

# VACCINES ARE ESSENTIAL TO PREVENTIVE CARE & PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 VACCINE  
EDUCATION *and*  
EQUITY PROJECT

“The importance of immunizations in managing preventable disease and improving general public health cannot be overstated.”

**Donna Shalala**

*Former Secretary,  
Department of Health & Human Services*

“It’s important people understand how valuable it is to get your vaccination, that it can save your life, that if you get some of these diseases, it can cause death...”

**Regina Benjamin, MD**

*Former U.S. Surgeon General*

“I think that the future of vaccinology as a major preventative modality for disease is alive and well, and should be.”

**Anthony Fauci, MD**

*National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*

“Life or death for a young child too often depends on whether he is born in a country where vaccines are available or not.”

**President Nelson Mandela**

*South Africa*

“That’s the problem with vaccines. When they work, absolutely nothing happens. Nothing. Parents go on with their lives, not once thinking that their child was saved from meningitis caused by Hib or from liver cancer caused by hepatitis B or from fatal pneumonia caused by pneumococcus or from paralysis caused by polio.”

**Paul Offit, MD**

*Co-inventor of the Rotavirus Vaccine*

“At some point when a vaccine is available, people should want to take it not just for themselves, but for their family members and friends.”

**Freeman Hrabowski**

*President, University of Maryland Baltimore County*

“There is no longer any reason why American children should suffer from polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, or tetanus... I am asking the American people to join in a nationwide vaccination program to stamp out these four diseases.”

**President John F. Kennedy**

“Vaccines are truly the greatest health innovation that we’ve seen in history.”

**Susan Desmond-Hellmann, MD**

*Former Gates Foundation CEO*

“In the absence of effective vaccines and antivirals, the capacity to prevent or control transmission of the virus once it gains the ability to be efficiently transmitted from person to person will be limited.”

**Michael Leavitt**

*Former Secretary,  
Department of Health & Human Services*

“If a pandemic strikes, our country must have a surge capacity in place that will allow us to bring a new vaccine on line quickly and manufacture enough to immunize every American against the pandemic strain.”

**President George W. Bush**

“Vaccines are a miracle cure.”

**Melinda Gates**