



# Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall

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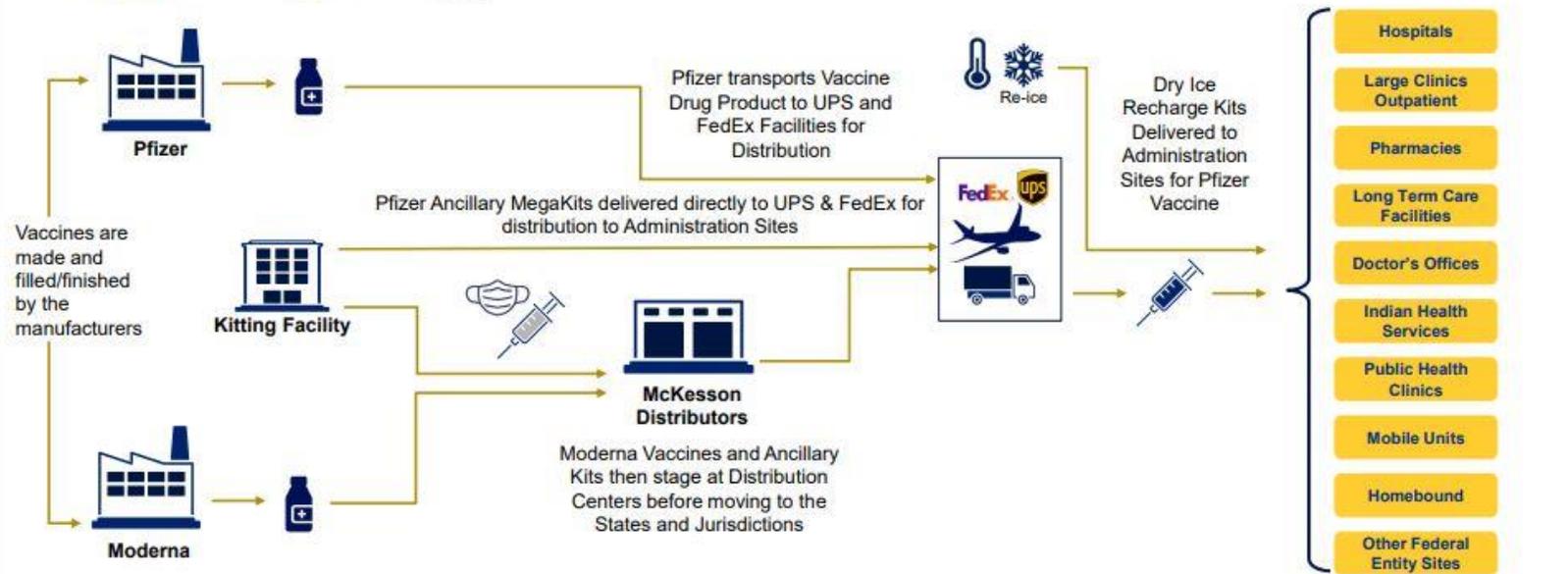


# Current Status of the Coronavirus Pandemic

- ▶ **The U.S. leads the world in coronavirus cases and deaths. More than 420,000 lives in the U.S. have been lost** as a result of the coronavirus.
  - ▶ **In California, over 3.1 million people have been infected and over 37,000 people have died.**
- ▶ There have been **over 25 million confirmed coronavirus cases** in the U.S. with deaths averages occasionally exceeding **3,300 per day**.
- ▶ **41.4 million** coronavirus vaccine doses have been distributed to states, territories, and federal agencies since December 2020.
- ▶ **19.3 million** people have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine and **3.3 million** people had been fully vaccinated.
  - ▶ **2.7 million doses** have been administered to people in nursing homes and long-term-care centers.
- ▶ President Trump over-promised and under-delivered the coronavirus vaccine.



## OPERATION WARP SPEED Vaccine Distribution Process



Leveraging Existing Networks, Processes and Partnerships

# The Coronavirus Vaccine Distribution Process

# Biden Administration's Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic

- ▶ **President Biden has only been in office for 8 days** and has already taken more constructive action than ex-President Trump ever did.
- ▶ President Biden took several actions to immediately address the coronavirus pandemic including orders to:
  - ▶ **Increase the pace of manufacturing vaccine supplies;**
  - ▶ **Boost the distribution of vaccines** through vaccination centers, a new federal pharmacy program, and government liaisons; and
  - ▶ **Ensure an equitable response**, including the distribution of vaccines, treatments, and PPE, to the coronavirus pandemic by creating a COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force.
- ▶ On January 26, the Biden Administration announced it would speed up deliveries of coronavirus vaccines beginning February 1 to approximately **10 million doses per week**, a **16% increase** in the pace of supply.

# Biden Administration's National Vaccine Plan

- ▶ The Biden Administration's National Vaccine Plan will use the full strength and capabilities of the federal government in partnership with state, local, and private organizations to:
  - ▶ Get more vaccine doses to the American people;
  - ▶ Boost the supply of vaccine and related supplies;
  - ▶ Provide support for expanded vaccine eligibility;
  - ▶ Hire and use a larger public health workforce to deploy the vaccine; and
  - ▶ Launch a national public education campaign.

# The American Rescue Plan

- ▶ To address the pandemic more comprehensively, **President Biden and Congressional Democrats are supporting the American Rescue Plan**
- ▶ The **\$1.9 trillion plan** includes:
  - ▶ **\$400 billion** to expand access to vaccinations and testing
    - ▶ Goal of **150 million vaccinations by the 100th day** of the Biden Administration;
    - ▶ **\$20 billion** in funding for a **universal vaccination program**;
    - ▶ **Build a large public health workforce** to do vaccine outreach, testing, and tracing;
    - ▶ Funding to **assist underserved populations** disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus.

# The American Rescue Plan - Continued

- ▶ The American Rescue Plan also includes:
  - ▶ **Direct payments** of \$1,400 for Americans
  - ▶ Additional aid to **small businesses**
  - ▶ Funding to **safeguard state and local jobs**
  - ▶ An **extension of unemployment benefits**
  - ▶ Additional assistance for **renters and children in poor and middle-class families** and more

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