COVID-19 MRC Volunteer Best Practices from Cuyahoga County, OH
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Ask for coordination help early on
Two additional volunteer coordination staff assisted in onboarding and scheduling hundreds of volunteers in a very short timeframe.

Clearly describe roles and qualifications
Up to 48 medical volunteers were scheduled for each of our 46 large vaccination clinics.

VACCINATOR: Individuals will administer COVID Vaccinations. COVID-19 volunteer vaccine providers include physicians, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, emergency medical technicians (intermediate or paramedic), dentists, dental hygienists, optometrists, respiratory care professionals, and veterinarians.

POST-VACCINATION MONITOR: Individuals will monitor clients post-vaccination for 15 or 30 minutes, answer questions, record adverse events and follow adverse event protocols as necessary, and communicate emergencies to 9-1-1 or EMS, if on site. Medical background is preferred.

VACCINE DRAWER: Individuals will draw up vaccine alongside local health department nurses. Experience with drawing up vaccine or medication from multi-dose vials is preferred.

Leverage Relationships
790 volunteers shifts were scheduled using our local emergency management agency web scheduling software.

WE NEED Volunteers
Between January 16, 2021 and May 22, 2021, CCBH had 46 Mass Vaccination Clinics including 790 MRC Volunteers serving over 6631 MRC Volunteer Hours and administering more than 49,260 Vaccinations.