# New York State Equitable Vaccine Administration Information

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## Data Sources and Notes

### **Social Vulnerability**

New York State's laws and regulations reflect a commitment to protecting New Yorkers from discrimination on account of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, marital status, or disability. See NYS Executive Law § 291 *et seq.* Notably, New York State's laws include all protected classes identified in federal civil rights laws and include several additional protected classes, making the state a national leader in ensuring residents are protected from unlawful discrimination. New York State has administered its vaccination efforts in accordance with state and federal laws and has taken efforts to ensure that vaccine is available to all New Yorkers.

In accordance with FEMA guidance, New York State produced this SVI Report, which analyzes the demographics of those seeking vaccination, using the Social Vulnerability Index as a lens for determining where the greatest need exists. By reviewing the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) values and, at the same time, evaluating available venues for accessibility, New York State was able to focus the use of FEMA funding on the highest-risk communities and underserved populations and prioritize limited resources to ensure an equitable pandemic response. Additionally, as noted on pages 56-60 of this report, New York State continues to take steps to ensure that vulnerable and minority populations receive outreach communications and have access to be vaccinated.

For example, the State:

- 1. Maintains a robust language access program, of over 200 languages (*see page 59*), to ensure accessibility,
- 2. Uses targeted pop-up vaccination sites in vulnerable and minority communities to reach those incapable of making it to a larger vaccination site, and
- 3. Partner with local organizations to reach as many New Yorkers as possible in places they trust including over 200 community-based pop-up vaccination sites in churches, community centers, public housing complexes and cultural centers throughout the state (see list of entities in the answer to "Outreach and Engagement" below).

The Social Vulnerability Index is calculated by the CDC

(https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html) at a census tract level across 4 dimensions (socioeconomic status, household composition & disability, minority status & language, housing type & transportation). These dimensions are then aggregated into an overall index that ranges from 0 to 1, with 0 being the least and 1 being the most socially vulnerable. SVI data is based on the latest available year 2018.

Each site's Social Vulnerability Score is calculated using (1) the zip code of residence of individuals vaccinated through each site and (2) the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index. Specifically, for each site, score is calculated by:

- Aggregating data on the total number of individuals vaccinated through each site (first or second dose) by zip code.
- Rolling up census tract SVI data to zip codes to calculate zip code level SVI.
  - Mapping between census tracts and zip codes is provided by HUD and is up to date as of Q4 2020.
  - Zip code level SVI is calculated as an average of the included census tracts weighted by the percent of that census tract's population that resides in the zip code (e.g., if a census tract represents 10% of a zip code's population its SVI would be weighted at 0.1 in the average calculation.)
- Calculating a weighted average Social Vulnerability Index for each site based on the volume of vaccinated individuals and each zip code's Social Vulnerability Index score.

All New York State vaccination data used in social vulnerability score calculation is as of 5/11/2021.

### Other Data

The race of vaccinated individuals is collected both directly through providers and through the NY Vaccine Form (https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine). (Demographic data is self-reported by individuals and excludes instances where individuals declined to answer, or information is not available.)

The racial breakdown of individuals vaccinated at each NYS mass vaccination site is compared to the racial breakdown of (1) all vaccinated individuals in that region and (2) the overall age 15+ population in that region. *Note: On 5/13/2021, New York State expanded eligibility to include minors aged 12 -15 years old. As data on vaccinations become available for this demographic population, The State's submission of the June SVI Report will be updated to include minors aged 12 -15 in region population totals to accurately report on the percentage of eligible population to receive vaccinations.* 

Poverty rates and population totals by race for cities, towns, counties, regions, and other geographical area come from the US Census Bureau's 2019 estimates.

Demographic vaccination data is as of 5/11/2021 for all sites.

### Other Important Notes

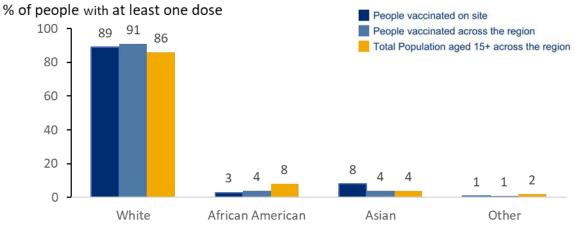
- 1. The State sites below were established in December 2020, prior to the provision of FEMA guidance and these reporting requirements.
- 2. The demographic data collected from vaccinated individuals is self-reported and subject to the limitations associated with all self-reported date.

## SUNY Albany, Albany County

## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.29 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# SUNY Albany – Vaccinations by Race

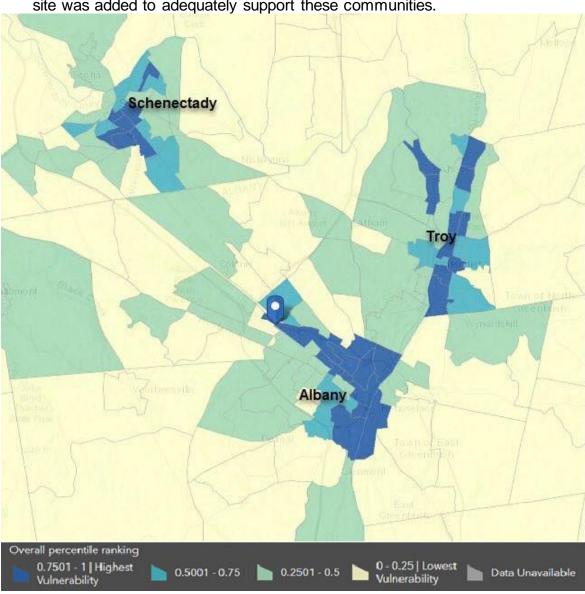


### Vaccine Site Selection

| Location (address or coordinates)           | 1400 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12222 |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Vaccine site type                           | Туре 3                                |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active                                |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 2,600                                 |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over | 1,850 per day (avg.)                  |
| the past 30 days)                           |                                       |

Albany County serves as the main hub for New York's "Capital District," which contains three of the state's most socially vulnerable and diverse cities - Albany, Schenectady, and Troy. The total population of the three cities combined is over 210,000 people, higher than most of the counties in New York State.

- Albany, the most populous city of the three, is 33.7% Black or African American, significantly higher than the statewide average of 17.3%. Schenectady and Troy are both higher as well, at 24.5%, and 23.4% respectively.
- The poverty rates in all three cities are well above the statewide average of 13%, with Troy at 20.0%, Albany at 15.4%, and Schenectady at 13.5%. Of the individuals living below poverty, 32% in Troy have children under 18; in Albany and Schenectady it is about a quarter (26% and 25% respectively).
- Although the counties they are in may have Social Vulnerability Index Ratings below 0.5, <u>each of these three cities has a comparatively high SVI Rating</u>, as evidenced by the CDC SVI map below. These cities are concentrated areas with



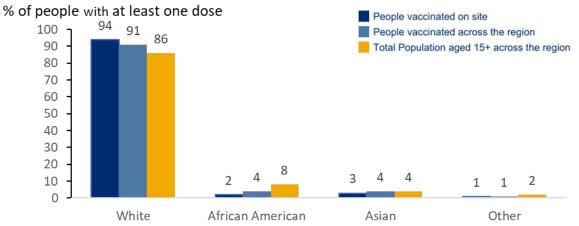
significant disparities that deserve increased access to the vaccine. SUNY Albany site was added to adequately support these communities.

## Queensbury Site, Warren County

### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.32 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

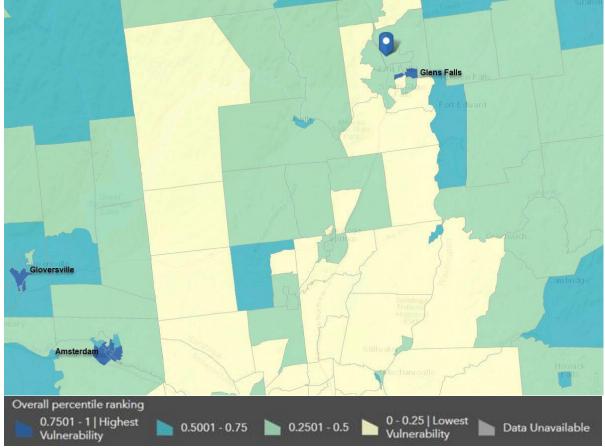
# **Queensbury–Vaccinations by Race**



| Location (address or coordinates)                             | Queensbury Aviation Mall – Sears, 578<br>Aviation Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 6,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 1,000 per day (avg.)   |

- Queensbury Site was added to boost vaccine availability in the Capital Region and areas north of Albany:
  - Prior to Queensbury site addition, the next site north of SUNY Albany was in Plattsburgh, 160+ miles away (2.5-hour drive from Albany).
  - The Queensbury Site is located near a critical transport route, the I-87 highway connecting upstate and downstate New York, facilitating access to vaccination across Capital Region and areas north of Albany.
- Several socially vulnerable urban areas are within ~50 miles of the Queensbury Site, including:
  - Amsterdam 17,700 population

