

# Support Your COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts with Your Marketing Strategy

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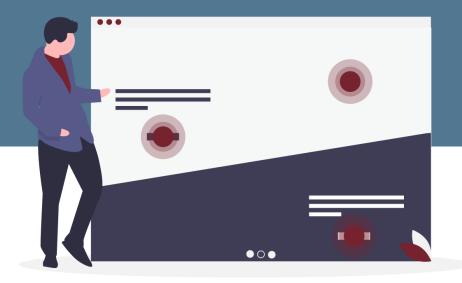
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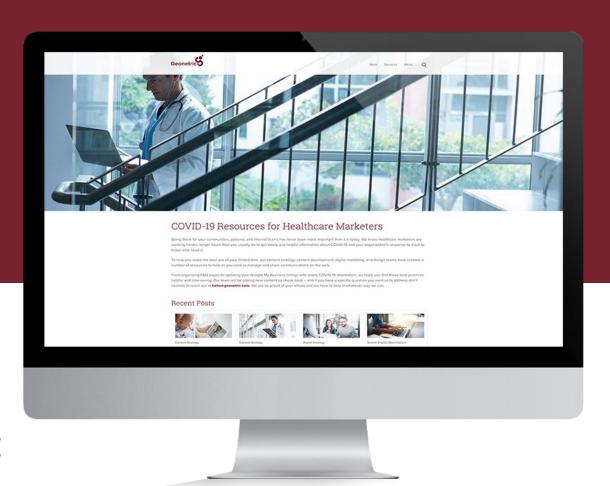
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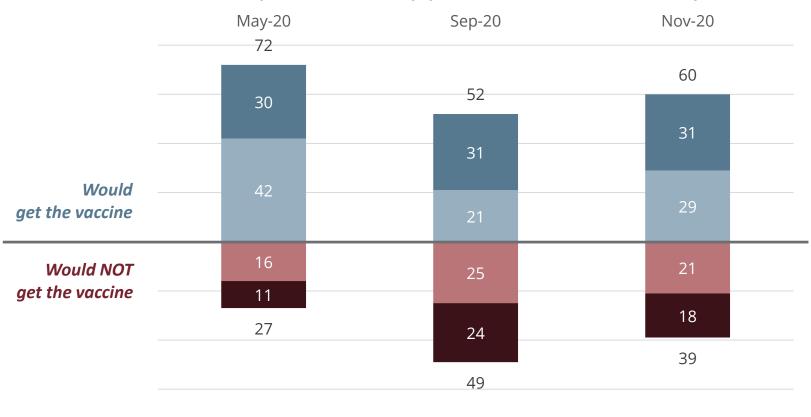


Entering a new phase of the pandemic

#### Intentions continue to shift

■ Definitely Would

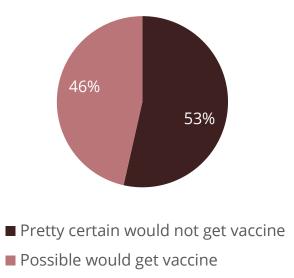




■ Probably Would

#### The 'wait and see' group

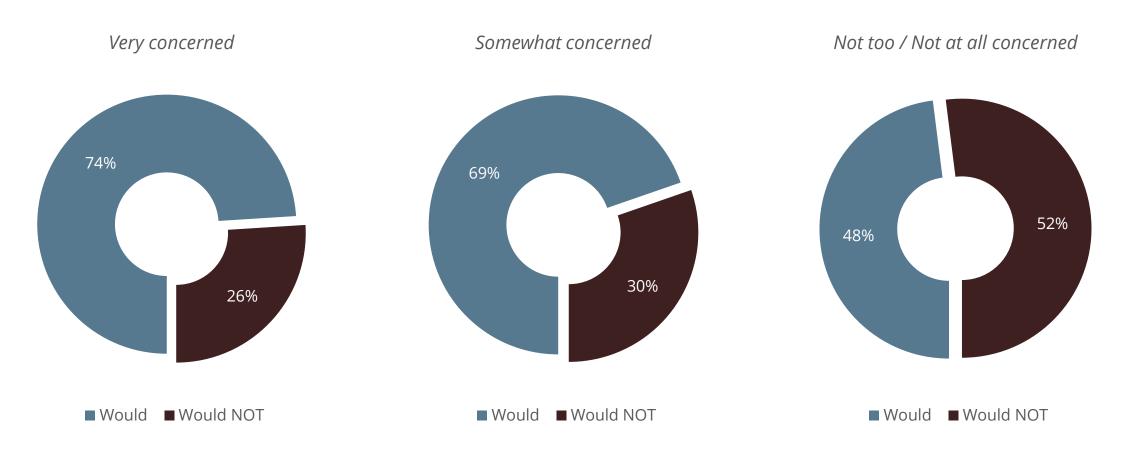
% among "would not" group who say once others start getting a coronavirus vaccine and there is more information ...



