Immigrant Rights & the COVID-19 Vaccine Myths Busted

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Find a COVID-19 vaccine: Search vaccines.gov, text your zip code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find a location near you.

Need help? Call Delaware's vaccine hotline: 1-833-643-1715

- ⇒ **No papers = no vaccine? FALSE!** You can get a FREE COVID-19 vaccine even if you do not have immigration status.
- ⇒ **No Social Security Number = no vaccine?** <u>FALSE!</u> You can get a FREE COVID-19 vaccine even if you do not have a social security number. Note: some health care providers may ask for you to provide yours if you have one because it helps them get reimbursed faster.
- ⇒ **No health insurance = no vaccine? FALSE!** You can get a FREE COVID-19 vaccine even if you do not have health insurance.
- ⇒ **No English = I cannot learn about the COVID-19 vaccine.** <u>FALSE!</u> The Centers for Disease Control has translated information on their website (www.cdc.gov). If you have trouble finding a vaccine provider who speaks your language, call Delaware's vaccine hotline: 1-833-643-1715
- ⇒ Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") might raid the vaccination site. <u>FALSE!</u> The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which oversees ICE and Customs and Border Patrol ("CBP") has issued a Statement saying they will not do immigration enforcement at or near vaccination sites.
- ⇒ Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will make me a "Public Charge" and so if I get the vaccine I won't be able to get immigration status or become a citizen. <u>FALSE!</u> The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued a statement saying that getting the COVID-19 vaccine (or treatment for COVID-19) will NOT make you a "Public Charge" or be used against you in your immigration or citizenship case. This means the vaccine could not be a reason for denying your immigration or citizenship case.
- ⇒ If I get a vaccine my information will be shared with law or immigration enforcement. <u>FALSE!</u> While there is information sharing between the Centers for Disease Control and the vaccination program in Delaware, this is to help the government respond to COVID-19. Personal information from the vaccination program is specifically not allowed to be used for prosecution or immigration enforcement.

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