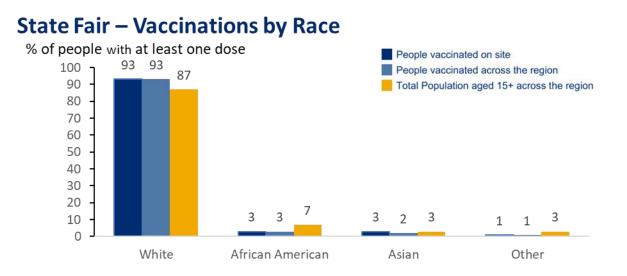
- Glen Falls 14,700 population
- Gloversville 14,700 population
- The poverty rates in all three cities are well above the statewide average of 13%, with Amsterdam at 27.5%, Gloversville at 26.5%, and Glen Falls at 15.8%.
- In addition, there are many rural census tracts with SVIs >0.5 (e.g., Census Tract 740, 880, 606 amongst others). In these areas, health infrastructure may be limited, highlighting the importance of facilitating vaccination to help control future COVID outbreaks.
- Queensbury Site was added to adequately support these relatively poor, rural, and urban areas



## State Fair, Onondaga County

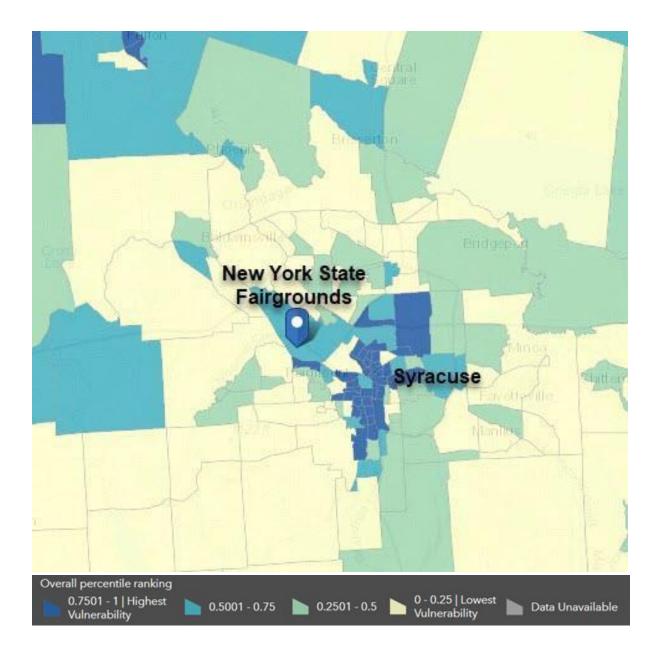
### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.35 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



|   | NYS Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd<br>Syracuse, NY 13209 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Type 2   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 7,500  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 2,700 per day (avg.)                                       |

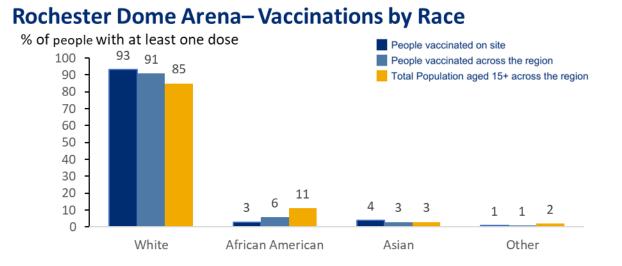
- Onondaga County, the most populous and diverse county in the Central New York region, has a SVI of 0.52, with 14.6% of the population living in poverty and 22.9% of the population identifying as a minority.
- In particular, the State Fair site is in Syracuse, one of the state's most socially vulnerable and diverse cities with population of 142,327 and a poverty rate of 31%, well above the statewide poverty rate of 13%. 30% of Syracuse residents identify as Black or African American, which is significantly higher than the statewide average of 17%.
- The State Fair site is also well positioned to serve residents from Oswego (SVI of 0.65) and Cayuga (SVI of 0.5) counties.



## Rochester Dome Arena, Monroe County

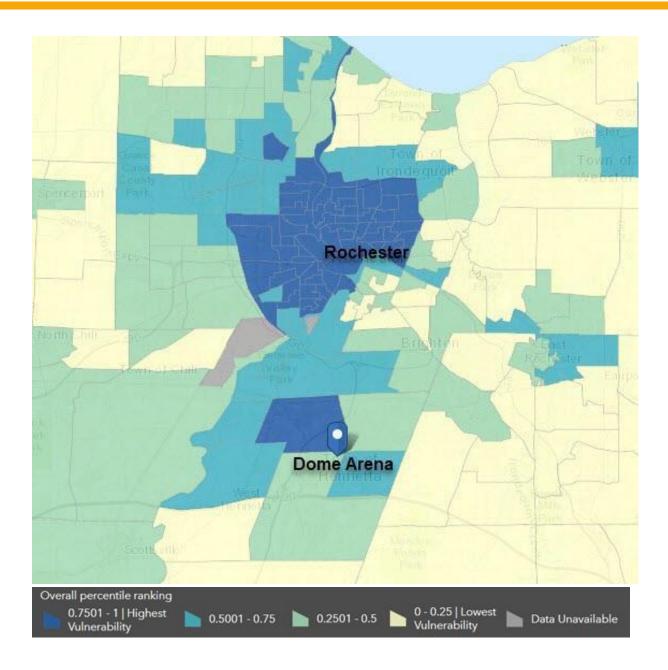
## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.31** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



| Location (address or coordinates)                             | 2695 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY<br>14467 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Type 2   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 3,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 2,000 per day (avg.)                             |

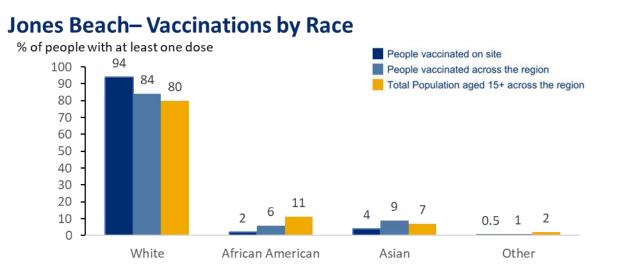
- Monroe County, the most populous and diverse county in the Finger Lakes region, has a SVI of 0.52, with 14.7% of the population living in poverty and 29.2% of the population identifying as a minority.
- In particular, the Rochester Dome site is in one of the state's most socially vulnerable and diverse cities with population of 205,695 (higher population than all other Finger Lakes counties) and a poverty rate of 31.3%, well above the statewide poverty rate of 13%. 39.8% of Rochester residents identify as Black or African American, which is significantly higher than the statewide average of 17%.



## Jones Beach, Nassau County

### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.22 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



| Location (address or coordinates)           | 1 Ocean Pkwy, Wantagh, NY 11793 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Vaccine site type                           | Туре 3                          |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active                          |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 2,000                           |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over | 1,650 per day (avg.)            |
| the past 30 days)                           |                                 |

- Due to Long Island's density, high population (15% of NY total population), and close links to NYC, rapid COVID transmission can occur. Outside of NYC, they are the counties that have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 in terms of cases, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and deaths. Mass vaccination sites are critical to control spread of COVID.
- In particular, the Jones Beach site is close to several pockets of high social vulnerability:
  - o Hempstead 55,000 population
  - Freeport 43,000 population

- Westbury 15,351 population
- Hempstead has a poverty rate of 18.9%, well above the statewide average of 13%.
- These 3 areas are also particularly diverse. Hempstead, the most populous city of the three, is 45% Black or African American, significantly higher than the statewide average of 17%. Freeport and Westbury are both higher as well, at 30%, and 23% respectively.

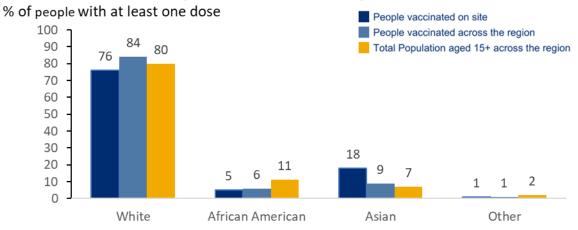


## SUNY Old Westbury, Nassau County

### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.25** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

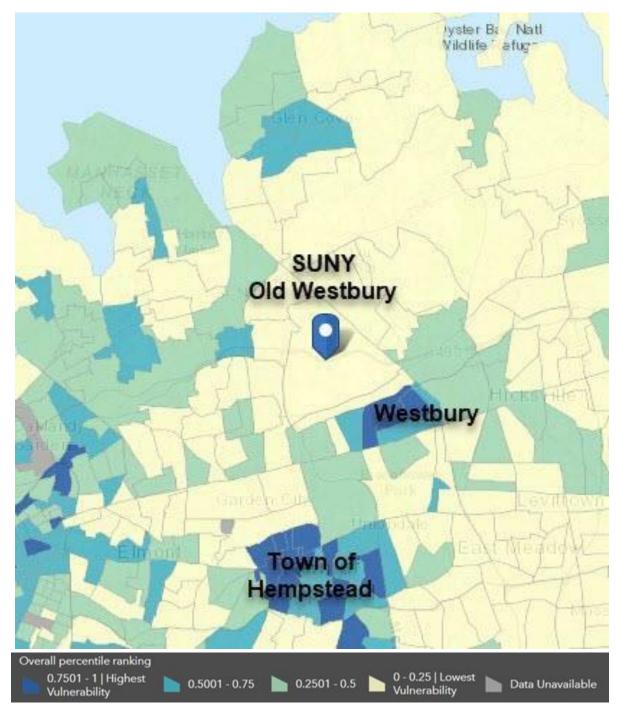
## SUNY Old Westbury – Vaccinations by Race



|   | Clark Center, Gate C, Store Hill Road and<br>Cherry Road, Old Westbury, NY 11568 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3   |
|   | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 2,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 1,250 per day (avg.)   |

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- In particular, the SUNY Old Westbury site is close to several pockets of high social vulnerability:
  - Hempstead 55,000 population
  - Westbury 15,351 population

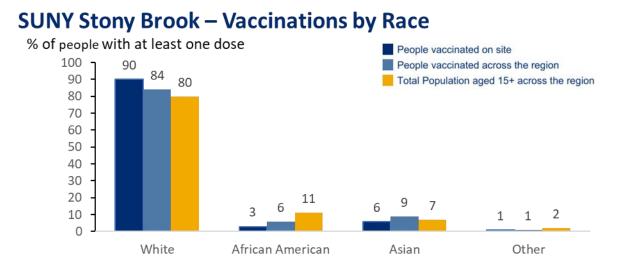
- Hempstead has a poverty rate of 18.9%, well above the statewide average of 13%.
- These 3 areas are also particularly diverse. Hempstead, the most populous city of the three, is 45% Black or African American, significantly higher than the statewide average of 17%. Westbury is also higher as well, at 23% Black or African American.