■ Probably Not ■ Definitely Not

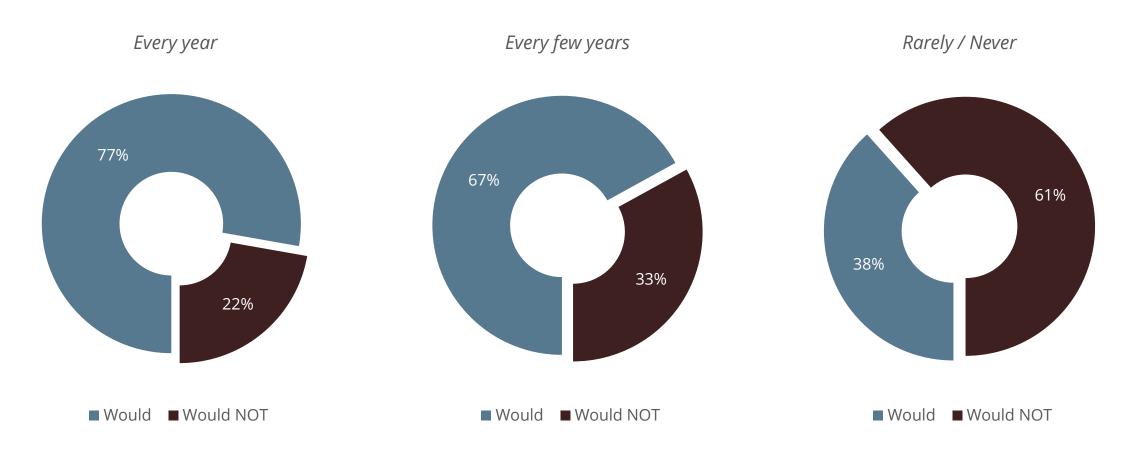
#### Concerned about hospitalization for COVID-19

Among those \_\_\_\_ concerned they will get COVID and require hospitalization



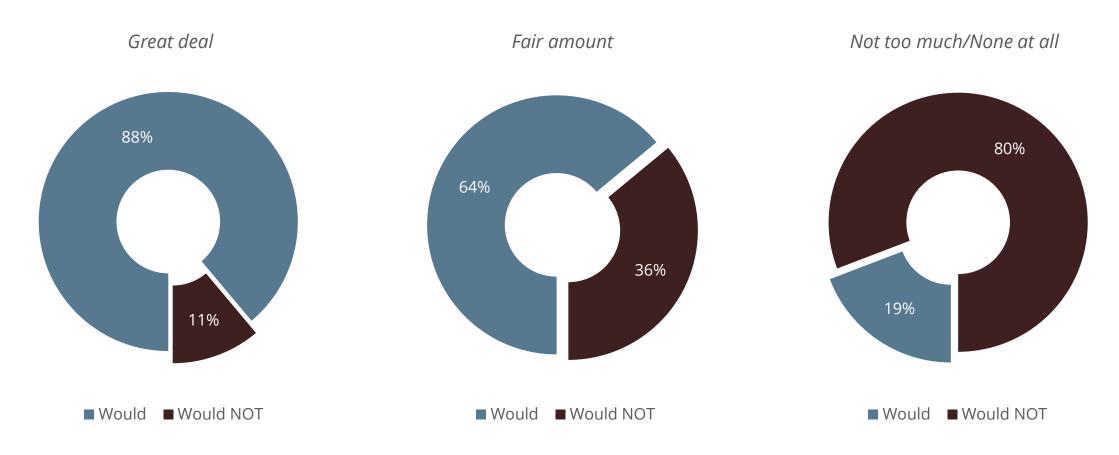
## Typically get a flu shot

Among those who typically get a flu shot



## Confident in vaccine research & development process

Among those with \_\_\_\_ confidence in vaccine R&D process





#### Fundamentals: "Guide to COVID-19 Vaccine Communications"

- Worldviews
   Connect with identities and moral values
- Timing
  First-mover advantage, anticipate
  misinformation
- Messengers Find the right messengers for your community
- Narratives
  Stories are more memorable

