WASHINGTON -- Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton attended the opening of the vaccination center at Chicago’s United Center this morning, as another vaccination center opened in Greensboro, North Carolina. The center in Chicago -- capable of administering 6,000 shots per day -- can be reached from six transit lines and multiple city bus routes, with easy parking and proximity to the city’s major roadways.

“The decision to locate this federal pilot vaccination site at the United Center was a data-driven one, with the primary goal of equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine for Chicagoland’s [older adults] and socially vulnerable individuals,” said Fenton. “I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize the strong public-private partnership with the United Center owners and staff who made today a reality for the city and its most-vulnerable populations.”

FEMA has provided more than $4.27 billion 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, such as today’s center openings.

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 can get a vaccine.

Visit FEMA.gov for information on FEMA’s vaccination support efforts.

Acting FEMA Administrator Visits Chicago Community Vaccination Center
CHICAGO -- Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton (center) and Acting FEMA Region 5 Regional Administrator Kevin M. Sligh (right of center) discuss the Chicago United Center community vaccination center opening with federal partners.

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CHICAGO -- Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton (left) and Gov. J.B. Pritzker discuss Illinois vaccination efforts in front of the United Center community vaccination center.

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CHICAGO -- Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton (left) enters the United Center community vaccination center.

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CHICAGO -- Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot discusses the new United Center vaccination center with Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton.

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CHICAGO -- Soldiers from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division assist with check-in at the United Center community vaccination center.

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