

On the Horizon: Nursing Informatics Value During the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

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Welcome

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Vision

To realize the full health potential of every human, everywhere.

Mission

Reform the global health ecosystem through the power of information and technology.

Learning Objectives

- **Pinpoint ways nursing informatics supports cohort management, eligibility screening, and vaccination administration and reporting processes.**
- **Explore the use of mobile delivery (ex. scheduling and telephone outreach) while identifying how to move forward with unknown variables to be successful on the “backend.”**
- **Heighten awareness of tactics that nursing informatics is prioritizing for both health care workers and patients through scheduled appointments and drive-through efforts.**
- **Mobile vans as an essential endeavor for nurse informaticists in vaccinating underserved populations.**

Meet Our Speakers



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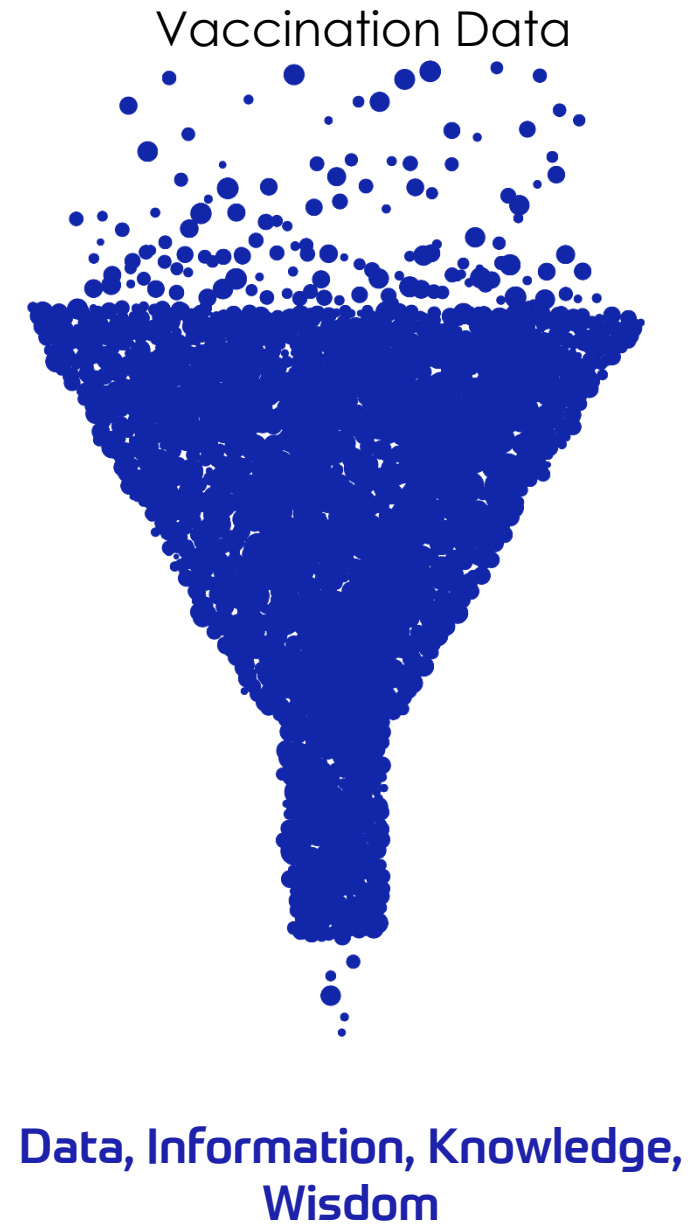
COVID 19 Vaccine Rollout Success Factors

- **Leadership Strategies**
- **Situational Awareness**
- **Communication**



Adapted from Strategies for Successful Strategies Change Implementation

Vaccine Data Management and Administration Tracking



Operational Consideration



Success is connected with actions, never forget the frontline – your secret weapon to success.



Cross Functional Team Involvement

Transparency is key. Collaboration between each operation team is necessary for success (administration, pharmacy, informatics, clinicians)



Timely Communication

Daily multiple level communication – top down, bottom up, and vertical.



