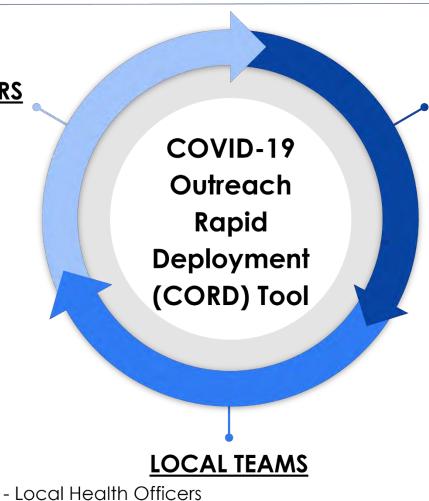
## Building Vaccine Confidence

### Campaign Purpose & Ecosystem

#### OTHER PARTNERS

- Philanthropy Funded CBOs
- Academia
- Elected Officials' Offices

**GOAL:** Use a data driven approach to motivate and activate California's most vulnerable communities through an outreach, public education and appointment assistance campaign that is rooted in cultural humility.

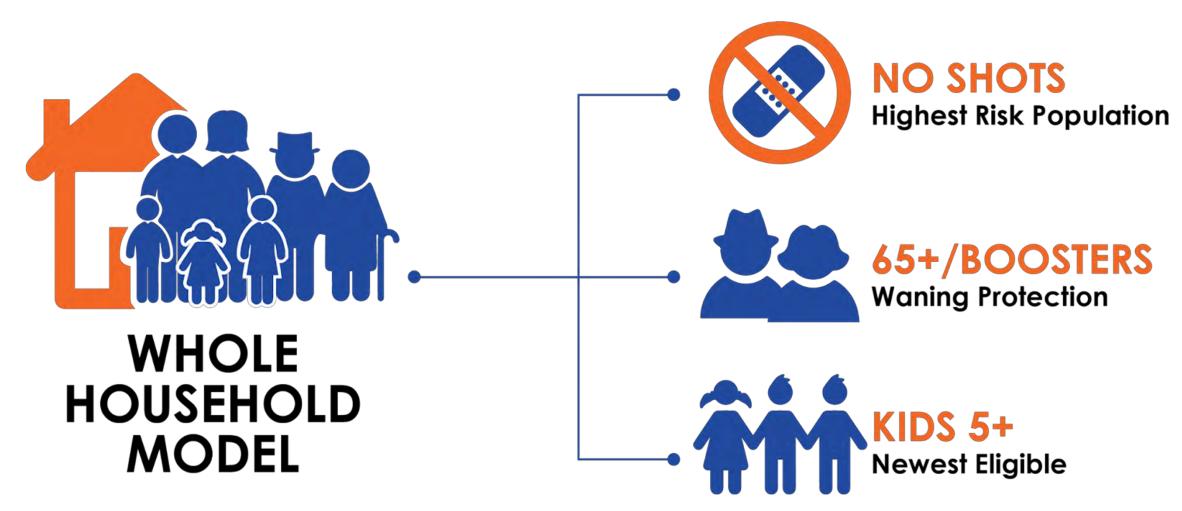


#### **STATE TEAMS**

- Department of Public Health
- Department of Health Care Services
- Labor & Workforce Development Agency
- Government Operations Agency
- State funded CBO network

- Local Health Jurisdiction Community Partners

### Simplified Messaging Approach



### Campaign Highlights

- Early on, launched a public awareness campaign entitled
   "Mothers," featuring real California mothers urging residents to stay
   safe during the holiday season, featuring Californians from ethnic
   and racial minorities at an increased risk of getting sick or dying
   from COVID-19.
- Coordinated closely with the California Department of Aging,
   Department of Health Care Services, and other state agencies to encourage Californians to get vaccinated.
  - Supported over 80 events through our speaker's bureau, including several AARP Tele Town Halls with Director Tomas Aragon to answer key questions from older Californians.
  - Delivered seven million mailers with vaccine messaging to Medi-Cal households.
- Sent one million postcards with COVID-19 booster reminders and other resources to California's Area Agencies on Aging network, Meals on Wheels program, and Aging & Disability Resource Connections.







