



Charlotte
DeSoto
Manatee
Sarasota

Through the COVID-19 Response initiative at The Patterson Foundation, this weekly Amplify communication aims to weave together what works in each of the counties for a healthier and more thriving Suncoast. You're receiving this message because you've been identified as a community advocate, and we hope you'll share these stories and messages far and wide in your network.

SPOTLIGHT STORY

National Goal, State Averages: Florida vaccination number compared to national targets

As Independence Day approaches, the U.S. government is focused on reaching its goal of 70% of adults receiving at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine.

How does Florida stack up? While vaccination rates have slowed in recent weeks, more than 10-million Floridians have received their first shot of the vaccine – equating to about 57% of the total population. This puts the state about 9% behind the national rate of 66% of people who have had at least one shot.

There are many ways to break down the vaccination data. We're highlighting a few:

By County:

- 61.8% of all people in Charlotte County have received at least one dose
- 38.8% of all people in DeSoto County have received at least one dose
- 50.9% of all people in Manatee County have received at least one dose
- 64.1% of all people in Sarasota County have received at least one dose

By Age: Florida's older populations (60+) have [higher rates of vaccinations](#). The younger a person is, the less likely they are to have received a vaccine.

By Race: While we don't have access to the county-level breakdown of vaccinations by race, we can look at the state-wide rates provided by the [Multicultural Health Institute](#) (as of June 17). Because each state tracks race and ethnicity slightly differently, national rates can be difficult to distill. However, overall, we see trends in Florida reflecting [national trends](#).

- 21% of African-American or Black Floridians are vaccinated
- 35% of Hispanic/Latinx Floridians are vaccinated
- 41% of White Floridians are vaccinated

By Gender: Nationally, more women than men are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. The same holds true in Florida. Of those vaccinated, 60% are women. It is critical for men to receive the vaccine as men have a [higher morbidity rate if they contract COVID](#).

This holiday weekend, ensure that you and your loved ones are safe by following CDC guide-lines.

Sarasota-Manatee groups work to increase Latino COVID-19 vaccination (Herald-Tribune)

By Elizabeth Djinis

Graciela Greenberg realized she wanted to host a vaccine clinic once she started reading the articles. The news told her that some Latinos were afraid to get vaccinated – they were worried about providing documents or paying. Greenberg, who is president of the Hispanic Democratic Caucus of Manatee County, thought there was a way to give back and host a vaccine clinic in her own community.

On Friday afternoon, the fruits of her hard labor came to pass. She helped organize a drive-through Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine clinic at the Palmetto Walmart from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., an ideal time because it takes place after traditional working hours. A promotional flyer explicitly stated in both English and Spanish that the vaccines were free and did not require proof of documentation or insurance.

Greenberg's marketing must have struck a chord because days before the event, more than 300 people had called to reserve a spot. By pop-up clinic standards, that's a huge number.

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Want to find out more about vaccine demographics? [Check out the Multicultural Health Institute's dashboards.](#)

[Why vaccinate children and teens? Dr. Washington Hill explains.](#)

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