Polling Places, Pharmacies, and Public Health: Vote & Vax 2012

Why Vote & Vax?

• More than 120 million Americans vote in national elections.
• More than half of voters are over age 50.
• Only 45% of adults ages 50-64 receive an annual flu shot.
• There are 186,000 polling places across the country
• Polling places must be ADA compliant
Vote & Vax 2012: National Partners

- American Public Health Association
- Association of Immunization Managers
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion,
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Discount Drug Mart
- Immunization Coalitions Technical Assistance Network
- Kroger
- National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit
- National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
- National Association of State Units on Aging
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- RiteAid
- RxAlly
- Shopko Pharmacy
- Thrifty White
- Virginia Department of Health
- Visiting Nurse Associations of America
- Walgreens
- White Drug

Vote & Vax Principles

- No partisan political activities.
- Not a “Get Out the Vote” initiative.
- Not for the exclusive benefit of voters.
- Must charge for vaccine at same price as elsewhere in the community
- V&V Clinic accessible after people have voted.
Option 1: Working at Polling Place

Option 2: Vote & Vax in Pharmacy
Vote & Vax: Support Materials and Technical Assistance.
Vote & Vax Web Resources

Vote & Vax 2012 Local Partners: Immunizing Agencies

- State Departments of Health
- Local Health Departments and Boards of Health
- Local Aging Services
- Senior Centers and AAAs
- Visiting Nurse Associations
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Local Fire Departments
- National, state-wide, and independent pharmacies
- Local health collaboratives
- Local immunization coalitions
- Academic institutions
Vote & Vax Team:
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Vote & Vax 2012

Vote & Vax: deployed in all states except Alaska and in DC, PR, Guam; Estimated 1,585 clinics and 9,379 vaccinations
Vote & Vax Activity:
Pharmacies vs. Polling Places

Expanding Flu Shot Coverage:
Proportion of “Irregular”* Recipients

*Irregular flu shot recipients either did not receive a flu shot last year or stated that without Vote & Vax they would not have received one this year.
Vote & Vax: Lessons Learned

- Community access to vaccinations can immunize persons not immunized in traditional settings
- Vaccination at polling places provides an opportunity to help reduce vaccine disparities
- The polling place infrastructure is an untapped and potentially important platform for public health interventions
- Cross-sector collaboration (healthcare and civic sectors) can lead to shared success

Vote & Vax: Further Research Questions

- Can other clinical preventive services be provided at V&V sites (PPV, shingles)?
- Can cancer screening (mammograms or CRC screening) or counseling (smoking cessation) be scheduled from V&V sites?
- What community characteristics predicts high delivery at V&V sites?
- What organizational attributes of providers predicts high delivery at V&V sites?
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Hi Anthony,

So nice to meet you. Thanks for allowing my center to participate in VOTE & VAX. This was awesome. I got my flu shot and also my daughter, my arm didn’t get sore. Next time this will triple with more time to work and get the word out.

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Thank You!

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