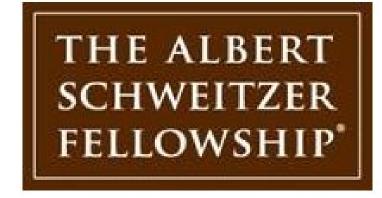
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Project title- How to Overcome Vaccine Hesitancy in Underserved Populations in Detroit .

Project goal-

Help overcome vaccines hesitancy Increase vaccination rate among underserved population

Help to prevent a new pandemic caused by other preventable diseases.

Reinforce patient knowledge and awareness regarding vaccines

Create a positive behaviors/confidence regarding overall vaccine among underserved population.

How it works-

Identify Patient's current vaccination status from MCIR, EMR



Discuss with the patients regarding the importance of vaccine intake



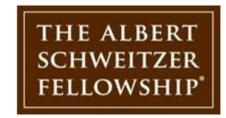
Actively listen to their concerns and answer nonjudgementally

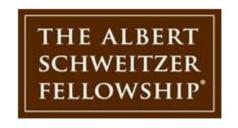


If they agree provide vaccines if not documented in the EMR and reinforce next visit



Provide read out materials(CDC,WHO site) if they need more information





Below are the lists of sample questions and suggested answers for COVID-19 vaccines hesitancy among an underserved population in Detroit.

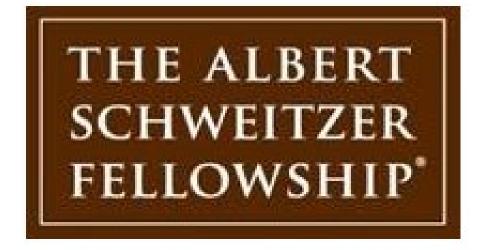
Q-A 17-year-old boy stated, "I am healthy and young, I do not think vaccines are necessary for me even though if I get COVID my body will be able to tackle this".

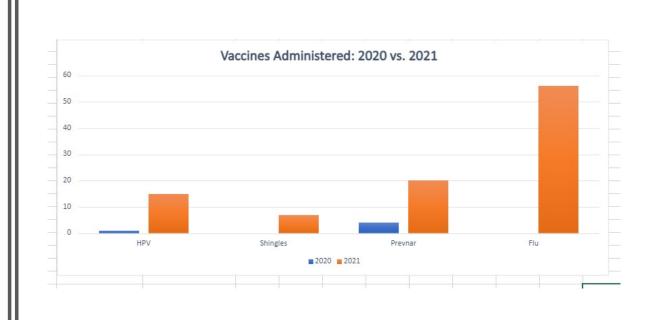
A-Emphasize that the vaccines are highly effective and prevent someone from severe illness. Educate how every vaccine contributes to developing herd immunity sooner than later. Vaccines are the only way to get back to normalcy and regular activities such as sports tournaments, graduations, get together, etc.

Q-Do you think the COVID vaccine is safe if I am planning to become pregnant, as I heard it causes infertility?

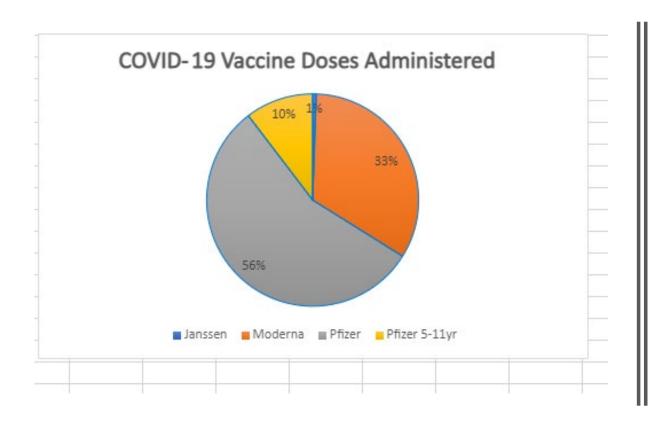
A-According to ACOG Vaccines are safe for all pregnant women and there is no data available that supports vaccines causing infertility.

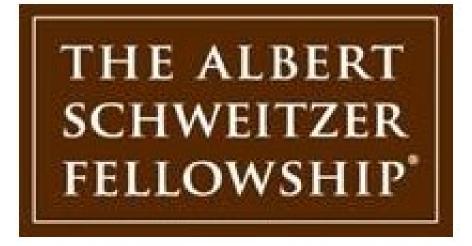
Vaccines administrate rates-





COVID-19 Vaccines administration rates









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Here are some pictures while I was education the patient regarding vaccines hesitancy in a vaccination camp.

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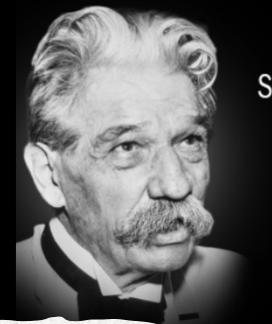
Vaccine hesitancy is an ongoing phenomenon, and it will not resolve in a day or month.

The mortality rate for vaccine-preventable diseases is higher among underserved populations than other groups of populations due to lack of awareness regarding vaccines safety and efficacy, mistrust of the overall health system.

This project tried to resolve this care gap via conveying evidenced based information among underserved population.

As a public health worker, it is our duty to let them know what we know. So, they can take the power of their own wellbeing.

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Success is not the key to happiness. **Happiness is the key to success.**If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

Albert Schweitzer

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My favorite quotes-