## SUNY Stony Brook, Suffolk County

## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.23 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

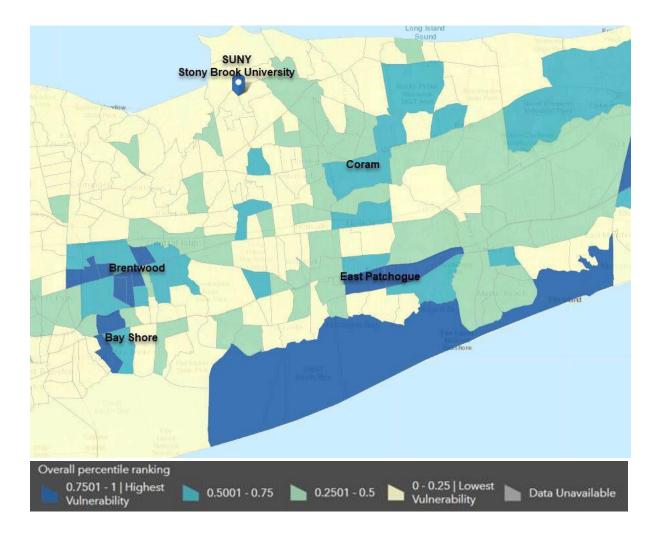


## Vaccine Site Selection Rationale

| Location (address or coordinates)           | 100 Nichols Rd, Stony Brook, NY 11794 |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Vaccine site type                           | Type 2                                |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active                                |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 3,000                                 |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over | 2,250 per day (avg.)                  |
| the past 30 days)                           |                                       |

 Due to Long Island's density, high population (15% of NY total population), and close links to NYC, rapid COVID transmission can occur. Outside of NYC, they are the counties that have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 in terms of cases, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and deaths. Mass vaccination sites are critical to control spread of COVID.

- In particular, the SUNY Stony Brook site is close to several pockets of high social vulnerability:
  - Coram 39,000 population
  - Brentwood 61,000 population
  - Bayshore 26,000 population

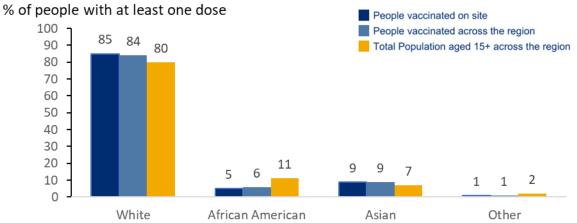


## Suffolk Community College - Brentwood, Suffolk County

## **Social Vulnerability Score**

Weighted average score of **0.32** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# Suffolk Community College – Vaccinations by Race



|   | Suffolk Federal Credit Union Arena, 1001<br>Crooked Hill Road, Brentwood, NY 11717 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 2,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 1,400 per day (avg.)   |

- Due to Long Island's density, high population (15% of NY total population), and close links to NYC, rapid COVID transmission can occur. Outside of NYC, they are the counties that have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 in terms of cases, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and deaths. Mass vaccination sites are critical to control spread of COVID.
- In particular, the Suffolk Community College site is close to several pockets of high social vulnerability:
  - Coram 39,000 population
  - Brentwood 61,000 population
  - Bayshore 26,000 population

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- East Patchogue 22,000 population

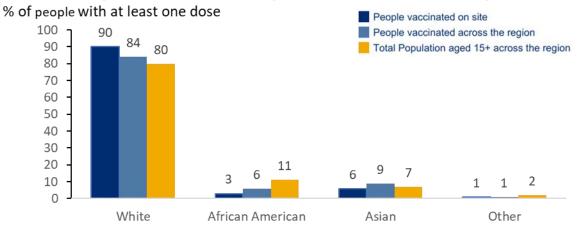


## SUNY Stony Brook Southampton, Suffolk County

### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.30** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# SUNY Stony Brook Southampton – Vaccinations by Race

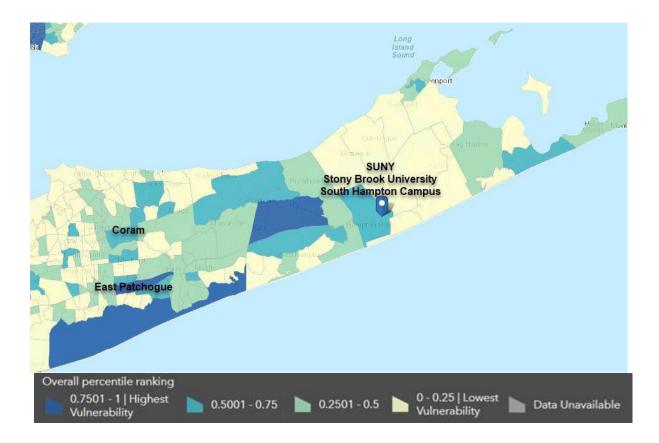


## Vaccine Site Selection Rationale

|   | SUNY Stony Brook Southampton Campus,<br>70 Tuckahoe Road, Southampton, NY<br>11968 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type                           | Туре 3   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 1,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over | 800 per day (avg.)   |
| the past 30 days)                           |  |

 Due to Long Island's density, high population (15% of NY total population), and close links to NYC, rapid COVID transmission can occur. Outside of NYC, they are the counties that have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 in terms of cases, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and deaths. Mass vaccination sites are critical to control spread of COVID.

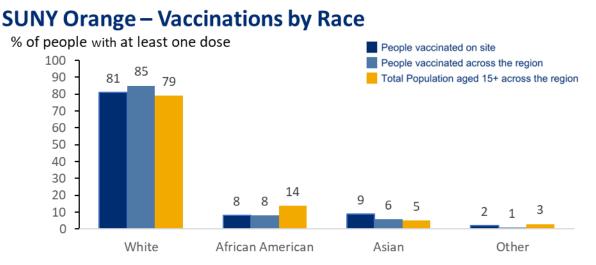
- In particular, the SUNY Stony Brook Southampton site is close to several pockets of high social vulnerability:
  - Coram 39,000 population
  - East Patchogue 22,000 population



## SUNY Orange, Orange County

## Social Vulnerability Score

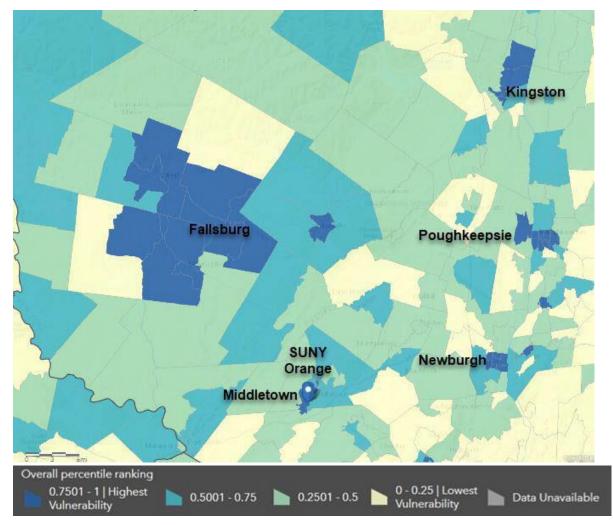
Weighted average score of **0.42** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



|   | Diana Physical Education Center, 9 East<br>Conkling Ave. Middletown, NY 10940 |
|---|---|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3  |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active  |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 4,000   |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 1,200 per day (avg.)  |

- Orange County, a county of ~378k population in the Mid-Hudson region, has an above-average SVI score of 0.55, with 11.8% of the population living in poverty and 35.1% of the population identifying as a minority.
- In particular, the SUNY Orange Site is in Middletown, a diverse and socially vulnerable city with a poverty rate of 15%, above the statewide poverty rate of 13%. Also, 22% of Middletown residents identify as Black or African American, which is higher than the statewide average of 17%.
- The SUNY Orange site is also well positioned to serve residents across Mid-Hudson, including several areas of high social vulnerability including:

- Fallsburg 13k population, with 19.2% poverty rate
- Kingston 23k population, with 19.2% poverty rate
- Poughkeepsie 31k population with 19.4% poverty rate
- Newburgh 28k population, with 25.4% poverty rate

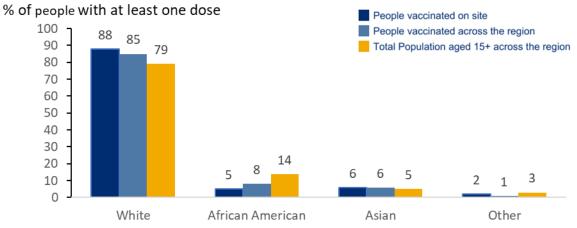


## Ulster County Fairground, Ulster County

## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.41** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# **Ulster County Fairground–Vaccinations by Race**



| Location (address or coordinates)                             | 249 Libertyville Road, New Paltz, NY<br>12561 |
|---|---|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3  |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active  |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 2,500   |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 1,050 per day (avg.)                          |

- Like the SUNY Orange site, the Ulster County Fairground is well positioned to serve residents in need across Mid-Hudson, including several areas of high social vulnerability including:
  - Fallsburg 13k population, with 19.2% poverty rate
  - ∘ Kingston 23k population, with 19.2% poverty rate
  - Poughkeepsie 31k population with 19.4% poverty rate
  - Newburgh 28k population, with 25.4% poverty rate

• In particular, the Ulster County Fairground is close to a critical transportation hub, the I-87 highway, which links upstate and downstate NY. This facilitates access for a wide range of New Yorkers across the state.