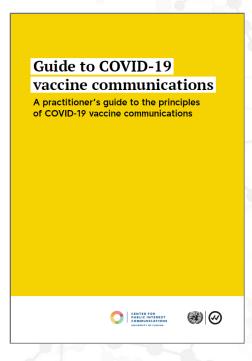
- Relationships

  Acknowledge context & history of your communities
- Social Norms
  Focus on positive social norms
- Emotions

  Fear immobilizes, focus on

  constructive emotions love, hope,

  desire to protect
- Motivations
   Be transparent





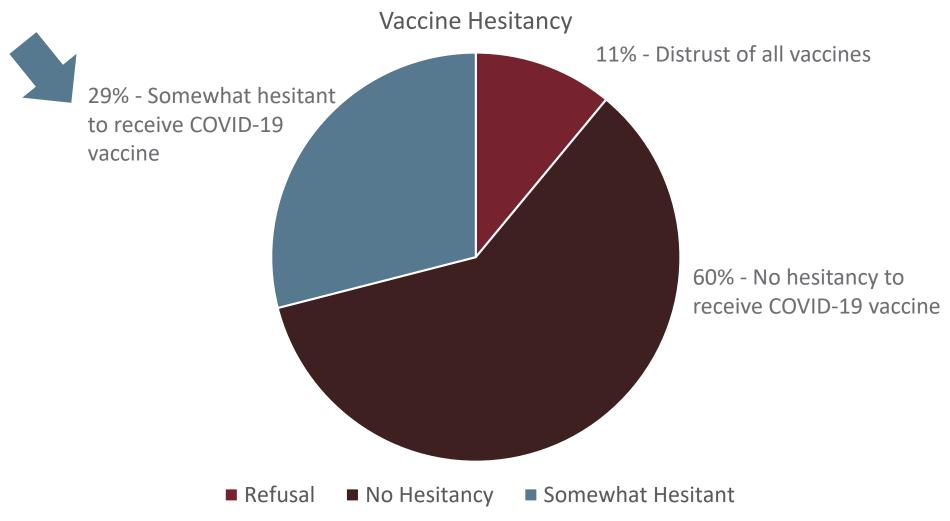




Messaging the vaccine, connecting with your audience

## Prioritizing your messaging





Sources: <a href="https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/2020-01-14/survey-fewer-people-now-support-vaccinating-their-kids-than-in-2001">https://www.pewresearch.org/science/2020/12/03/intent-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccine-rises-to-60-as-confidence-in-research-and-development-process-increases/</a>





"When we connect with people on the very grounds that lead them to be skeptical about vaccines and present the alternative using similar terms, we can get people on the side of the science."

> Matt Motta, assistant professor of political science at Oklahoma State University



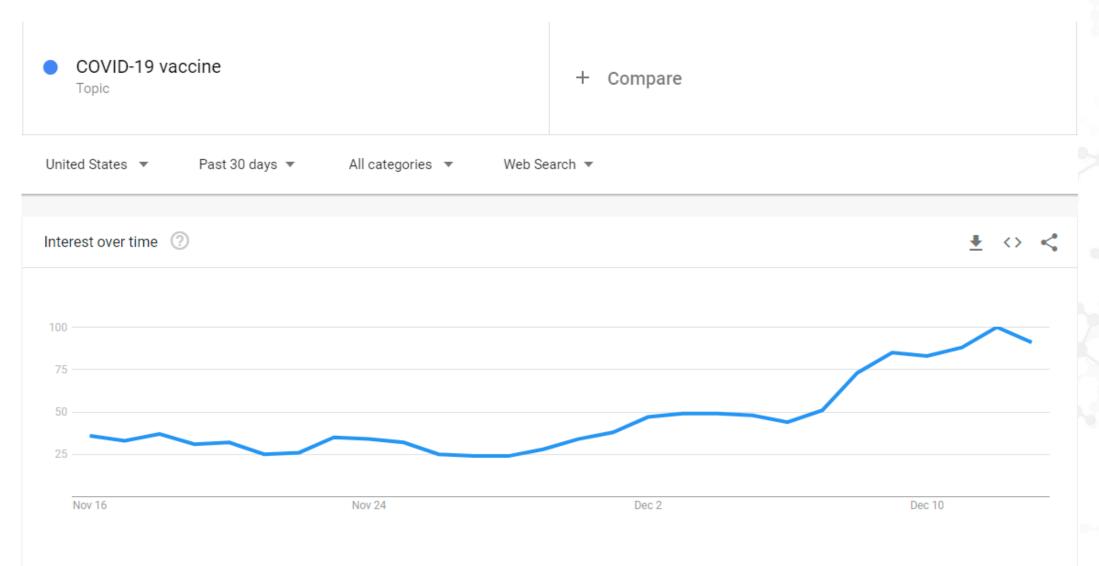
### Understand your audiences

How do you identify audience objections and misinformation?

