Health Centers Mark 1 Year of Ensuring Equity in COVID Vaccinations

As of February, 2022

Health centers have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic since the beginning and have faced innumerable challenges during this time. Despite these adversities, they have been instrumental in boosting COVID-19 vaccination rates across the U.S. among underserved and minority populations. In the 1 year since the health center vaccination program began, they have succeeded in administering over 2 in 3 shots to racial and ethnic minorities.

Since February 2021:
Health centers have administered 19 million vaccines

67% of patients vaccinated are from racial and/or ethnic minority backgrounds

Since April 2020:
Health centers have tested 17 million patients

60% of patients tested are from racial and/or ethnic minority backgrounds

While health centers continue to make great strides in vaccinations and testing, addressing workforce shortages remains a high priority. Health centers continue to face staffing challenges, as 44% felt they didn't have adequate staff to administer vaccines as of January 2022.

Source and Notes: Data presented in this fact sheet come from the Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Center COVID-19 Survey. Survey data are preliminary and do not reflect all health centers. Some duplication of patients tested from week to week may occur. For more information, please visit https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-healthcenter-data.