



Back to Worship Roundtable

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Participants:

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Meeting Summary

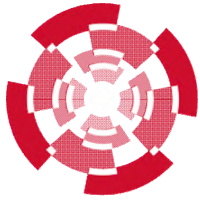
I. Background of the vaccines

Safety Evaluation of vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) (Dr. Breiman)

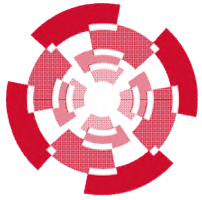
- o Before we discuss efficacy, we need to address safety
- o Some symptoms after the first dose
- o Symptoms mostly lasted no more than 24 hours, and occurred first about 1 day after administration
- o Fever is common with both vaccines
 - Some have more fever than others
- o There will be muscle aches and joint pains
- o Allergic reactions to the vaccine in few countries; being watched closely; reactions weren't very severe; administration and people are being watched about 30 minutes
- o Older people did great with the vaccines, even if they had underlying comorbidities

In Pfizer, no development of life threatening COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance – Kaiser Family Foundation

- Average at 27% who probably not get it or definitely not get it
- Differs by political party stance
- Dan Salmon could not be here;
 - JHU national survey as to why people don't want to be vaccinated
 - 51% intenders
 - 39% wait and learn
 - o 33% elderly
 - o 52% Black, non-Hispanics
 - o Compared to intenders, about twice as likely to be Black, non-Hispanic
 - o More likely to:
 - Be in good or fair health
 - Have known someone with previous serious vaccine reaction
 - Be worried about the gov't requiring personal info to get info
 - Trust issues about experiments with vaccines on people



- 10% unlikely's
- Any questions or concerns?
- Questions for Discussion
 - AMHP – Dr. Shanawani
 - Vaccine hesitant community is concerned about safety
 - 'Vaccine was pushed quickly, timeline for testing too short, its new,'
 - There is a theme of conspiracy
 - Seeing that in the social media monitoring
 - There is no 10-year efficacy data for the vaccine
 - Rabbi Posy
 - Statements and medical statements are out there for communities
 - We want to be there on the frontlines to understand how to drive vaccine implementation in our congregations
 - We want to lead by example of how to push for vaccines
 - What are the next steps to be on the front line?
 - How can we come out as houses of worship that drive vaccines?
 - Father Starr – represents large Hispanic congregation
 - Few concerns: development of vaccines and not using embryos
 - We would be open to vaccine programs like we have been open for testing centers
 - Side issues – fear of government checking on legal status through these programs; our pastors do deal with this fear but it still remains a concern
 - If the leader takes a video of taking a vaccine and couple weeks later the leader is shown on live tv, and nothing happens, the congregation would feel comfortable
 - iPhone Gerald
 - worries about embryos in vaccines, and concerns about information being collected;
 - the government isn't using the vaccine or people as guinea pigs
 - if the leader says 'I'll take the vaccine,' and the people saw no problem, it would be ok
 - Jackie Flake –
 - Give those that we trust on local basis than spiritual leaders to weigh in on this;
 - Increases the confidence
 - The timeline with gov't experimenting with marginal populations concerns the individuals
 - Big concern on women, reproductive problems and fears
 - Mimi Kaiser
 - Melissa Skelton
 - Primary 66 congregations start at US border and goes up to Sunshine coast;
 - Supports bishops of all British Columbia; frontline deciders about approaching congregations
 - They would be open to vaccinations
 - Breiman
 - Would it be worth to bring together faiths across North American to get people to be vaccinated?



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- If you could send me a list of higher level people, and you have those contacts, let us know.
- Adir Posy
 - Our congregations/community is ready to start announcing we are ready to be hosts for vaccination programs
 - Is there a national association to contact about being hosts to immunization programs?