### Partnerships with Trusted Messengers

- Through the COVID-19 Community Health Project, COVID-19
   Workplace Outreach Project and partnership with philanthropy, we
   have engaged 700+ Community Based Organizations (CBOs).
- CDPH has partnered with 200+ ethnic media outlets throughout the state to ensure messaging about COVID-19 and vaccines reaches California's diverse communities statewide.
- Since April 2021, we've regularly **convened faith-based leaders** of all denominations to share information that can help their congregations and communities on their vaccine journey.
- Launched Medical Professionals Program (MPP) aimed to equip California's trusted medical professionals, including doctors, nurses, and other community health leaders, with tools and techniques to facilitate effective conversations with their patients/clients to encourage vaccination.
- And so many more...







### How You Can Help

- Help us amplify our messaging and compel Californians into action!
- Go to our toolkit at <a href="https://toolkit.covid19.ca.gov/partners">https://toolkit.covid19.ca.gov/partners</a> to find:
  - Talking points
  - Fact sheets and infographics
  - Social graphics
  - Videos
  - ... and more in 18+ languages!



#### Discussion

- What access barriers for older adults are you hearing about that can be addressed?
- Many of our programs are geared towards residential facilities, how can we better reach the older adult ambulatory population?



### COVID Vaccine Outreach

Connie Nakano

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach



- Vaccine outreach campaign continues
- Utilizing paid, earned media channels
- Broadcast radio, TV, direct mail, online advertising
- Ethnic media partnerships and advertorials



#### COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach: Ethnic Print



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살고 있습니다.

제 남편인 히로코 프랭크 오가와는 팬데믹 기간 중인 2020년 7월 사망했습니다. 그 당시만해도 코로나 19 백신은 아직 나오지 않았고 저는 팬데믹에 대해 매우 슬프고 불안했습니다. 도대체 뭘 해야 할지 알수 없었습니다.

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"Tên tôi là Yoshiko Ogawa và tôi từ Nhật Bản. Tôi năm nay 81 tuổi và hiện sống ở Redwood City, California.

Chống tôi, Hiroko Frank Ogawa, đã qua đời vào tháng 7 năm 2020 trong trận đại dịch. Lúc đó chưa có vắc xin phòng bệnh COVID-19 và do đó tôi thì rất buổn và lo sợ về đại dịch, không biết phải làm sao.

Khi tôi nghe nói rằng vắc-xin COVID-19 được phát minh, đó là một tin tuyệt vời đối với tội. Cách đây vài ngày, tôi đã được tiêm tăng cường vắc-xin và điều đó khiến tôi cảm thấy tư do, hanh phúc và hơn hết là cảm thấy rất bình vên ".



Vắc xin COVID-19 đã được thử nghiệm và chứng minh là an toàn và hiệu quá cho hàng triệu người. Hiện nay chích thêm một liều tăng cường bổ sung được khuyến nghị để giúp duy trì khá năng miễn dịch mạnh mẽ và tăng khá năng báo vệ chống lại COVID-19.

Liêu tăng cường được cung cấp miễn phí cho mọi người bất kể tình trạng nhập cư hoặc bảo hiểm. Dịch vụ đưa đón miễn phí và đặt lịch hen tại nhà cũng được cung cấp,

> Hãy truy cập VaccinateALL58.com hoặc MyTurn.ca.gov hoặc gọi 833-422-4255 ngay hôm nay để tìm hiểu thêm.

#### LA SABIDURÍA DE LOS AÑOS



"Soy Maria Orellana. Sov una peruana-estadounidense de 67 años y vivo en el condado de San Mateo.

Sufro de asma v tuve COVID-19 antes de que existiera la vacuna. Me sentia muy asustada, aislada y triste.

Al vacunarme, sobre todo con mi 3ra dosis. recuperé la tranquilidad. mis seres queridos y volvi a trabajar como organización cultural donde bailo danza folclórica. Me siento feliz'.

Las vacunas contra COVID-19 han sido probadas y han demostrado ser seguras y eficaces para millones de personas. Se recomienda una dosis de refuerzo para ayudar a mantener la inmunidad y tener mayor protección contra COVID-19.

Las dosis de refuerzo son gratis y están disponibles sin importar tu estado migratorio o si tienes seguro médico.



