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.

Forbes
Over 3.3 Million Hotel Rooms Are Available For Temporary Housing For Healthcare Workers
(Forbes, 4/6/2020)

The New York Times
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