WASHINGTON -- Today, a federal pilot community vaccination center opened in Cleveland, capable of administering 6,000 shots a day, and additional centers are set to open later this month in Atlanta and Detroit.

In support of these state vaccination efforts, FEMA and its partners continue helping establish mobile vaccination centers, including pop-up locations, to bring vaccines closer to people that need them. The mobile vaccination capability is another way FEMA is supporting communities and getting vaccine services to hard-to-reach and high-risk populations who cannot access services from larger, fixed sites.

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 $4.38 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 opening.

FEMA uses data from CDC’s social vulnerability index and Census population data to ensure the equitable distribution of vaccines, 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.

Working with federal and local partners, FEMA has now held more than 500 mobile events, and the agency continues to partner with federal, state, local, tribal and territorial partners to support mobile vaccination centers.

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.
Ohio Governor Visits Cleveland Community Vaccination Center

Cleveland -- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine (left) discusses the Cleveland community vaccination site opening with Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Sima Merick.

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FEMA Regional Administrator Visits Cleveland Vaccination Center
Cleveland -- Acting FEMA Region 5 Regional Administrator checks in with vaccine recipients at the Cleveland community vaccination center.

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