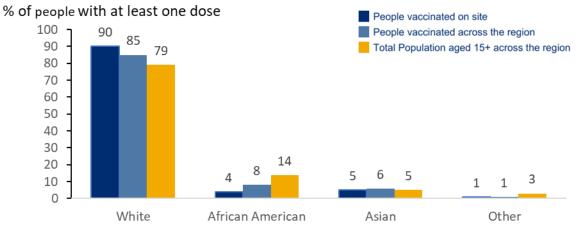


## Westchester County Center, Westchester County

## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.32** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

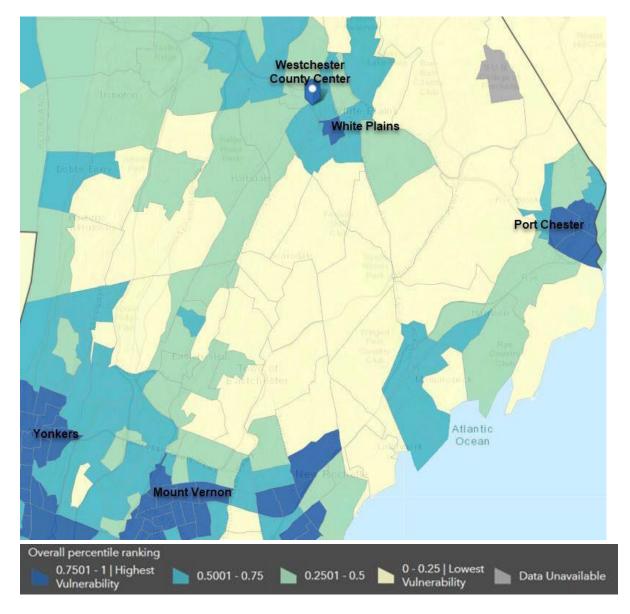
# Westchester County Center – Vaccinations by Race



| Location (address or coordinates)                             | 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY<br>10606 |
|---|---|
| Vaccine site type   | Type 2  |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active  |
|   |   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 3,000   |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 2,500 per day (avg.)                          |
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- Westchester County, one of the most populous counties in New York with ~969k residents, is a critical juncture linking NYC to the rest of the State. It is also a key transportation hub in the tri-state region, bordering NJ. and CT. This highlights the importance of establishing a vaccination site in the county to control the spread of COVID.
- Westchester is also particularly diverse, with 46% of all residents identifying as a minority.
- In particular, the Westchester County Center site is in White Plains, a city with above average vulnerability.

- The Westchester County Center in White Plains is also located near several other areas of high social vulnerability including:
  - Yonkers 200k population, with 14.9% poverty rate
  - Mount Vernon 67k population, with 13.9% poverty rate
  - Sleepy Hollow 10k population, with 13.4% poverty rate
  - Port Chester 29k population, with 11.0% poverty rate

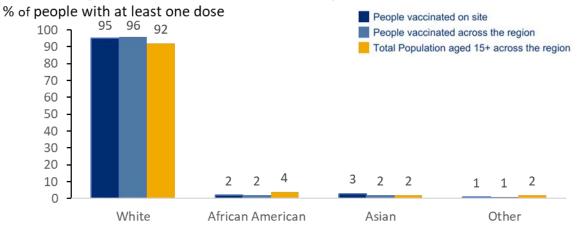


## SUNY Polytechnic, Oneida County

### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.39 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# SUNY Polytechnic– Vaccinations by Race



|   | Wildcat Field House, 880 Wildcat Drive,<br>Utica, NY, 13502 |
|---|---|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3  |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active  |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 3,000   |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 850 per day (avg.)  |

- Oneida County, the most populous counties in Mohawk Valley with ~231k residents, has a SVI of 0.69 and poverty rate of 16.1%, well above the state average of 13%. It also neighbors several other counties with above average SVI, including:
  - Montgomery County SVI of 0.83, poverty rate of 19.9%
  - Herkimer County SVI of 0.53, poverty rate of 14.6%
  - Fulton County SVI of 0.50, poverty rate of 15.5%
- In particular, the SUNY Poly site is located in Utica, one of the largest cities in Mohawk Valley with a population of 60k, and one of the poorest cities in Mohawk Valley with a poverty rate of 29.4%.

- In addition to large rural areas of above average SVI near Utica, there are also several highly vulnerable pockets including:
  - Rome 32k population, with 19.5% poverty rate
  - Herkimer 10k population, with 14.3% poverty rate
  - St. Johnsville 2k population, with 29% poverty rate



## SUNY Oneonta, Otsego County

## Social Vulnerability Score

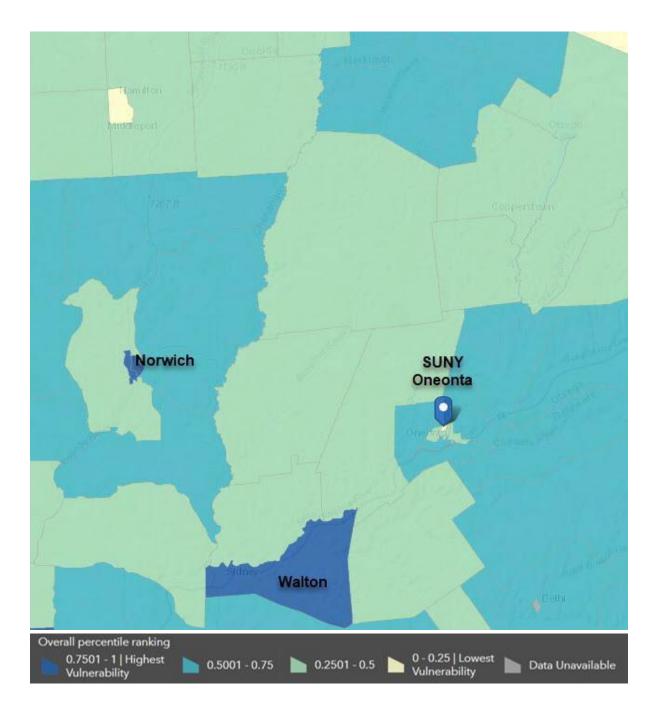
Weighted average score of 0.45 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

#### SUNY Oneonta – Vaccinations by Race % of people with at least one dose People vaccinated on site 93 96 92 100 People vaccinated across the region 90 Total Population aged 15+ across the region 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 4 2 2 4 2 2 2 10 1 1 0 Other White African American Asian

| Location (address or coordinates)           | Alumni Fieldhouse, 108 Ravine Parkway, |
|---|--|
|   | Oneonta, NY 13820                      |
| Vaccine site type                           | Туре 3                                 |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active                                 |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 4,000                                  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over | 650 per day (avg.)                     |
| the past 30 days)                           |  |

- SUNY Oneonta is in the heart of the northern Appalachians, a rural mountainous area of above average social vulnerability and poverty. Oneonta, a city of ~14k people, has a poverty rate of 22.2%, well above the state average of 13%.
- In addition to many large census tracts of above average SVI near Oneonta (e.g., Tracts 5905 and 5907), there are also several highly vulnerable pockets of social vulnerability including:
  - Norwich 7k population, with 22.9% poverty rate

• Walton - 5k population, with 23.6% poverty rate

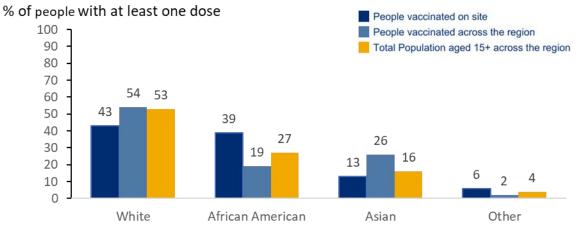


## Yankee Stadium, Bronx County

### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.87** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# Yankee Stadium – Vaccinations by Race



| Location (address or coordinates)           | 1 E 161 St, The Bronx, NY 10451  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Vaccine site type                           | Туре 3                           |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active                           |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 1,500                            |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over |                                  |
| the past 30 days)                           | *Daily site operating hours vary |

- Bronx County is the county with the highest social vulnerability across the state of New York (SVI of 0.99). Over 90% of Bronx residents identify as a minority (well above the state average of 17%), and over 29% are living in poverty (well above the state average of 13%).
- To ensure vaccinations were going to this community of high need, Yankee Stadium was designed as a Bronx-resident only mass vaccination site. As of 5/12, 56,055 Bronx residents have been vaccinated at Yankee Stadium.

