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Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA) joins the Biden Administration’s COVID-19 Community Corps to help build vaccine confidence and uptake

*Statement by Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM, President and Chief Executive Officer,
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WASHINGTON, DC – “The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA) has joined the Biden Administration’s COVID-19 Community Corps to encourage vaccine confidence and uptake in communities across the country.

“To build trust and ensure equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines, partnerships such as this are critical for meeting local needs, building vaccine awareness and protecting our country’s most vulnerable individuals, families and communities. All of us who serve in the Catholic health care ministry are committed to ongoing efforts to share accurate vaccine information and enhance vaccine acceptance, with particular attention to reaching out to those who are most in need.”

Additional resources from CHA:

CHA is promoting the acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines through our “[#LoveThyNeighbor](#)” social media campaign, publications, webinars, media interviews and podcasts. The simplicity of the “love thy neighbor” message has resonated with our members and partners, particularly in the faith community, as it expresses our solidarity with one another as we work together to end the pandemic. Through various [social media assets](#) we are able to share succinct facts about the vaccine, as well as messages about the importance of wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.

Under CHA’s leadership, the U.S. Catholic health ministry is also using its collective voice to promote COVID-19 health equity. Twenty-three of the nation’s largest Catholic health care systems have signed the [Confronting Racism by Achieving Health Equity](#) pledge. Collectively, [these organizations](#) employ nearly a half million people across 46 states and the District of Columbia and care for almost 4 million patients annually. Through this initiative we are highlighting our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, while also providing resources for our members and partners to learn more about how health equity impacts communities. The pledge affirms the Catholic health ministry’s commitment to immediate action to achieve COVID-19 health equity by prioritizing proven and effective vaccinations for those individuals and families at higher risk — elder populations and communities of color, including Native American communities. CHA President and CEO Sr. Mary Haddad recently provided an overview of these efforts in a *Morning Consult* op-ed entitled [Health Equity Is an Action. We All Play a Role.](#)

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