

Baltimore Equitable Vaccination Initiative



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The Rockefeller Foundation launched the \$20 million Equity-First Vaccination Initiative to demonstrate-and-scale hyper-local, community-led programs to improve vaccine access and accurate information across five cities.




OSI-Baltimore's conceptualized the Baltimore Equitable Vaccination Initiative

In the proposal, OSI-Baltimore laid out an ambitious set of goals around four key elements:

- A. Culturally Competent Communications and Public Education
- B. Catalyzing Efforts to Drive Vaccine Distribution and Uptake Focused on Disconnected Communities
- C. Supporting a Community Based Public Health Response Network
- D. Policy Advocacy



Current Challenges and Opportunities

- Many organizations across the city have already volunteered their time and skills to address equity issues and continue to express their desire to help with community engagement and mobile vaccination site development.
 - The ratio of supply to demand has flipped and there are scores of appointment times going unclaimed.
 - Organizations and community leaders are demanding that the focus of public health initiatives shift to a wider lens and begin lifting up solutions to decades long disparities in access to health related services
 - Global disparities exist in access to COVID vaccines that the US will eventually be forced to address and may do so in ways that compete with efforts to ensure equitable vaccination within the US
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What does success look like?

Community based organizations engaging with individuals with whom they already have relationships to provide sound public health information and assist in addressing barriers to access to vaccination and other wellness oriented services.



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