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### **Whittier Street Health Center** *Mobile Unit Delivers the COVID-19 Vaccine to Faith-Based Institutions*

Boston, MA – As the COVID-19 Vaccine continues to roll out across the country, **Whittier Street Health Center** announces the delivery of mobile vaccination clinics to faith-based institutions in high risk communities. The mobile clinics are currently set to run from March 10, 2021 through March 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; please see the attached schedule for locations. Seven churches will receive 150 doses each of the Moderna vaccine. All vaccine participants must meet the Phase II criteria established under the state vaccine implementation plan.

“Whittier requires sufficient space for three vaccinators, two registration clerks, and two health ambassadors. Our goal is to administer 25 vaccines per hour to spread out the schedule, avoid crowding and prevent long waiting periods,” said **Frederica M. Williams**, President, and CEO of **Whittier Street Health Center**. “Since launching our COVID-19 initiatives with faith-based leaders, we have seen a promising response from members of the community. Our faith leaders have done an amazing job supporting the testing activities throughout the pandemic, and we are excited to see the vaccines soon go out to their facilities so we may begin assisting the minority communities in our area. All of our clinics are dependent on us having access to the vaccines and we are doing everything possible to ensure we are fully stocked. Once the **Whittier** team has completed the first doses, we will move the mobile clinics to public housing developments where we currently provide care, and then return to the faith-based sites in April for the second doses.”

“Administering the vaccinations to church members is vital. The collaboration with Whittier is a huge benefit to our community. We must protect the community we serve and provide essential resources.” said **Reverend Art Gordon of St. John Missionary Baptist Church**. As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, persons 18 years of age or older must receive two doses of the Moderna product at least twenty-eight days apart. To this end, **Whittier Street Health Center** has also released the schedule for the period April 5, 2021 through April 15, 2021. “Our goal is to streamline vaccinations by using clear and transparent communications to ensure that all members of **Whittier** and our faith-based leaders are on the same page in regard to ensuring safe and efficient vaccinations for the members of our minority communities,” said **Ms. Williams**.

“Black and Hispanic/Latinx Americans, who have age-adjusted COVID-19 mortality rates of more than double that of White and Asian American populations, have not had strong access to - and uptake of - the vaccine to date. Fewer than 6 in 100 Black Americans have received one or more shots, while fewer than 5 in 100 Hispanic/Latinx Americans have,” according to the AMP Research Lab. This translates to approximately 5.7% of Black and 4.6% of the Hispanic/Latinx Americans have been vaccinated, in contrast to 11.3% of White Americans and 10.5% of Asian Americans.

**Whittier Street Health Center** is an independently licensed community health care center with a mission of providing high quality, reliable and accessible primary healthcare for diverse populations while promoting wellness and eliminating health and social disparities. A champion of equitable access to high quality, patient-focused care, social justice, and economic equity. Learn more at [www.wshc.org](http://www.wshc.org).