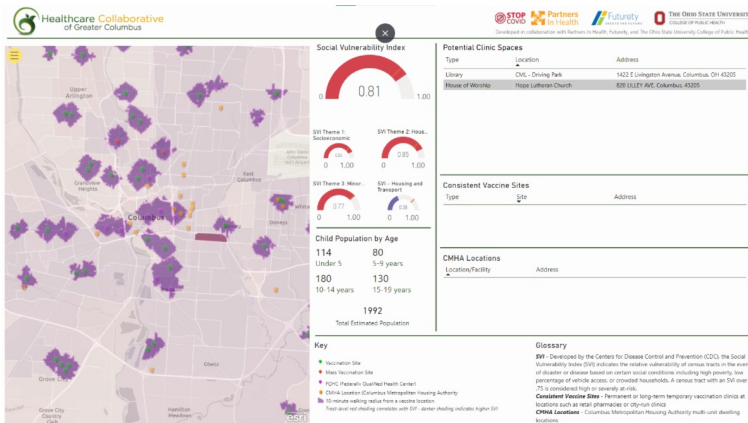




## April Featured Content



### Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic through an Equity Lens

In collaboration with [Partners In Health](#), HCGC has initiated a community effort to map access to the COVID-19 vaccine through an equity lens. This process began by identifying local partners that were tracking a diverse set of data and bringing those efforts all under the umbrella of one

regional mapping effort. HCGC is proud to partner with [Futurety](#) and the [Ohio State University College of Public Health](#) in rolling out the following mapping strategy:

- Using collaborative spatial mapping, community, government, and academic partners comprehensively document and visualize the resources and vaccination needs of communities most vulnerable to COVID-19.
- Through census tract-level analysis, the team has identified gaps in coverage and insufficiencies in public transportation.
- Four major health systems as well as two local health departments are using recommendations based on this mapping to place mobile and pop-up clinics.
- The mapping will also inform the deployment of Community Health Workers (CHWs) to provide vaccine education, assist clients to locate and register for appointments, and furnish transportation assistance.

**Read more about this project and HCGC's overall pandemic response on our website**



## Partners In Health White Paper Highlights HCGC involved work in Ohio

### "Eligibility is Not Access: Prioritizing those most at risk in the next push of vaccine rollout"

Executive Summary: "Across the United States, expanded vaccine eligibility offers hope that within months enough Americans will be immunized to allow the safe resumption of normal activity. However, relying on a national vaccination campaign to resolve the COVID-19 pandemic is not so straightforward; even with open eligibility, our health system is not designed to ensure vaccine access and uptake for all. We've seen time and again that simply making health care available without understanding and eliminating barriers to access perpetuates inequitable outcomes. In response, Partners In Health (PIH) is supporting and co-developing pragmatic and sustainable solutions with local communities to meet the opportunities and challenges of COVID-19 vaccination.

To get to our new normal—safely reopening our schools, our businesses and our communities—we must achieve 70-90% vaccination rates. Critically, for disease control and population immunity, we must reach these rates everywhere, at the global, national, and local levels, and we must maintain them. If not, we will continue to see hotspots of infection surface and spread, with resultant disease and mortality, potentially driving the emergence of new variants.

Standing in the way of this goal are long-standing structural inequities that have led to a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 in certain communities. We must prioritize vaccinations for those most at risk and work together to establish a more responsive and community-centered public health system in the process.

Epidemiologic and social risk factors reinforce the need to prioritize older individuals, communities of color, and essential workers. To combat the structural factors that have resulted in these groups suffering disproportionately from COVID-19 and other health inequities, PIH is supporting a 3-pronged approach to rolling out vaccination and improving health outcomes:

- 1) increasing vaccine demand through community engagement;
- 2) ensuring adequate vaccine supply through resource allocation and operations;
- and 3) leveraging the vaccination opportunity to invest in long-term public health systems.

[Read the full post HCGC's Blog Page](#)

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# HCGC MAY WEBINAR: BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY FOR EQUITABLE VACCINE ACCESS

THURSDAY, MAY 20  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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[Achieving Health Equity: What's Next?](#)

[Public transit funding, cut in initial DeWine proposal, restored by General Assembly](#)

Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence Racial Equity Trainings:

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