



# HOTELS READY TO HELP VACCINATE AMERICA

## Hotels stand ready to help with distribution of COVID vaccines to Americans across the country

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) is launching a new effort under its “Hospitality for Hope” initiative to identify “ready-now” hotel properties able to assist public health agencies and private sector partners and serve as COVID vaccine administration sites to Americans across the country.

### Why Hotels Are Uniquely Positioned To Help The Vaccine Distribution Effort

#### GEOGRAPHIC REACH

More than **50,000** hotels in every state including properties located in cities, suburbs, and rural communities.

#### AVAILABLE CAPACITY

Hotels are currently running at less than 50% occupancy rates, with properties providing comfortable and flexible lodging options for families to vaccinate.

#### PROPERTY DESIGN/OPERATION

Hotels operate “24/7” and have private rooms, meeting rooms, conference and ball rooms and outside areas equipped for round-the-clock vaccination administration.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

Hotels offer ample parking and access to major transportation networks (e.g. highways, public transportation) as well as indoor and outdoor capabilities to provide safe, weather-proof vaccination.

#### CDC-BASED CLEANLINESS GUIDELINES

Safe Stay is an industry-wide, enhanced standard of health and safety protocols, designed in accordance with the CDC to meet the needs of the current public health crisis.

#### CLIMATE CONTROL/ REFRIGERATION

Hotels are temperature controlled and the majority of hotels have refrigeration capabilities to store vaccines until medical personnel are ready for administration.

### Hotels have already stepped up to help respond to COVID pandemic

Since the start of the pandemic, the hotel industry has been on the frontlines to support national public health and safety priorities. The American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) launched the “Hospitality for Hope” initiative last year identifying more than 20,000 hotels willing to provide temporary housing for emergency and healthcare workers during the COVID-19 public health crisis. The initiative identified a total combined 2.3 million rooms located in close proximity to established healthcare facilities for frontline workers to use as they worked around the clock to save lives and provide lodging for those exposed to COVID to quarantine safely.



**Rear Adm. (retired) Louis Tripoli, MD, former command surgeon US Pacific Command**

*“Administering the vaccine on a national scale and of this magnitude is a significant undertaking and hotels bring a unique set of infrastructural and operational capabilities to serve as vaccine administration sites that public health agencies should seriously consider utilizing. With a substantial network of properties across the country with excess capacity right now due to the drop in travel demand, hotels could be a major asset in helping administer the vaccine safely and more conveniently to the American public.”*



**Over 3.3 Million Hotel Rooms Are Available For Temporary Housing For Healthcare Workers**

(Forbes, 4/6/2020)



**Hotels Open As ‘Comforting Refuge’ For Health Care Workers**

(The New York Times, 4/8/20)



**USA TODAY.**

**Hotels house health care workers, serve as quarantine spaces**

(USA Today, 4/17/20)

### Hotels have CDC-based cleanliness guidelines in place through “Safe Stay” program

The hotel industry launched Safe Stay an industry-wide, enhanced standard of health and safety protocols, designed in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to meet the needs of the current public health crisis and assure both our guests and employees that hotels are safe – ensuring a safe environment for public health agencies and their private partners to administer vaccines to Americans across the country. Hotels have a long-standing commitment and operational procedures to ensure the safety of guests and the industry has adopted the AHLA Safe Stay protocols to ensure comprehensive cleanliness.



“The Infectious Diseases Society of America has endorsed the hotel industry’s **Safe Stay** program because it sets comprehensive health and safety requirements necessary to meet the current public health crisis. With these rigorous standards, the hotel industry plays an important role in helping to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.” **Barbara Alexander, MD, MHS, FIDSA, president of the Infectious Diseases Society of America**