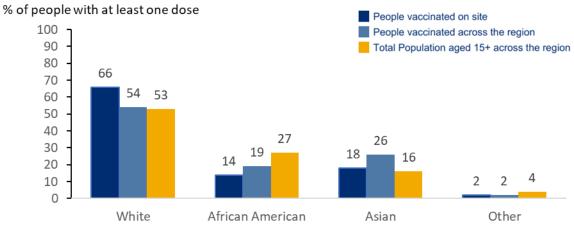


## Bay Eden Senior Center, Bronx County

## Social Vulnerability Score

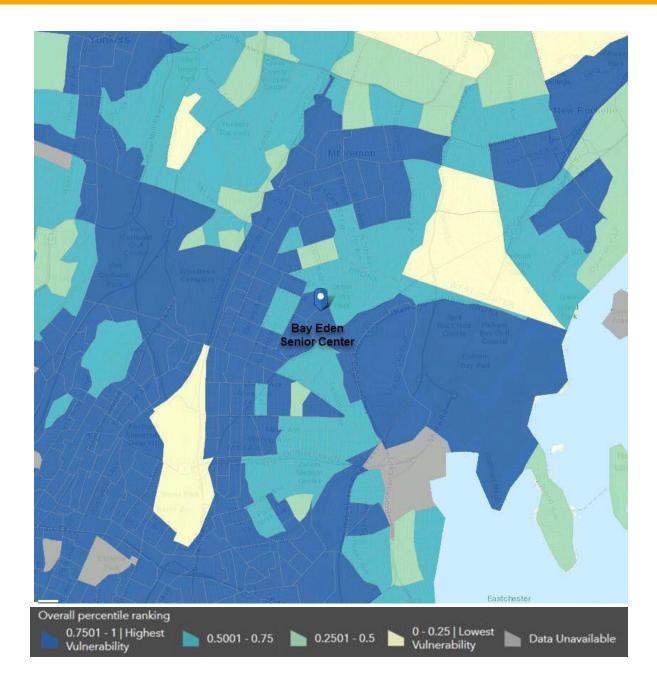
Weighted average score of 0.57 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# **Bronx Bay Eden Senior Center– Vaccinations by Race**



|   | Bay Eden Senior Center, 1220 East 229th<br>St. Bronx, NY 10466 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 2,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 1,300 per day (avg.)   |

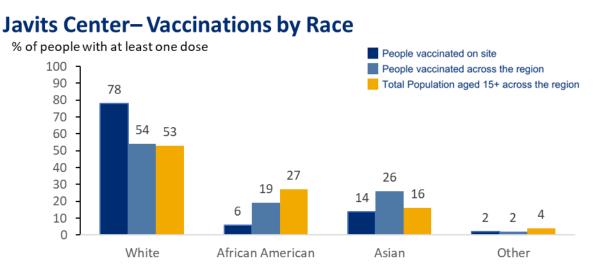
- Bronx County is the county with the highest social vulnerability across the state of New York (SVI of 0.99). Over 90% of Bronx residents identify as a minority (well above the state average of 17%), and over 29% are living in poverty (well above the state average of 13%).
- The Bay Eden Center is directly in an area of high social vulnerability and is in walking distance of stations on two subway lines linking the area directly to areas of deep social vulnerability directly south of the facility.



# Javits Center, New York County

# Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.40** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



| Location (address or coordinates)                                | 429 11th Avenue, New York, NY 10018 |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Vaccine site type  | Туре 1                              |  |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                         | Active                              |  |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                             | 15,000                              |  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over 6,000 per day (avg.) |                                     |  |
| the past 30 days)  |                                     |  |

- New York City is the largest city in the U.S., with over 8.4M residents. It is also one of the most diverse cities in New York, with only 43% of residents identifying as White compared to 70% White statewide. Despite pockets of high wealth and privilege, there remain large areas of poverty across the city, which has a overall poverty rate of 17.9%, higher than the statewide average of 13%.
- Javits Center was one of the first sites established because of:
  - The importance of reaching people in need of vaccination in NYC, given NYC's high population density and position as a central hub of transit (Javits

is just a 15-min walk away from Penn Station, a critical transportation artery for the entire East Coast).

- Large size Javits can vaccinate 10,000 people per day
- Familiarity with site Javits was the site of a FEMA / New York temporary hospital site, so staff were already familiar with the site layout and could quickly stand up a vaccination site once the EUA was approved.

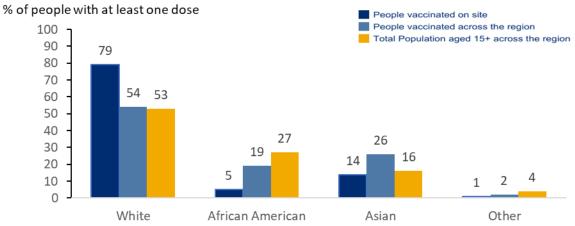


# Aqueduct Racetrack, Queens County

## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.39 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# Aqueduct Racetrack – Vaccinations by Race



|   | Racing Hall, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd, South<br>Ozone Park, NY 11420 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 2   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 4,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 2,500 per day (avg.)   |

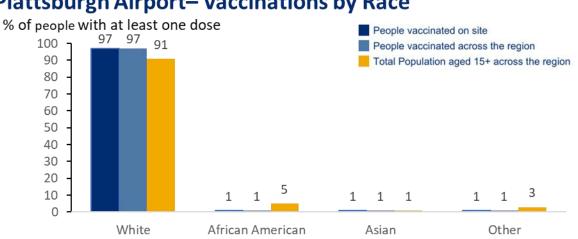
- New York City is the largest city in the U.S., with over 8.4M residents. It is also one of the most diverse cities in New York, with only 43% of residents identifying as White compared to 70% White statewide. Despite pockets of high wealth and privilege, there remain large areas of poverty across the city, which has an overall poverty rate of 17.9%, higher than the statewide average of 13%.
- In particular, Aqueduct Racetrack is in Queens, a populous, diverse county with high social vulnerability (SVI of 0.62). ~75% of Queens residents identify as a minority and 13% of people live in poverty. Queens was also one of the counties that was hardest hit by COVID, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest total number of deaths from COVID (5,343 deaths as of 4/1/2021). This highlights the importance of bringing vaccination site directly to this community.



# Plattsburgh International Airport, Clinton County

# **Social Vulnerability Score**

Weighted average score of **0.42** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



# **Plattsburgh Airport– Vaccinations by Race**

|   | Connecticut Building, 213 Connecticut Rd,<br>Plattsburgh, NY 12903 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 2,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 550 per day (avg.)   |

- Clinton County is a high social vulnerability county (SVI of 0.53), where 15.3% of the ٠ population lives in poverty, above the state average of 13%.
- The Plattsburgh Airport site is located near a critical transportation artery, the I-87, • which links upstate and downstate NY, facilitating access to vaccination for many New Yorkers.
- It is also near Franklin County, which has a SVI of 0.71 and above-average poverty levels (18.2% of residents live in poverty).

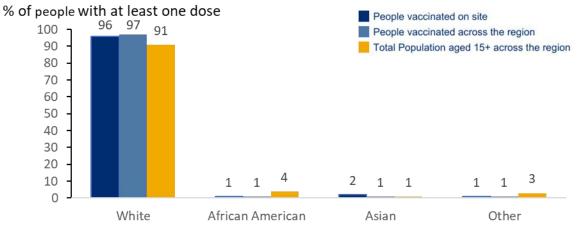


# SUNY Potsdam, St. Lawrence County

## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.53 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# SUNY Potsdam – Vaccinations by Race



| Location (address or coordinates)           | 44 Pierrepont Ave, Potsdam, NY 13676 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Vaccine site type                           | Туре 3                               |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active                               |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 2,000                                |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over | 450 per day (avg.)                   |
| the past 30 days)                           |                                      |

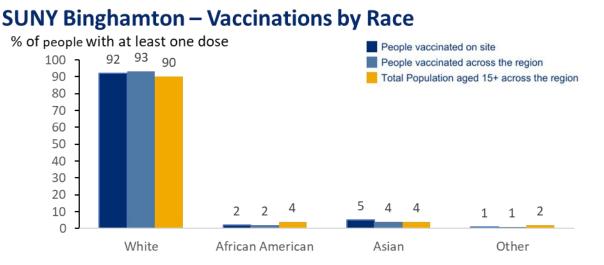
- St. Lawrence County, one of the largest counties in North Country with population of 109k, has high social vulnerability (SVI of 0.75) and poverty (17.7% of the population lives in poverty, above the state average of 13%).
- In particular, the SUNY Potsdam site is located near several areas of extremely high social vulnerability including:
  - Potsdam 15k population, of which 19.3% lives in poverty
  - Massena 12k population, of which 21.1% lives in poverty
  - Ogdensburg 10k population, of which 22.7% lives in poverty



# SUNY Binghamton, Broome County

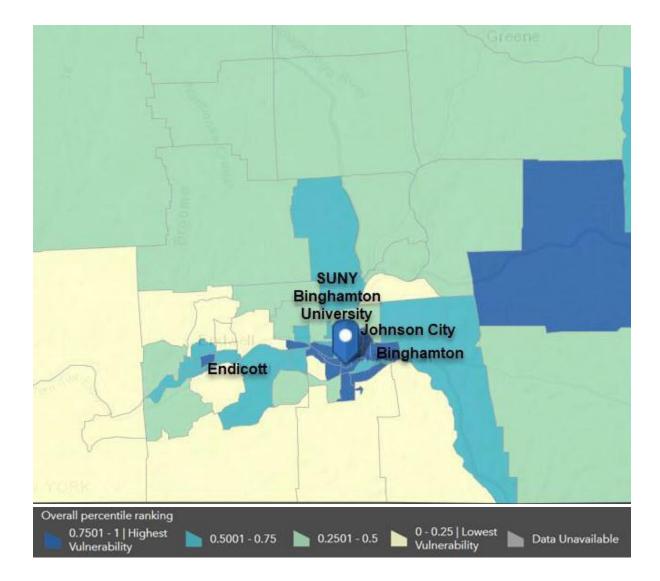
# Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.43 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



| Location (address or coordinates)                             | 10 Gannett Drive, Johnson City, NY 13790 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3                                   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active                                   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 2,000                                    |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 1,050 per day (avg.)                     |