- Interview your providers and patients about common vaccination questions and concerns
- Monitor local news and social media conversations
- Analyze the demographic breakdown of your target populations by gender, race, religion, and political affiliation



## Google Trends





## Identify and respond to specific objections

Why do people report hesitancy?

- General mistrust of science and any type of vaccination
- Partisanship and politicization; the "elephant and the donkey in the room"
- Speed of the vaccine's development and rollout
- Potentially unpleasant or severe side effects
- Natural immunity is better than getting vaccinated



#### How to respond

- Lead with empathy and compassion
- Overcome the partisan divide and depoliticize the vaccine and mask-wearing
- Use patient-friendly language
- Address access concerns
- Put the efficacy of the vaccine in understandable context and explain how the vaccine works
- Put the risks of the vaccine in understandable context and be transparent about potential side effects while stressing they're often mild and short-term
- Explain that the vaccine was rolled out quickly because the pandemic is a public health emergency, and the vaccine went through rigorous procedures to determine its safety and efficacy
- Make the risks of not getting vaccinated real



### How to deploy your message

- Make your message impactful using different approaches
- Leverage the same avenues you've found most effective for COVID-19 communications
- Combat misinformation with facts and stories from credible sources
- Make it easy for readers to take the next step
- Provide contact information or use your chatbot feature



"What gives people trust in vaccines is seeing people they know advocate and take them and suffer no ill effects."

 Donald G. McNeil Jr., New York Times health and science reporter

#### Example: University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics







David Conway, RN, a nurse in the emergency department at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics was the first to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020.

### UI Health Care Begins First Employee COVID-19 Vaccinations

University of Iowa Health Care is the first in the state to start vaccinating employees with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against COVID-19. The vaccine was approved for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday, Dec. 11 and is prioritized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities.



### How to deploy your message

- Make patients who have received the vaccine part of your marketing
- Reach different demographic groups by featuring providers and community leaders who represent those groups or political affiliations in your content assets
- Highlight your organization's healthcare heroes
- Publish a COVID-19 vaccination FAQ or "Myth vs. Fact" page to answer common questions and concerns
- Communicate all logistics of getting vaccinated
  - Explain in step-by-step detail what consumers can expect during their inoculation, what they should bring, and other helpful information
  - Update location profiles with accurate information in Google My Business

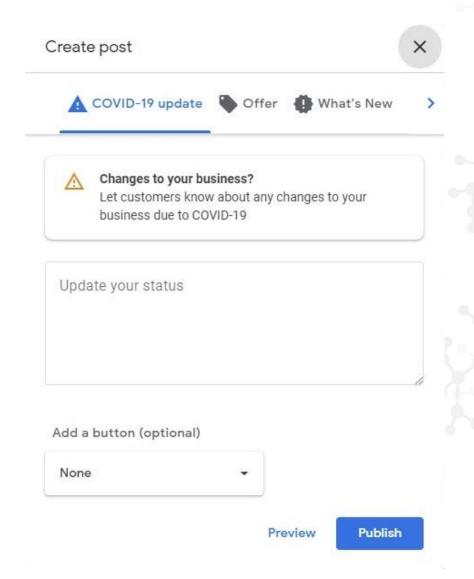


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- Covid-19 Posts
- Secondary hours
- Attributes
  - Vaccine location availability





## Be nimble: things are changing quickly

- What outlets have been most effective at getting your message across since the onset of the pandemic?
- Keep your alert banners, website content, and other assets accurate and up-to-date
- Timestamp your content
- Remove outdated information
- Be transparent
- Stress the continued importance of wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, handwashing, etc.
- Include contact information



#### Internal communications

- Deliver messages of assurance about the availability of vaccines for your healthcare workers
- Educate staff about the vaccine you'll offer, as well as the value and need to get vaccinated, and answer common questions and concerns
- Communicate how to get vaccinated at your organization; share logistics
- Offer reminders about support and assistance in place to help your internal team cope
- Follow our best practices for getting your message across simplicity, accuracy, transparency, and timeliness
- Inform staff about your public messaging

