

In general, the Hispanic population has found it difficult to keep up with the frequent changes to vaccination requirements and vaccination center locations. 70% to 80% of Hispanics want the vaccine, after it is explained what it is and how it works.

WHERE DO WE STAND IN NEBRASKA?

According to the Nebraska DHHS, the state of Nebraska has an 11% Hispanic population – of which the Covid-19 case average was 22%. Currently, 29.9% of the Hispanic population are fully vaccinated. So, there is a long way to go to get to herd immunity of 70% to 90% – when a large part of the population is immune to a virus (also helps the resistance to the spread of an infectious disease.)

Some Hispanics want to get vaccinated, but are running into barriers. Some of the limitations include:

- the inability to miss a work day to get vaccinated
- lack of legal documentation
- not being able to speak English or Spanish
- mistrust in the healthcare industry
- misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU'RE NOT VACCINATED?

Cases are no longer falling – The pace of vaccinations has slowed and the Delta Variant is spreading and is more contagious, so there is higher risk. **The vaccines work** – Vaccines reduce the number of cases and are helping to eliminate death.

The lesson is clear – Nothing is more important than being vaccinated. It will save lives and will save millions of lives around the world.

What can family you do as a member of the Hispanic community to help?

- Let friends know you are vaccinated
- Encourage other family members to get vaccinated
- Know where vaccination centers are located
- Volunteer to take friends and family members to get vaccinated
- Keep spreading the word on the safety of the vaccine

For more information on COVID-19 vaccinations, <u>click here</u> for appointment information. **Now vaccinating persons age 12 and older! Vaccinations are FREE to all people living in the US, regardless of immigration or health insurance status.**

COVID-19 INFORMATION LINE:

402-444-3400 (Se habla Espanol), Monday - Friday, 8:30 am – 4 pm.