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Town Hall

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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.
The Coronavirus Vaccine Distribution Process

OPERATION WARP SPEED
Vaccine Distribution Process

Leveraging Existing Networks, Processes and Partnerships
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.
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.
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 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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