- Broome County, the most populous county in the Southern Tier Region of NY with population of ~194,000, has high social vulnerability (SVI of 0.62) and poverty (17.0% of residents live in poverty, above the state average of 13%).
- SUNY Binghamton is well positioned to serve residents of the Greater Binghamton Area, a socially vulnerable, dense urban area that includes:
  - Binghamton −44k population, of which 32.6% lives in poverty
  - Endicott 13k population, of which 19.7% lives in poverty
  - Johnson City 14k population, of which 20.3% lives in poverty

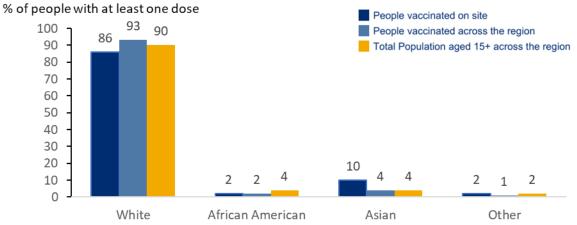


# Corning Community College, Steuben County

## Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.39** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

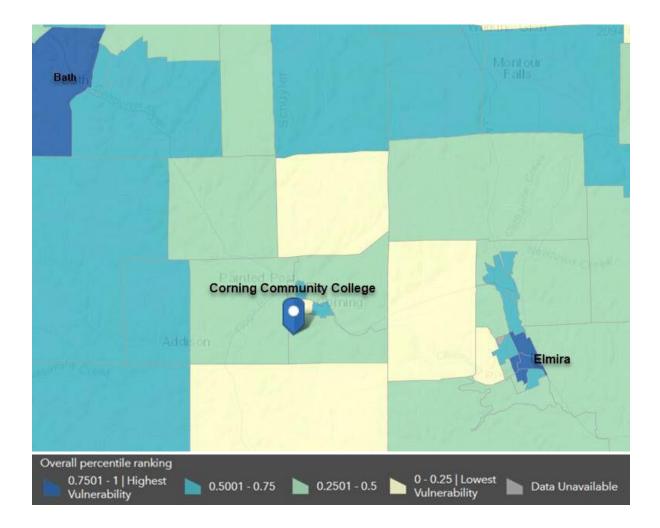
# **Corning Community College– Vaccinations by Race**



|   | Gymnasium and Wellness Education<br>Center, 1 Academic Drive, Corning, NY<br>14830 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 1,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 500 per day (avg.)   |

- In the predominantly rural Southern Tier, Corning is located at the juncture of 2 critical transportation routes: the I-86 that connects East and West NY, and the I-99 that connects NY with Pennsylvania to the south. Corning is also the headquarters of the Fortune 500 materials maker Corning. As a result, even though the population of Corning is relatively small at ~11,000 people, thousands more people may travel to Corning for work. This highlights the importance of establishing a vaccination site in Corning to provide:
  - Easy access to residents and essential workers across key regions in the state (and PA).

- Corning Community College is particularly well positioned to serve residents of highly socially vulnerable areas including:
  - Corning 10k population, of which 16.5% live in poverty
  - Bath 12k population, of which 17.1% lives in poverty
  - Elmira 27k population, of which 26.2% lives in poverty

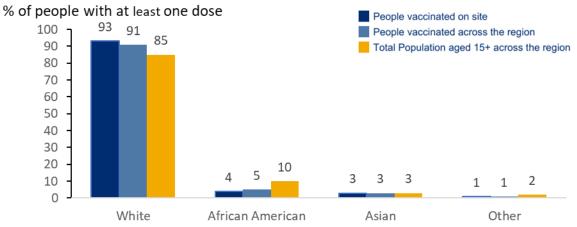


# University of Buffalo, Erie County

### Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of 0.28 based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.

# University of Buffalo- Vaccinations by Race

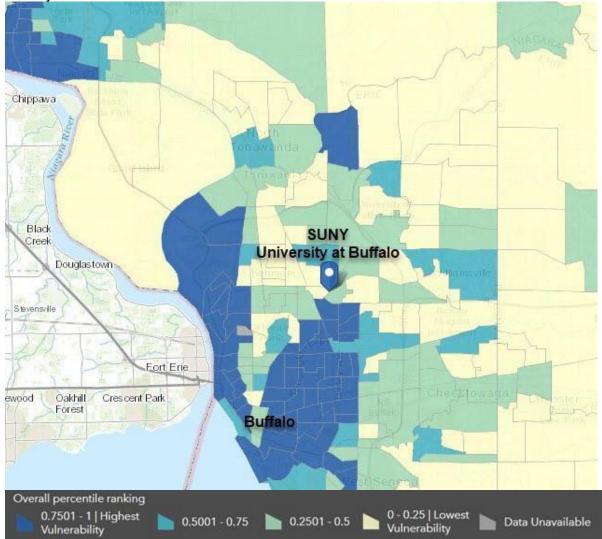


|   | Harriman Hall, 3435 Main St., Buffalo, NY<br>14214 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type   | Туре 3   |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)                      | Active   |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)                          | 1,000  |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over the past 30 days) | 900 per day (avg.)                                 |

- Erie County is New York State's 8<sup>th</sup> most populous county with more than 900,000 people and contains the state' 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city Buffalo. At more than 250,000 people, Buffalo is larger than 47 of New York's 62 counties and makes up nearly 30% of Erie's population.
- There are 79 census tracks in Erie County, 68%, (or 54) of which have a Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) Rating over 0.5, according to CDC SVI Data. Of the 32 census tracts in the county that have a SVI rating over 80% of all of them are in Buffalo (see table below).
- The City of Buffalo also has some of the highest poverty rates in the state. Specifically, 25% of the city's population is living under the poverty level compared to 13% statewide, according to the US Census 2019 American

Community Survey. Of those living in poverty, nearly 4 out of every 10 (39%) have children in the household under 18.

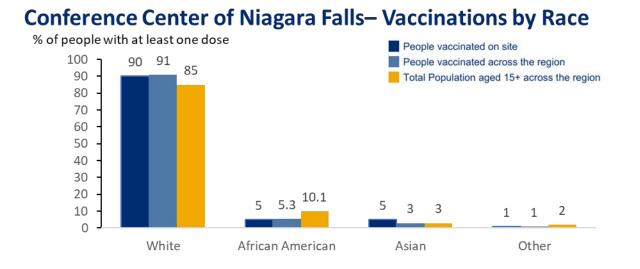
- Buffalo's demographics are comparatively diverse too. Nearly 40% of Buffalo
  residents identify as Black or African American according to Census data, much
  higher than the statewide average of 17%. Only about half of the city's residents
  identify as white compared to 66% statewide.
- Due to Buffalo's high SVI rating, dense population, comparatively high poverty rates, and high percentage of individuals who identify as Black or African American, a mass vaccination site was established in Buffalo facilitate access to the vaccine for city residents.



# Conference Center of Niagara Falls, Niagara County

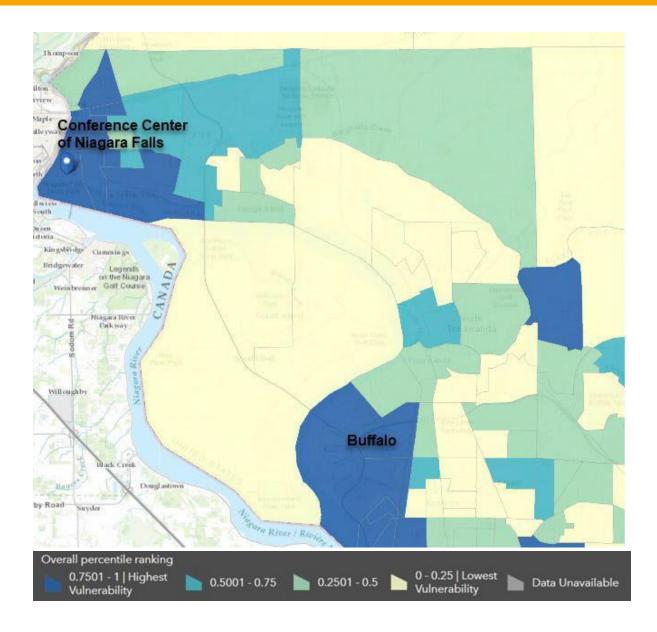
# Social Vulnerability Score

Weighted average score of **0.32** based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index.



| Location (address or coordinates)           | 101 Old Falls St., Niagara Falls, NY 14303 |
|---|--|
| Vaccine site type                           | Туре 3                                     |
| Site Status (active, planned, or closed)    | Active                                     |
| Site Capacity (vaccinations per day)        | 4,000                                      |
| Actual site throughput (doses provided over | 1,150 per day (avg.)                       |
| the past 30 days)                           |  |

- Niagara Falls, a city of ~48,000 people, has a SVI rating of over 0.5 and poverty rate of 28.2%, well above the statewide average of 13%.
- In addition, the Niagara Falls site is able to provide additional vaccination capacity to residents in Buffalo, which is less than 20 miles away and one of the most densely populated, high SVI, diverse, and high poverty cities in New York State.



