Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Campaigns for Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant (RIM) Communities

Practical Considerations
Acknowledgements

- This event is a collaboration between the following groups:
  - National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants
  - University of Minnesota Mobile Health Initiative
  - Community-University Health Care Center
Zoom Basics
Zoom Features

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Project Background
About NRC-RIM

- National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants (NRC-RIM)
- Funded by the CDC, housed at the University of Minnesota
- Support state and local health departments, CBOs, and other organizations that work with RIM communities
- nrcrim.org
What we do

- Health education and resources
- Online training
- Best and promising practices (toolkits)
- Technical assistance
- Pilot projects
- Advocacy
Webinar Overview
Agenda

- Introductions
- Importance of providing mobile vaccinations
- Introduction to our case
- Steps 1-3: Organizing the event
- Steps 4-5: Planning the event
- Step 6: Holding the event
- Q&A
- Closing Thoughts
Poll Questions:

- Have you ever organized or participated with the organizing of a mobile vaccine event?
- How comfortable are you organizing a mobile vaccine event?
Our Speakers
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Case
Meatpacking Facility Case

Setting:

- Upper midwest U.S., town of 4000
- Main employer is a meatpacking facility
  - Non-managerial jobs done by refugees, immigrants and migrants
  - Workers rarely stay in entry-level jobs more than 2 years
- Languages
  - Somali, Spanish, Mixteco (Oaxaca), English, Hmong
Meatpacking Facility Case

Your role:

- “get more shots into arms and battle vaccine hesitancy”

Relevant historical context:

- COVID outbreak in meatpacking facility July 2020
- Facility didn’t allow testing of workers at plant
- Rural white community showed for testing at town fairgrounds
Mobile Vaccination Guide

Provides important considerations for:

• Community Partnerships
• Pre-site Assessments
• Checklists
• Safety Considerations
• Infection Control Checklists
• Vaccine Set-up
Mobile Vaccination Guide

7 steps to help plan mobile vaccine events

1. Identify trusted partners
2. Increase vaccine confidence
3. Identify organizations that provide mobile vaccination
4. Plan vaccination event
5. Pre-registration
6. Hold vaccination event
7. Identify local vaccination site for those you can’t accommodate
Steps 1-3: Organizing the event
Step 1: Identify community partners

- Community organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Health department
- Community liaisons
Step 2: Increase vaccine confidence
Step 3: Identity organizations to provide vaccinations

- Ethnic-based community organizations and collectives,
- Community health centers, faith-based organizations,
- Community-based organizations, advocacy organizations, and
- Local stores and restaurants
Respond to one or both questions in the chat...

- Who have you partnered with to reach refugee, immigrant, and migrant communities during COVID-19?
- Who would you like to partner with in the future?
Steps 4-5: Planning the event
Step 4: Plan vaccination event in collaboration with community partners

- Assess community needs -
  - Consider language, culture, gender norms
  - Consider work schedules
  - Outline roles and responsibilities
  - Offer additional services
  - Community Partnership form (Appendix A)

- Utilize NRC-RIM Vaccine Central
  - Fact sheets
Step 4: Plan vaccination event in collaboration with community partners

- Hold event in familiar location
  - community center
  - faith-based space
  - work site

- Perform a pre-event site assessment
  - Flow
  - crowding + social distancing
  - power sources
  - ventilation

- Advertise through community partner/s; use preferred language
Step 5: Conduct pre-registration for the vaccine event

- Estimate of the number of vaccines needed
- Pre-register patients through phone calls, at community events prior to the vaccination clinic, or through a secure online form
- Send reminders
- Confirm transportation needs are met
- If pre-registration cannot occur: Ensure there is adequate space and available interpreters
Respond to the following question in the Chat...

What concerns do you have about holding a vaccine event?
Step 6: Holding the event and debriefing with partners
Step 6: Hold Covid vaccination event and debrief with partner

Before the event, review:

- Checklist for mobile COVID-19 vaccinations
- Safety considerations for mobile vaccinations
- Vaccination event infection control checklist
- Mobile vaccine set up checklist
Step 6: Hold Covid vaccination event and debrief with partner

At the event

- Have volunteers sign confidentiality agreements
- Provide clear instructions on what personal information is being collected
- Provide information verbally and reinforce through printed translated handouts
Step 6: Hold Covid vaccination event and debrief with partner

Other considerations

- Participants’ first encounter should be with staff who speak the preferred language
- Ensure staff is present to aid with registration, traffic flow, education, and monitoring
- Reassure participants that names and contact information will be kept confidential
- Debrief with community partners
Respond to the following question in the Chat...

Where are some examples of creative locations (or practices) where you have held a vaccine event or heard of others holding an event?
Q&A
Closing Thoughts
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