Informatics Support and Oversight

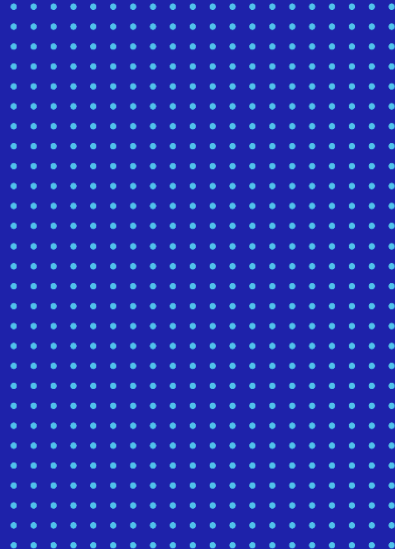
Daily data quality oversight and regulatory reporting



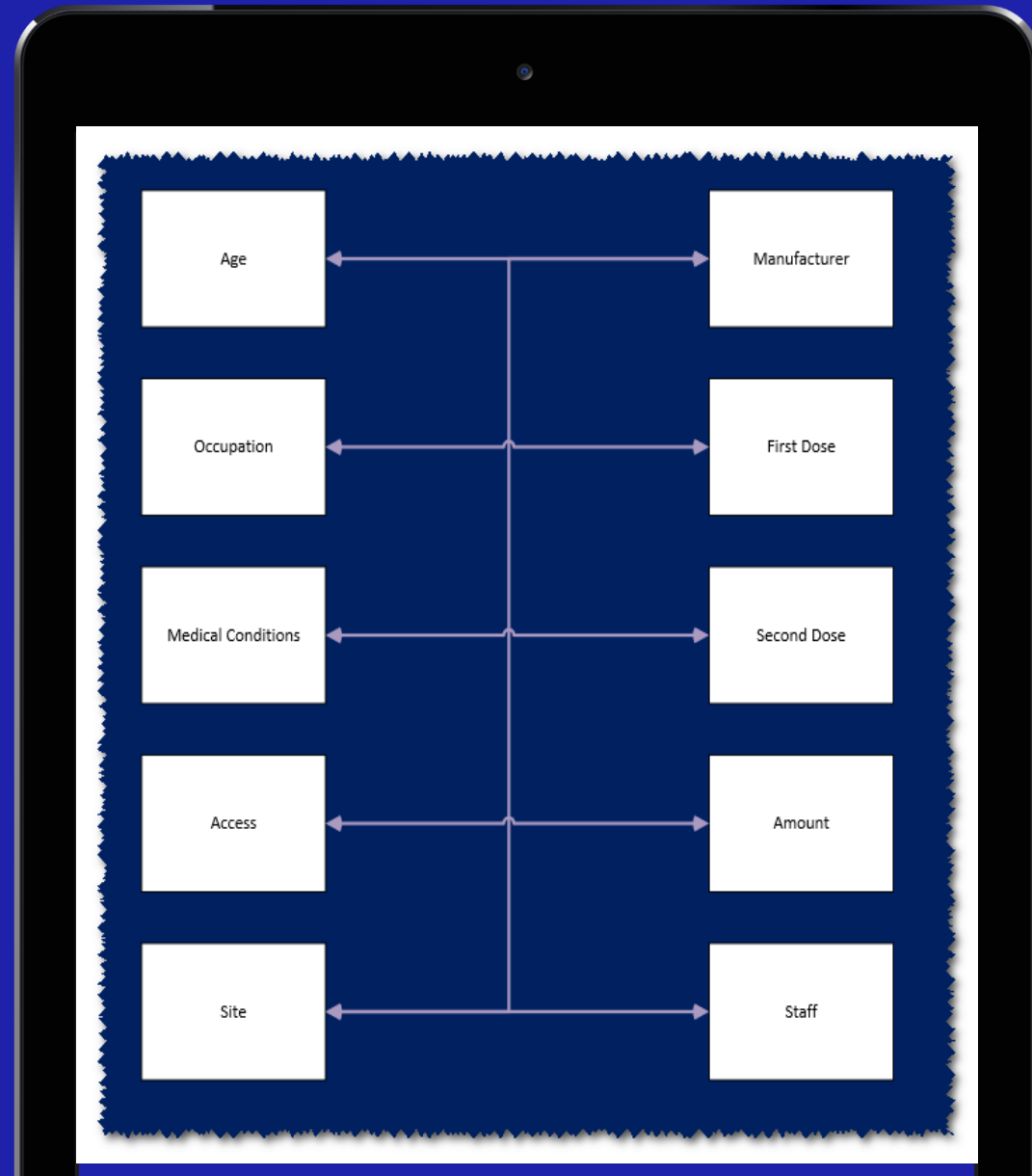
