



COVID-19 and Health Inequity

Bridging Gaps

Worksite Labs is the first company to bridge the gap between speed and accuracy of testing for COVID-19, guaranteeing gold-standard PCR test results within 24 hours. This pandemic start-up company eliminates the cost, time, and inefficiencies of sending collected specimens off-site for processing by providing on-site CLIA-certified labs.

Now, Worksite Labs CEO Gary Frazier is using his mobile labs on a mission to bridge the structural barriers to COVID-19 vaccinations for underserved populations.

Addressing Structural Barriers

On September 13, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services released a report (below) on the barriers and facilitators in COVID-19 vaccine outreach. It outlined structural barriers for many vaccination centers, such as cost and limited opportunities. Born and raised in Compton, Frazier understands that minority residents of lower socioeconomic status tend to have trouble finding transportation, childcare or time off to get vaccinations. Additional barriers to care include finding COVID-19 testing sites or healthcare providers who speak their own language. He uses his company to ensure that vulnerable populations receive the highest-quality COVID-19 testing available. Frazier partners with church and community leaders to provide underserved communities with testing, vaccinations, and accurate health information about the pandemic in the patient's language.

By the Numbers

Fast facts about Worksite Labs community clinics as of November 2021

- 21 clinics and two community centers in Brooklyn and South Los Angeles
- 19 cities
- About 252,000 patients served
- Over 500,000 tests
- 8 hours: average time of PCR test results

[Overview of Barriers and Facilitators in COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach](#)

Sept. 13, 2021 | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)

Although it remains vital that health care professionals communicate effectively by using the right words, the right messengers, and the right methods to reach

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diverse audiences, combining multiple strategies that also engage the communities in addressing different barriers is generally the best approach.

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Structural barriers (e.g., time, transportation, cost, and clinic or vaccine site location) continue to be a problem for many vaccination programs. Studies have found that addressing these barriers can improve vaccine coverage among different population groups.