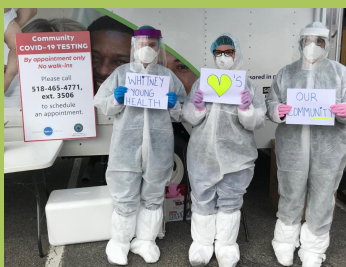




## To Your Health April 2021



### Whitney Young Health and community partners bring COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to underserved populations

Whitney Young Health is proud to be a part of the historic effort to vaccinate everyone in the country against COVID-19.

The first round of vaccines were administered to WYH staff, then to frontline workers at partner associations. Starting in late January, we began to schedule clinics for our patients and for people in underserved communities who met the requirements for vaccine eligibility.

Knowing that the vaccines would be in high demand, WYH contacted [Maria College](#) to see if their nursing students would be willing to volunteer as vaccinators.

The students were eager to get hands-on clinical experiences, as the pandemic had drastically limited the opportunities available to them. Additionally, they were excited to do good

in the community and to play a part in combatting COVID-19.

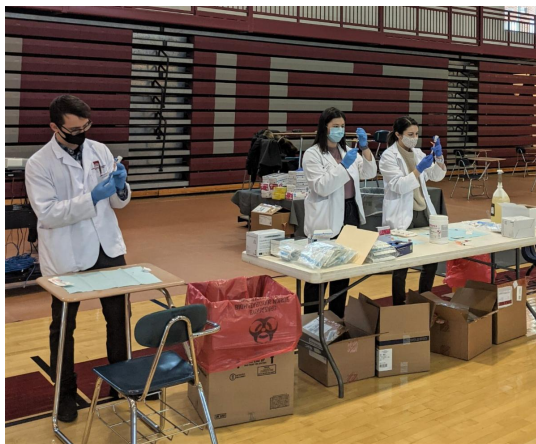
The first WYH/Maria College collaborative clinic was held at [Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church](#) in Albany, a location selected as part of a statewide effort to make the vaccine available and accessible to Black and brown communities.



A nursing student from Maria College administers the COVID-19 vaccine at Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church in Albany.

"It's been a very valuable experience," said one nursing student. "The clinics allow Whitney Young Health and Maria College to reach out to underserved populations and those who cannot access mainstream care."

With more clinics being added weekly, WYH President and CEO David Shippee reached out for additional help, this time to the [College Parkside Pharmacy](#), located in WYH's Albany Health Center and run by the [Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences \(ACPHS\)](#). Would their pharmacy students be willing to assist at our clinics?



ACPHS pharmacy students "draw" vaccines, preparing the doses to be administered to patients by the vaccinators.

As with the Maria College nursing students, the pharmacy students were excited to have real, practical experience, and to have the chance to make a difference.

The reaction to the vaccine clinics from WYH staff, the student volunteers from Maria College and ACPHS, and from the people receiving the vaccines has been overwhelmingly positive. "We are very fortunate to have such caring and committed staff at WYH," said Shippee. "And to have well-established connections to partner organizations in the community who we can call on and collaborate with, knowing we share the same commitment to providing accessible quality healthcare for all who need it."



## Whitney Young Health in the Community



### Vaccine team superstars

Amanda, Maria and Resh are part of the team that keeps Whitney Young Health's vaccine clinics running smoothly.



A woman brings her parents to receive their vaccines at a recent clinic.



A patient gets his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, administered by a nursing student from Maria College.





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