#### Learn more

#### Recent blog posts:

- Make Your COVID-19 Vaccination Message Resonate with Your Community
- Writing and Deploying COVID-19 Vaccination Information
- Communicating to Your Internal Health Care Team About COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 5 Tips for Email Messaging in Post-Pandemic Care
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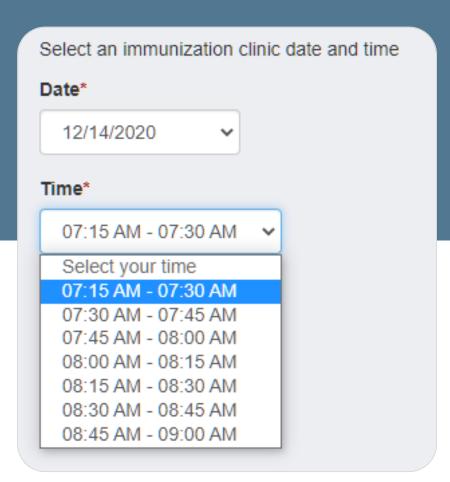
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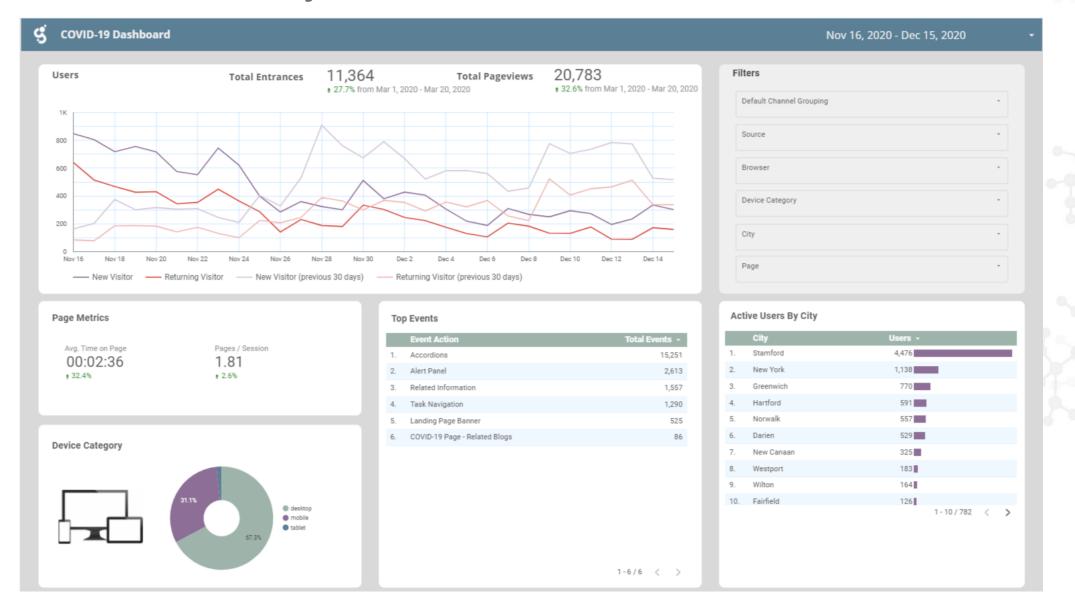
# Online forms for managing COVID-19 vaccination sign-ups

- Store and track time slot sign-ups
- Secure form with HIPAA audit trail
- Workflow/email notifications to staff
- Customized email messages to site visitors
- Export submission data





## COVID-19 Analytics Dashboard





Roundtable: Questions & Answers



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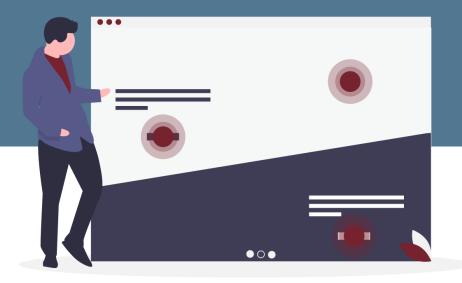
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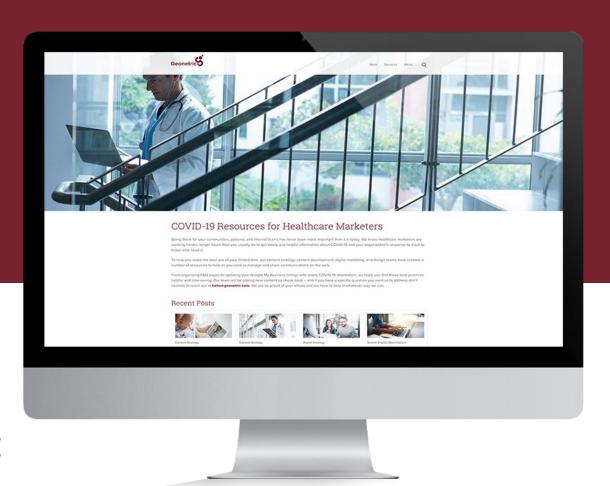
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