MINORITY HEALTH MONTH EXCLUSIVE

# COVID-VACCINE MUSLIM COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

A conversation between AHA, the Islamic Center of America and Henry Ford Health System www.aha.org

#### **HELPING MUSLIMS GET VACCINATED DURING RAMADAN**



Vaccines do not invalidate a fast



Remind people that vaccine formulas don't contain food substances or vitamin issues



Amplify trusted voices of Imams



Consider early morning or late night vaccine appointments

#### **WEEKS BEFORE YOU VACCINATE**



Give people a chance to ask questions related to vaccines (town hall, hotline, etc.)



Vaccinate Imams and vaccine-site volunteers



Talk about vaccination at Friday prayers and other events

## KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL VACCINE OUTREACH



Convenient, trusted location



Volunteers people know



Continued appointments to meet demand



Comfort: no lines, water available, chairs 6 ft apart

### **ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION PARTNERSHIP**



Flexibility



Creativity



**Mutual Respect** 



Commitment to Community

The American Hospital Association is expanding on existing alliances and building new collaborative efforts to disseminate and amplify accurate, accessible information to communities most impacted by COVID-19. Find multilingual resources to help those disproportionately suffering from COVID-19 get answers to their questions and make an informed decision about the COVID vaccine.



Advancing Health in America

- 1. Podcast | Partnering for Vaccines, a conversation with the Islamic Center of America and Henry Ford Health System
- 2. NUL | www.aha.org/advancing-health-podcast/2021-03-24-building-capacity-and-reaching-hardest-hit-communities-combat