FEMA COVID-19 Vaccination Update

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WASHINGTON - - This week, federal pilot community vaccination centers are scheduled to open in Gary, Indiana; Greenbelt, Maryland; St. Louis; Memphis, Tennessee and Milwaukee, while FEMA mobile vaccination units have begun operations, bringing vaccinations to hard-to-reach and high-risk populations who cannot access services from fixed sites. Four units are operational: one in Connecticut, two in Maryland and one in Oregon.

FEMA remains committed to the equitable distribution of vaccines. Using data from CDC's social vulnerability index and population data from the census, the agency continues working with state partners to locate community vaccination centers where they will be able to do the most good for the most vulnerable populations and ensure everyone who wants a vaccine gets one.

The agency continues working to speed up vaccinations by supporting states as they open community vaccine centers across the country and working with interagency partners to stand-up and provide support to additional centers daily. Community vaccination centers are led by states, but may be supported by the federal government, including FEMA. Each state determines its own vaccination priority groups and procedures.

FEMA has now provided more than **$4.5 billion** to 42 states, Washington D.C., four tribes and five territories for expenses related to COVID-19 vaccination at 100% federal cost share. These funds cover critical supplies, staffing, training and transportation needs that support increased vaccination efforts.

On April 1, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas expanded the Feb. 5 Surge Capacity Force activation for vaccination support operations. This expansion requests staffing support from all executive branch agencies, instead of only Department agencies. The force is composed of employees from other federal agencies who volunteer to augment FEMA's workforce.

Find out where, when and how to get a vaccine in your community and get more information from your local health department and a list of places where adults

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can get a vaccine. Visit FEMA.Gov for information on FEMA's vaccination support efforts.