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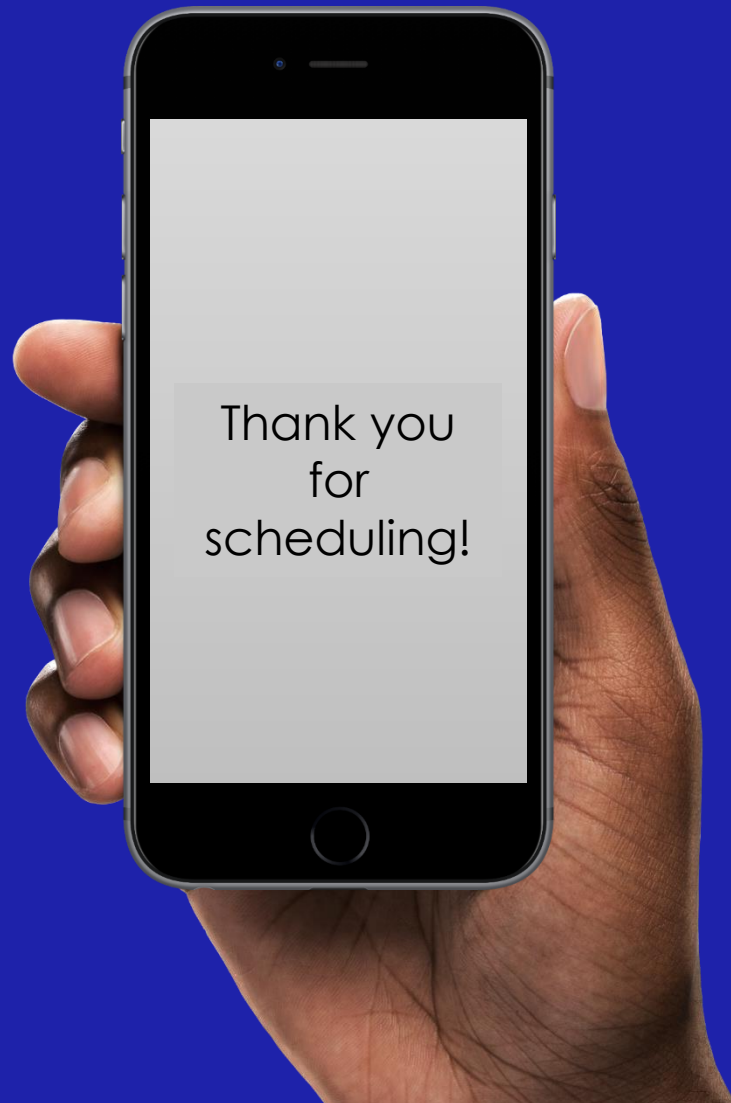
What we heard...



What we planned...



What we did...



