AS KEY PROVIDERS OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, COUNTIES PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN ADMINISTERING COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES.
Over the past several months, counties have:

- **Leveraged local public health expertise** to allocate the vaccine supply. As of June 29, more than **381 million COVID-19 vaccine doses** had been delivered in the United States.

- **Supported vaccination administration** through county operated vaccine clinics. As of June 29, more than **325 million COVID-19 vaccine doses** had been administered in the United States.

- **Worked with state and federal partners to overcome access barriers.** Each year, counties invest more than **$163 billion** in community health, hospitals and human services.

- **Increased vaccine confidence through public messaging and education.** Counties are involved in protecting public health through over **two-thirds of local health departments**.
COUNTIES HAVE SUPPORTED MORE THAN 154 MILLION ADULT VACCINATIONS IN THE U.S.

Percent of 18+ Population Fully Vaccinated by State of Residence, as of June 29, 2021

KANAWHA COUNTY, W.VA.

Kanawha County leaders’ collaborative health delivery model, close relationships with the community and flexibility in delivery led the county to the highest vaccination rate in the state (54 percent of those 12 and older), in spite of challenges with funding, health and numerous socioeconomic factors that typically lead to low vaccination rates.

Counties are key drivers in meeting critical vaccine milestones. As of June 29, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that more than 325 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the United States.
WE OPERATED MASS VACCINATION SITES AND MOBILE CLINICS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE FORGED STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO BOOST VACCINE ACCESS AND PROVIDED CRITICAL INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS IN TARGETED ZIP CODES, THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASSING, CALLS AND TEXTS. NOW, NEARLY A HALF A MILLION COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE PROTECTED AGAINST COVID-19.”

Angela D. Alsobrooks, County Executive, Prince George’s County, MD.
COUNTIES INVEST MORE THAN $163 BILLION IN COMMUNITY HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND HUMAN SERVICES ANNUALLY AND RUN LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE NATION

County Spending (in Billions of Dollars), by Category, 2017

Each year, counties invest $62.8 billion to serve as a safety net for millions of residents and to deliver vital services to our nation’s most vulnerable populations.

Counties play a direct role in the health and well-being of residents, by running local health departments, providing health care for low-income and uninsured residents and developing community health care programs.

Counties directly administer or support public health systems through involvement with over two-thirds of local health departments.
COUNTIES EMPLOY OVER 391,000 HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

SUPPORT OVER 900 HOSPITALS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT MEDICAL CARE AND SPECIALIZED CARE.

COUNTIES ALSO OWN AND SUPPORT 700 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.
COUNTIES ARE LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS AND ADMINISTERING SHOTS ARMS TO KEEP RESIDENTS HEALTHY AND SAFE

**TULARE COUNTY, CALIF.**
In a push for equitable vaccine distribution, the Tulare County Health Department partnered with Adventist Health and United Farm Workers to deliver doses to rural agriculture workers, along with meals for those who came for the shot.

**FREDERICK COUNTY, MD.**
To reach the homeless population, Frederick County offers vaccinations to residents coming for meals to county soup kitchens, through street outreach and at the Alan P. Linton Jr. Emergency Shelter.

**SEDGWICK COUNTY, KAN.**
The Sedgwick County Health Department, The Wichita Black Nurses Association and local churches partnered together to deliver vaccines to minority residents within the city of Wichita using a mobile vaccine team and churches as clinics.

**ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO**
Partnering with Ohio University, the Athens City-County Health Department has enlisted the help of medical and nursing students to aide in the delivery of vaccinations.
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COUNTIES LEAD COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS IN VACCINATION EFFORTS

HAMILTON COUNTY, N.Y.
By involving members of the community in its vaccine rollout, Hamilton County has been successful in reaching its largely rural population. Businesses, schools and law enforcement worked together to share information about the vaccine and combat any hesitancy. These community partnerships have allowed county officials to meet the unique needs of their residents and offer a highly-tailored vaccine distribution.

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
Travis County’s successful vaccination program is the result of a strong partnership with Austin Public Health (APH) and various community and non-profit organizations. As needs have changed, APH and Travis County have shifted away from mass vaccination clinics to more community-based pop-up sites such as grocery stores, churches, neighborhood centers and apartment complexes.
DATA SOURCES
NACo Analysis of U.S. Census Bureau - Census of Individual Governments: Finance, 2017; The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - CDC COVID Data Tracker and The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) - National Profile of Local Health Departments (Profile) Study, 2019.
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