



# CRIST “SUCCESSFUL SHOTS” PLAN

*5 steps to improve Florida vaccine distribution*

## **1. Switch to Fast Pass system.**

- Add a Fast Pass line to let seniors and other vulnerable Floridians go to the front of the line every time.
- Fully utilize vaccine sites by giving ALL FLORIDIANS the option to wait for unclaimed shots.

*“Empty vaccine sites are proof that the Governor is getting in the way of Floridians getting vaccines into arms. Why are police showing up to FEMA vaccination sites to enforce the Governor’s Executive Order and kicking Floridians out of line? Instead, set up a Fast Pass line that gives seniors and vulnerable populations VIP reserved access and preferred parking. If any other Floridian wants to wait in line for an unclaimed vaccine, they should be able to. This doesn’t have to be complicated. More shots into more arms makes us all safer. Common sense!”*

## **2. Expand hours.**

- Move towards 24/7 vaccine distribution as supply expands.
- Essential workers should have their shot at a vaccine.

*“Not every Floridian can take off work to get their vaccine. Expanded hours would open up more appointments and give an equal shot to those who work 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift. The Governor’s donors may not need an overnight appointment, but as vaccine supply continues to ramp up, plenty of Floridians would be able to take advantage.”*

## **3. Ditch the doctor's note.**

- Governor never bothered to define “extreme vulnerability.”
- List eligible conditions and allow people to affirm they are eligible.

*“I don’t know if the Governor has a blind spot for everyday people or if this part of a pattern of vaccines for the haves and thoughts and prayers for the have nots. While those who have access to a family doctor are finding it easy to get a meaningless vaccine authorization form signed, not all Floridians have a doctor to sign for them. I’m thinking about the 800,000 working Floridians who are uninsured because the Governor failed to expand Medicaid. Who is signing their form so they can get a vaccine? It’s bad enough he’s denying them health insurance. With this form, he’s standing in the way of those who are vulnerable and uninsured.”*

## **4. Establish pop-ups in underserved communities. (And only underserved communities.)**

- Use a widely accepted metric like Opportunity Zones.
- Sites should be near a bus stop.

*“We know where shots are lagging behind. We know where the COVID-19 death rates are highest. And we know the color of skin for the folks we’re talking about. It ain’t Ocean Reef! Find a bus stop in an Opportunity Zone, for example, and that’s where the pop-ups should be. Fast Pass VIP for seniors and vulnerable, but open them up to the entire neighborhood. If you listen to the pastors and community activists, you’ll know that vaccine-hesitant folks are more likely to get their shot when they see folks in the community getting vaccinated. Vaccine equity – particularly for Black and Hispanic Floridians – is a civil rights issue. Getting this right is a moral imperative.”*

## **5. Prioritize critical workers.**

- Minimize disruption outbreak could cause.
- Add all teachers, school employees, childcare workers, farmworkers, and meatpackers to priority list.

*“We learned very early in the pandemic how important critical workers were to our everyday life. One outbreak in a field or meatpacking plant is bad not only for the workers but for our entire food supply. We’ve got to be thinking about the quickest way back to normal, and that includes keeping critical workers from getting sick. It includes teachers, too. Rather than playing politics, the Governor should prioritize keeping schools open and safe. Ask any parent who has received a call about an exposure. They know a COVID outbreak will shut down a school. The American Rescue Plan provides over \$170 billion to keep schools open and safe. But even with this historic investment, the Governor is risking school closures until he gets out of the way of all teachers’ vaccines.”*