

# Health Centers Mark 1 Year of Ensuring Equity in COVID Vaccinations

As of February, 2022

Health centers have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic since the beginning and have faced innumerable challenges during this time. Despite these adversities, they have been instrumental in boosting COVID-19 vaccination rates across the U.S. among underserved and minority populations. In the 1 year since the health center vaccination program began, they have succeeded in administering over 2 in 3 shots to racial and ethnic minorities.

Since February 2021:

Health centers have administered **2.7** million vaccinations



**67%** of patients vaccinated are from racial and/or ethnic minority backgrounds

Since April 2020:

Health centers have tested **17** million patients

**60%** of patients tested are from racial and/or ethnic minority backgrounds



While health centers continue to make great strides in vaccinations and testing, addressing workforce shortages remains a high priority. Health centers continue to face staffing challenges, as 44% felt they didn't have adequate staff to administer vaccines as of January 2022