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#### **WITH AGE COMES WISDOM**

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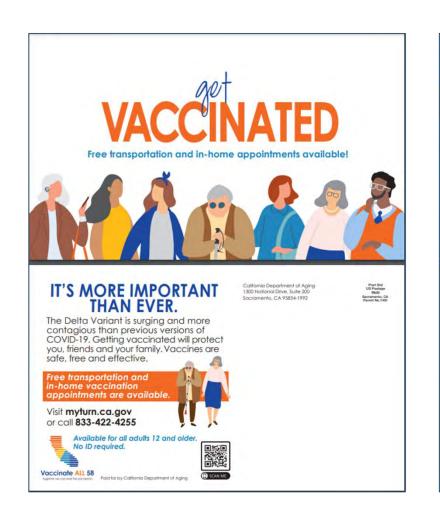


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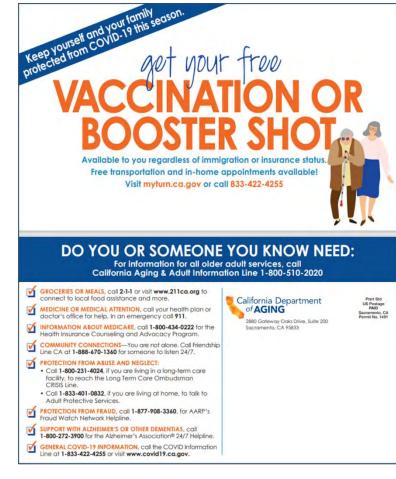
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## Housing and Equity Presentations & Discussion

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### Goal Five: Affording Aging Strategy A: End Homelessness for Older Adults

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## CDSS Efforts to End Homelessness for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities

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Claire Ramsey, Chief Deputy Director



## About CDSS Housing & Homelessness Branch

- CDSS's Housing and Homelessness Branch (HHB) programs function at the intersection of housing and social services
- HHB programs served over 100,000 individuals in 2020
- The State Budget has invested \$12 billion in housing and homelessness programs over the next two years. Just over \$2 billion of these funds were invested in CDSS program expansions, with \$1.49 billion directed towards programming for adults and people with disabilities.

## Housing and Homelessness Programs

#### **Seniors and Adults with Disabilities**

- Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)
- Home Safe Program
- Project Roomkey (PRK)
- Community Care Expansion (CCE)

#### **Family Programs**

- CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA) Program
- CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)
- Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program



#### The Need

- In 2020, over 100,000 individuals with disabling conditions and over 14,000 individuals over the age of 65 touched the homeless system.
- The number of older homeless Americans is expected to triple in the next decade and will have complex care and unique housing needs.
- Racial disproportionality in homelessness as a result of systemic racism
- The CA Master Plan for Aging's goals and strategies to reduce housing instability and to end homelessness for older adults.

## Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)

- HDAP assists people experiencing or at risk of homelessness stabilize in housing while also advocating for benefits including SSI.
- HDAP offers outreach, disability benefits advocacy, case management, housing navigation, and financial assistance such as rental assistance, rental backpay, and security deposits.
- The state budget appropriates \$300 million over two years in addition to the ongoing, annual appropriation of \$25 million
- Allocation have been issued, deadline to accept funds is Friday, December 3, 2021



#### Home Safe

- Home Safe provides homelessness assistance and prevention services for adult protective service clients (or those in the process of APS intake), who are older and dependent adults experiencing abuse, neglect, or who are unable to care for their own needs
- Home Safe offers housing-related case management, housing stabilization services, housing navigation, connections to longer-term care, and direct financial assistance such as rental assistance or home accessibility modifications.
- The state budget includes additional one-time investments totaling \$185 million over two years
- Allocations have been issued, deadline to accept funds is Friday, December 3, 2021

## Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy

- PRK provides provide Non-Congregate Shelter for those experiencing homelessness as well as re-housing supports to access and stabilize in permanent housing.
- The state budget includes an additional one-time investment of \$150 million
- Allocation issued and accepted in mid-September, 2021

## Community Care Expansion (CCE)

- CCE will fund the acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of adult and senior care facilities in support of seniors and adults with disabilities that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- The state budget includes \$805 million to support establishment of CCE
- A Request for Applications (RFA) will be released in early 2022 in coordination with DHCS
- Send input and feedback to <a href="CCE@dss.ca.gov">CCE@dss.ca.gov</a>

## Goals to Enhance Equity

Research partnerships for evaluation of need and program impact

Expanded technical assistance opportunities on incorporating equity into programming

Operationalize requirement for grantees to address racial disproportionality

# For follow-up questions, please contact housing@dss.ca.gov



## Member Open Forum

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- Member Updates & Hot Topics
- Suggested Future Agenda Items
  - 2022 MPA Goal Driven Meeting Agendas



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## Closing & Next Steps

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