# Community Popup Vaccination Program

To ensure equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, in January Governor Cuomo launched New York State's community popup vaccination program. Through this program, the State has worked with a range of providers to set up "popup" vaccinations in the most socially vulnerable areas of the state, where access to healthcare is limited. These popups are established at entrenched locations in the community, including houses of worship, community centers, libraries, and housing developments.

This program complements the State's mass vaccination program, which is designed to reach as many people across the State as possible through strategically located, high-throughput vaccination clinics, to 1. provide increased access to the vaccine in communities that may otherwise have limited access due to socioeconomic factors, and 2. Expand outreach to encourage vaccinations in communities that have higher rates of skepticism towards the vaccine.

On a weekly basis, the State allocates doses specifically earmarked for popup vaccination efforts. These doses are distributed to one location (Wadsworth Laboratory) and re-distributed by the State direct to the popup location or to the provider. Similarly, the State provides each popup location with a "Community Vaccination Kit" that includes all necessary PPE, supplies, and IT infrastructure to set up a basic vaccination distribution clinic. State representatives from across relevant state agencies work directly with communities to ensure outreach for the popup is conducted, and transportation is coordinated where needed.

To date, we have fully vaccinated over 80,000 people at more than 250 popup vaccination locations across New York State, including:

- 86 houses of worship
- 84 community centers and libraries
- 44 public housing developments
- 24 medical clinics and other facilities
- 13 MTA and NFTA stations

Popup locations are chosen based on a range of factors surrounding vaccine equity and fairness, including but not limited to the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI). An analysis of popup vaccination clinics, by New York's 10 regional economic development areas, is below.

New York City:

Popup locations within New York City have been chosen based on SVI rankings and other socioeconomic indicators for specific boroughs, with the majority concentrated between the Bronx and Brooklyn, which both have SVI ratings above 0.8. and to date have the lowest vaccination rates in the State relative to their share of the statewide population.

112 popups in NYC so far (58,907 doses allocated), including:

- 32 in Bronx (19,649 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .9927
- 29 in Brooklyn (18,641 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .8153
- 23 in New York County (8,035 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .551
- 19 in Queens (9,112 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .6201
- 9 in Richmond (3,470 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .4764

# Hudson Valley:

29 popups in Hudson Valley (10,006 doses allocated)

- 16 in Westchester (6,686 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI over .5 and pockets of disparity which is where popups were focused (e.g. Yonkers and Mt Vernon both have SVIs over .8)
- 7 in Rockland County (1,850 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .6038
- 3 in Orange County (600 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .5538
- 1 in Sullivan County (220 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .7939
- 1 in each of Dutchess (450 doses allocated) and Ulster (200 doses allocated), in areas with limited access to health care and SVIs over .5.

### Finger Lakes:

18 popups to date in Finger Lakes (4,067 doses allocated)

- 14 in Monroe County (3,107 doses allocated), most in the City of Rochester which has SVI over .8
- 2 in Ontario County (540 doses allocated), 1 in Livingston County (120 doses allocated), and 1 in Wayne County (300 doses) to serve populations with limited access to health care.

# Central NY:

8 popups so far in Central NY (3,036 doses allocated)

- 7 in Onondaga County (2,816 doses allocated), all in Syracuse which has SVI over .8
- 1 in Madison County (220 doses allocated), in city of Oneida which has SVI over .6

# Long Island:

28 popups so far on Long Island (10,280 doses allocated)

- 14 in Nassau County (4,845 doses allocated)
  - Across several areas with SVIs over .5, including Uniondale, Freeport, Hempstead, and Westbury.
- 14 in Suffolk County (5,435 doses allocated)
  - Across several areas with SVIs over .5 that have socioeconomic disparities, including Brentwood, Hampton Bays, and Patchogue.

# Western NY:

18 popups so far in Western NY (5,720 doses allocated)

- 10 in Erie County (4,050 doses), 8 of which were in City of Buffalo which has SVIover .8
- 3 in Niagara County (520 doses allocated), all in City of Niagara Falls which has SVI over .8
- 3 in Chautauqua County (600 doses allocated) County SVI of .7248
- 1 in Allegany County (200 doses allocated) County SVI of .5818

### Capital District:

10 popups so far in Capital District (1,950 doses allocated), including:

- 4 in Albany County (950 doses allocated), all in the City of Albany which has SVI over .8
- 2 in Schenectady County (400 doses allocated), both in City of Schenectady which has SVI over .8

- 1 in Rensselaer County (200 doses allocated), in Troy which has SVI over .8
- 1 in each of Columbia County (100 doses allocated), Greene County (100 doses allocated), and Saratoga County (200 doses allocated), to serve populations in rural areas, with limited access to health care.

# Mohawk Valley:

6 popups so far in Mohawk Valley (1,066 doses allocated)

- 5 in Oneida County (966 doses allocated), split between Utica and Rome which both have SVIs over .8
- 1 in Montgomery County (100 doses allocated), which has a county-wide SVI of .8306.

### Southern Tier:

8 popups so far in Southern Tier (1,686 doses allocated), including:

- 3 in Chemung County (420 doses allocated), all in Elmira which has SVI over .8
- 3 in Broome County (900 doses allocated), in Binghamton and Endicott which both have SVIs over .8
- 1 in each of Steuben County (166 doses allocated) and Tompkins County (200 doses allocated) to serve populations with limited access to health care.

# MTA and NFTA Stations

8 MTA popups so far (1,100 doses allocated), including:

- 1 in Bronx, which has a county-wide SVI of .9927
- 2 in Brooklyn, which has a county-wide SVI of .8153
- 2 in New York County, which has a county-wide SVI of .551
- 1 in Nassau County, across several areas with SVIs over .5, including Uniondale, Freeport, Hempstead, and Westbury
- 1 in Queens, which has a county-wide SVI of .6201
- 1 in Westchester, which has a county-wide SVI over .5 and pockets of disparity

which is where popups were focused (e.g. Yonkers and Mt Vernon both have SVIs over .8)

# NFTA Stations

5 NFTA popups so far (200 doses allocated), including:

- 4 in Erie County, which has SVI over .8
- 1 in Niagara County, which has SVI over .8

# Strategies to Ensure Equitable Access at All Sites

### **Outreach and Engagement Approach**

Outreach and engagement for all sites is a continuous process, especially for our community popup efforts, which depend on outreach to be successful. Community leaders are regularly engaged to spread the word about vaccine efforts, and to help reduce hesitancy by building vaccine confidence. Popup efforts take place primarily at key community locations, such as churches, community centers, and libraries, and outreach is conducted by both the State and the community to encourage residents to get vaccinated. Participation rates across our popup efforts have been high, with all allocated doses used.

In addition to the statewide Vaccinate New York campaign that is being run on TV/ digital / radio / social media and OTT, digital ads specifically targeted to the FEMA identified zip codes are running to build awareness of eligibility and to provide a clear call to action with a clickable link to scheduling.

Outreach and engagement at mass vaccination sites is also critical. Vaccination sites are typically developed in coordination with the local county health departments and other local, community leaders, to ensure access for all residents in the area. Appointments across our mass vaccination sites are consistently filled, and several sites vaccinated thousands of people each day.

The State has also developed partnerships with numerous providers to tailor outreach and engagement to a variety of communities across the state. See Appendix for a complete list of private partners.

New York State Department of Health (DOH) conducts direct follow up with providers, hospitals and other medical practitioners to reiterate the call to action to get more people vaccinated. Additionally, guidance has been provided to allow for additional providers to register to receive doses in efforts to vaccinate NYS residents as they went to the doctor's office for their annual physical.

# Targeted Outreach for Equity, Access, and Promotion

The NYS Vaccine Equity Task Force also lead a Fireside chat series with trusted messengers - clinicians, public health experts, faith leaders and community leaders. A fireside toolkit was also developed in the top 6 languages and can be found at www.ny.gov/vetf, along with the 10 archived fireside chats.

The State engages with 300+ community-based sites—including at all 33 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) sites, which house over 7,600 seniors—at public housing complexes, community, religious, and cultural centers statewide which have volunteered to house these sites through the NYS Vaccine Equity Task Force. These sites have enabled nearly 70,000+ New Yorkers to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose.

On May 4th, NYSDOH and SOFA issued guidance directing to each county and local health department to develop an in-home vaccination plan that employs mechanisms to identify those that need an in-home vaccine, clearly identifies a single point of contact at the local level to assist homebound individuals in getting vaccinated, and employs aggressive multi-systems outreach and education to direct those in need to the point of contact. Each county has identified their single point of contact and is in the process of being made publicly available.

The State also recognizes the importance of developing tailored outreach and engagement to target population segments, and thus has established several targeted vaccination programs in partnership with local entities to reach populations with limited access to vaccine information and vaccinations. For example, through the O-Agency Link-Outreach-Vaccinate (O-LOV) COVID-19 Vaccination Program, the State supports weekly provider-hosted education seminars for individuals experiencing homeless.

In April, the State coordinated with local health departments and local providers established a campaign to bring pop-up vaccination sites to farm and food production facilities to provide access directly to farm production workers and farm workers in rural areas, including migrant workers. The effort recognizes that the needs of food production and farm workers across the state by bringing vaccination events directly to their places of employment.

