



## Vaccine Equity Workgroup – November Meeting Summary

### Workgroup Purpose and Meeting Objectives

- Revisiting the workgroup’s purpose to provide a structured and collaborative approach to address vaccine equity by:
  - Uniting diverse stakeholders
  - Overcoming barriers
  - Fostering a healthier community
  - Encouraging a collective consensus to ensure meaningful collaboration and equitable access to vaccines for all
- Meeting Objectives:
  - General Immunizations update on H5N1
  - Reviewing strategies identified in last month's breakout session, we will outline actionable steps, assess capacity, and discuss plans for implementation.

### Workgroup Co-Chairs

- We are excited to announce the formal introduction of our new VEW co-chairs for the 2024-25 term: Marcela Rede from Providence St. Mary and Monica Gaytan from Reach Out! In a warm welcome, we took a moment to highlight their vital roles as liaisons, facilitators, and leaders dedicated to advancing our workgroup’s goals. Their enthusiasm and expertise will play a key part in driving our initiatives forward.
- Here are some of the actions we discussed:
  - Helping with the advancement of workgroup activities & plans
  - Inspiring co-creation and collaboration among members
  - Serving as a partner liaison
  - Assisting with meeting planning and logistics
- Co-chair contacts
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### General Immunizations Update

- **Avian Influenza (H5N1) Update**
  - Currently, there is no vaccine for bird flu. However, the CDC reports that preliminary work is being done towards creating a targeted vaccine if needed. The seasonal flu shot does not prevent bird flu.
  - Visit these websites for more information and resources on H5N1:
    - San Bernardino County website: <https://dph.sbcounty.gov/birdflu/>
    - CDPH website: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/pages/Bird-Flu.aspx>
    - CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/index.html>



- CDC website (Dairy Cows): <https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/mammals.html>
  - Have more questions?
    - Contact: San Bernardino County Department of Public Health - **Communicable Disease Section (CDS): (800) 722-4794 (Monday – Friday from 8AM – 5PM)**

**Population of Focus Subgroups**

- **Populations of Focus: Strategies**  
Subgroups were created to help all participants work on specific tasks and activities and to encourage open collaboration.

Each subgroup held breakout sessions to discuss previously identified strategies for addressing challenges and barriers to vaccine equity for their specific focus populations. This month, the breakout session focused on outlining key implementation elements, such as feasibility, capacity assessment, and partner roles.

*\*You can find the identified populations of focus in the table below.*

Populations of Focus	Group Focus
Latinx/ Hispanic Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing misinformation</li> <li>• Health Education</li> <li>• Raising Awareness</li> <li>• Targeting mono-lingual individuals (Spanish speakers)</li> </ul>
Young Children (under 5)/ Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing misinformation</li> <li>• Targeting parents</li> <li>• Shifting social perception/ complacency</li> </ul>
Indigenous/ Native Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand partnerships</li> <li>• Understand barriers, cultural sensitivity</li> <li>• Resource availability</li> </ul>
Rural Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing access &amp; availability</li> <li>• Health Education</li> </ul>

- *To review shared data, statistics, discussion points, and other notes from the November breakout session regarding each Populations of Focus, please find the subgroup session meeting notes attached to this email.*

- Looking Forward**
- **Action Items**
    - Take initial action steps for identified strategies.
    - Subgroup Communication
      - Check-in
      - Provide status updates
      - Ask questions
  - **Agenda Topics for December**
    - Overview on vaccinations with the General Immunizations team
    - Populations of focus share-out



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Progress updates (Successes &amp; Challenges)</li> <li>○ Population of focus breakout sessions to continue strategy discussions addressing implementation challenges.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reminders</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>December Vaccine Equity Workgroup Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 3pm</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>🌟 Join us for our Partner Material Review Sessions!! 🌟</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Occurring the second week of each month.</li> </ul> <p>We invite community members and organizations to collaborate in ensuring our media and materials are culturally relevant and engaging for diverse ethnic and racial groups. Join our review sessions focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ African American/Black</li> <li>○ Native Hawaiian, Asian American, Pacific Islander</li> <li>○ Latinx/Hispanic</li> </ul> <p>Share your feedback and help shape resources that truly resonate with our community. Your expertise is essential!</p> <p><b>Are you interested in participating in a Partner Material Review session?</b> Send us an email to <a href="mailto:EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov">EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov</a> with the subject line 'Join: Partner Material Review'.</p> </li> <li>● <b>SBC COVID-19 Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Visit the SBCOVID-19 Website: <a href="https://sbccovid19.sbcounty.gov">sbccovid19.sbcounty.gov</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For the latest COVID-19 updates from the County, Testing and Vaccine resources, Vaccine Equity Dashboard, and Community Resources.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional Resources Shared</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SBCCDPH Mobile Vaccine Unit shared upcoming mobile vaccine sites on their website: <a href="#">San Bernardino County Health Sites – SBCOVID-19</a></li> <li>● The SBCCDPH General Immunizations team shared resources for the VFC program for school-based vaccinations:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">School-Based Vaccine Services – Department of Public Health</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For upcoming school-based vaccine events: <a href="#">Events from November 21 – December 26 – Department of Public Health</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">My Turn - California Vaccine Scheduling &amp; Information</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>