1

Electronic scheduling when doses are available

2

Reminders of upcoming appointments

3

Automatic scheduling of second dose

MOBILE DELIVERY

- Family assisted when needed
- Bi-directional communication
- Reduced staffing needs
- Prevented waiting
- Electronic administration
- Upload to state reporting





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Cherokee Nation Health Services

Healthy Cherokee communities

- Largest tribally operated health care system in the United States
- 1.3 million patient visits
- 11 health care facilities and one youth treatment center
- Community, social, mental and public health programs



Cherokee Nation COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN



PHASE 1

- PHASE 1A:**
- Cherokee Nation Health Services staff at W.W. Hastings Hospital
 - CN First Responders
 - CNHS employees involved in testing, vaccination and screening for COVID-19
 - Cherokee Elder Care participants and staff

- PHASE 1B:**
- Cherokee first language speakers and Cherokee National Treasures
 - People 65 years and older
 - Cherokee Nation Health Services staff

PHASE 2

- PHASE 2A PRIORITY:**
- Cherokee Nation non-health care critical staff
 - Cherokee Nation teachers and child care staff
 - Cherokee Nation infrastructure support
 - Cherokee Nation food security staff
 - People 55 years and older

- PHASE 2B PRIORITY:**
- People in congregate settings
 - Other critical workers
 - Patients with underlying health conditions

PHASE 3

- MASS IMMUNIZATION**
- EXAMPLE POPULATION:**
- Includes all adults and those age 16 and older who are either Cherokee Nation citizens or those from federally recognized tribes and eligible to receive care within Cherokee Nation Health Services.

- Any member of the public, including non-Natives, who live within the 14-county reservation are now eligible for a vaccine within Cherokee Nation Health Services.

—TOGETHER—
COMMUNITY · FAMILY · CULTURE

Our Most Vulnerable Population

- **Approximately 2,500 Cherokee Speakers worldwide**
 - 760 over age 70
 - 138 over age 80
 - 13-15 over age 90
- **Prior to the pandemic**
 - Losing over 100 speakers annually
- **Impact of COVID-19**
 - 48 Deaths of Cherokee Speakers



Cherokee Nation Candlelight Memorial March 18, 2021

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CAC Team Contributions to Vaccination Efforts

- **Patient Portal and Telephone Scheduling Options**
 - Call Center & Scheduling Hotline
- **EHR Build & Configuration**
 - Vaccination orders
 - Mass Vaccination documentation & rules
 - Powerforms for nursing documentation
 - Scheduling resources, locations, & appointment types
- **End User Trainings**
 - Virtual and in-person
 - EHR documentation guides with screenshots
- **Process Development & Improvement**
 - Workflow development & documentation via Vizio
- **Go-Live support via telephone bridge lines**
- **Vaccination Reports**
 - Vaccine Reconciliation Reports
 - Vaccine reporting interface with VAMS and VAERS
- **Troubleshooting & Continued Support**

Pharmacy Refill

Health Library Search

Cherokee Nation Public Health

COVID-19

Homepage

www.cherokee.org

Health Record

Messaging

Appointments

Health Centers and Hospitals

Patient Info

COVID-19 INFO

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Health Services

PATIENT PORTAL

Mission

To ensure the story of the Cherokee Nation continues, we partner with individuals, families, and communities to improve our health and quality of life.



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The MetroHealth System Cleveland, Ohio

Mission: Leading the way to a healthier you and a healthier community through service, teaching, discovery and teamwork.

- 1 tertiary care academic hospital
- 2 community hospitals
- 4 emergency departments
- 21 ambulatory clinics
- 4 clinics in retail pharmacies
- 13 schools
- 25,000 inpatient stays/year
- 120,000 ED visits/year
- 1,200,000 ambulatory visits/year





Following our Mission

Vaccinating our Transient Patients

- **April 2020 started mobile testing for COVID 19 at various mobile testing sites**
- **Utilized School Health Program van**
- **Very time-consuming process**
 - Unreliable WiFi at locations
 - Manual
- **Grant funded**
- **Testing prepared us for vaccination**
- **Partnership with Cleveland Public Health Department & Cuyahoga County Board of Health**
- **Mobile health vans**
- **IT equipment**
 - **Device packs**
- **First vaccination clinic Feb 19th : Moderna**
 - Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter
 - Scheduled 120 people

Following our Mission

How are we doing?

- 120 people scheduled/90 vaccinated
- More than a dozen clinics since 2/19
- Administered 500 first dose to date
- Second dose started 3/19
- 80 people showed for original 90
- Johnson & Johnson vaccines
- Benefits of technology



Open Discussion



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