In April, New York State's, "Roll Up Your Sleeve" Campaign began engaging with houses of worship of all faiths across the state to sign up as vaccination sites for their communities, significantly increasing the number of doses local communities can administer. As part of this campaign, medical providers volunteer to partner with houses of worship to conduct vaccination clinics, furthering the state's commitment to ensure fairness and equity in the vaccine distribution process. This campaign builds on the state's efforts to bring the vaccine to underserved communities and combat vaccine hesitancy through houses of worship. Since March 8, over 200 new houses of worship have signed up to serve their communities. Interested medical

providers and houses of worship can sign up at The Roll Up Your Sleeve website (<u>https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/roll-your-sleeve</u>).

In May, the State established vaccination events at key MTA and NFTA transit stations in New York City, Long Island, and Western New York to accommodate New Yorkers' schedules and reach individuals on their daily commute. Each site is established to support high volume geographic locations to reach as many individuals as possible, especially those in proximity to target SVI regions. In order to ensure access for all individuals interested in receiving a vaccine, all sites are open for walk-in vaccinations and offer the J&J vaccine. The State also provides transportation-related incentives to any individual who receives a vaccine at these sites to encourage participation in the program.

# **Registration Process**

For mass vaccination sites, registration can occur online, via telephone, or in -person at the mass vaccination site. The online registration process is simple and can be done on either a computer/laptop or mobile phone. For individuals who can't easily access the internet, they can call our call center to make an appointment, which is operational from 7am to 11pm every day. And for individuals who do not have access to either of those options, they can go straight to the site and dedicated staff members at the mass vaccination site will register the individual as a walk-in appointment.

For individuals with limited English proficiency, Call Center prompts are available in the six languages required by the statewide language access policy (NYS Executive Order 26). Call Center operators are also supported real-time by Language Line third-party language translators to support other languages as needed. For individuals with speech or hearing disabilities, the state's TTY hotline (7-1-1 or 1-800-421-1220) is available to support appointment scheduling.

For community popups, providers use their own scheduling system to schedule appointments, and often allow walk-ins. Appointments are typically scheduled in conjunction with community leaders, and are only for people from specific communities, which, as shown above, are primarily chosen based on socioeconomic indicators like SVI.

### Physical Site Design and Accessibility

All mass vaccinations sites are ADA accessible and have wheelchairs available onsite. Sites in New York City and other urban areas are situated near public transportation options, and in some cases, transportation has been provided to sites to increase access for specific communities. All sites have parking options as well. Some sites, like Yankee stadium, are restricted to residents of specific geographic areas to increase access to counties and zip codes with lower vaccination rates (e.g. the Bronx, the NYC boroughs).

All sites have direct access to New York's Language Access Line, which provides

telephonic translation services for individuals who do not speak English in more than 240 languages (https://www.languageline.com/client-services/list-of-languages). All sites also have devices equipped with a Language Services Video Application to support video translation services for individuals who do not speak English and interpretation services for individuals who require American Sign Language (ASL) support. The NYS Department of Health Vaccine Website (https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/), "Am I Eligible?" site (https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/), and vaccine form (https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine) are all available in the following languages:

- Spanish
- Chinese
- Russian
- Haitian Creole
- Bengali
- Korean

The State's vaccine scheduling system is also able to be translated into the languages listed above.

For individuals who possess smartphones, the NYS vaccine form is available on-site to download via QR code in the languages above to accommodate individuals with limited English proficiency.

Community popups are also ADA accessible and have translation services available as needed.

New York State has followed non-discrimination laws and policies in the planning and execution of its vaccination program.

### **Evaluation and Continuous Improvement Plan**

Each week New York State continuously evaluates mass vaccination efforts and community popup initiatives to ensure equitable vaccine distribution. For mass vaccination sites, we try to allocate more vaccines each week to areas that have the lowest relative vaccination rates. Similarly, we try each week to allocate more vaccine to our popup's effort. The biggest challenge is balancing throughput with equity. We are continuously assessing and working to improve.

New York State is constantly analyzing and monitoring vaccination progress across the state to ensure equitable distribution of the vaccine. Leveraging a combination of national, public data sources from the CDC and the Census Bureau, combined with internal data on vaccination progress, a regular pull of zip code-level progress of

vaccinations across the State focuses on equity across race, ethnicity, social vulnerability, disability and age. In partnership with our Counties and their local health departments, we communicate focus areas each week, to ensure that underserved zip codes and specific populations are brought up to parity. Data is shared with county health departments to aid their planning, and clear targets around expected progress are shared with counties serving the most vulnerable, to ensure goals are aligned and progress can be measured. These metrics are being tracked across sites including our mass vaccination sites, local health department pods and all other providers such as hospitals, pharmacies, medical practices.

To support equitable access to vaccination sites, New York State provides the option for individuals to indicate language access and accessibility needs through the State's vaccine scheduling system (CDMS). By collecting optional demographic information for individuals with limited English proficiency and/or disabilities and providing practical applications for this data collection, the State can reduce barriers which may have otherwise prevent these demographic populations from receiving a vaccine. Currently, the State's vaccine scheduling system includes the following questions and response options to identify individuals with limited English proficiency and/or disabilities:

| Category                     | Current Question and Response Options in CDMS                               |   | Practical Application of Data<br>Collection   |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Language<br>Access           | #1<br>Please choose your<br>preferred language.                             | <ul> <li>English</li> <li>Español (Spanish)</li> <li>직ংল (Bengali)</li> <li>中文 (Chinese)</li> <li>Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)</li> <li>한국어 (Korean)</li> <li>Pycĸий (Russian)</li> <li>Italiano (Italian)</li> <li>Polski (Polish)</li> </ul> | Allows individuals to access the<br>vaccine scheduling system in<br>preferred language.   |
|                              | #2<br>I will need non-<br>English Language<br>assistance.                   | Select Option   | Allows vaccination site staff to<br>identify appointments where<br>individuals will require non-<br>English language assistance in<br>order to best provide services. |
| Accessibility/<br>Disability | #3<br>I am a person with a<br>disability and require<br>an accessible area. | Select Option to prompt<br>additional question  | Allows vaccination site staff to<br>identify and prepare for the<br>specific accessibility needs an<br>individual will require during their<br>appointment.           |
|                              | #4<br>What are your<br>accessibility needs?                                 | Write in Option for individuals<br>to indicate specific accessibility<br>needs  | Allows vaccination site staff to<br>prepare accommodations for the<br>individuals specific needs, as<br>necessary.  |

New York State also collects demographic information related to comorbidities and/or disabilities through the State's vaccine form (<u>https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine</u>); This allows the State to identify the number of individuals intending to be vaccinated who self-identify has having a comorbidity or a disability (For a list of comorbidities, visit: <u>https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/ComordbititiesCOVID19.pdf</u>).

| Category   | Current Question and Response Options in Vaccine Form   |               | Practical Application of Data<br>Collection   |  |
|------------|---|---------------|---|--|
| Disability | <b>#1</b><br>Do you have a<br>comorbidity or underlying<br>condition as defined by<br>the New York Department<br>of Health? * | □ Yes<br>□ No | Allows New York State to track<br>information related to the number<br>of individuals that self-identify as<br>having a comorbidity or disability |  |

Additionally, New York State continues to make progress in enhancing the reporting of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identify (SO/GI) demographics. A comprehensive review of SO/GI demographic reporting across the State's vaccine program was conducted to evaluate current data collection practices. A Working Group was assembled to include members of NYS Department of Health, NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and Legal to identity the best approach to enhance data collection for SO/GI demographics.

Moving forward, the working group will continue its analysis to identify any gaps in SO/GI demographic reporting. The group will continue coordination with FEMA Region 2 to determine questions and response options to be incorporated into New York State data collection as required. NYS ITS will be included in future working group discussions as needed to determine the best data collection tool to implement SO/GI demographic questions, and allow the State to better identify, track, and measure equitable vaccination for SO/GI demographic populations.

# <u>Appendix</u>

# New York State Response to FEMA Critique Items

This SVI Report has been updated to include feedback provided via the Critique Items NY State Equity Strategy document shared with New York State by Lawrence Ciacci, Emergency Management at FEMA, on 4/19/2021. See below for the locations of the State's critique responses:

# 1. Overall Strategy

a. Add a paragraph or two on how the State's overall strategy is designed to meet Federal and State Civil Rights law. Add as part of the opening paragraph on page 3 and tie in use of the CDC SVI guides meeting those requirements. (See Page 3)

### 2. Outreach and Engagement

a. Need to expand on this more. Add to the discussion on how the State leverages local county health officials to conduct outreach to populations with limited English proficiency, disabilities and socially vulnerable. Did the state provide guidance? Are any resources or funding being used to help with these outreach efforts? Social Medial, local print and broadcast efforts? If so, please add here. (See Pages 57-59)

### 3. Continuous Improvement

- a. Have to expand on this some more. Evaluation criteria states, "Data sources, proxies, or indices are used to develop and meet short term targets for equitable delivery of vaccinations." *(See Pages 60-62)*
- b. What metrics will be used to evaluate progress? (See Pages 60-61)

### Provider partners:

Aids Health Foundation Allegany County Broome County CAIPA Catholic Charities/Tri County Family Medicine Catholic Health Services Catskill Regional Hospital Chemung County Columbia Country LHD Community Health Center of Buffalo / Erie County Medical Center **Cornerstone Family Healthcare Doral Health & Wellness** Forme Medical Center GBUAHN Madison County Health Department Mercy Hospital Mohawk Ambulance Mohawk Valley Health System Monroe County

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