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To: Governors and Staff
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Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Incentives

Dear Governor,

The purpose of this memo is to update you on current COVID-19 vaccine incentives being utilized across the country. This memo includes information on state- and city-led incentives. Please note that vaccination incentives are a relatively novel topic in public policy, and it is not known to what extent incentives can drive increases in vaccinations, but there are some early indications that the right incentive can help.

State Incentives

Alabama

- The [Talladega Superspeedway](#) is offering people aged 16 and older who choose to be tested and/or vaccinated the thrill of driving their car or truck on the 2.66-mile track. Drivers and their riders will take two laps behind a pace car at highway speed, including the 33-degree-high banks.
- Alabama Department of Public Health is sponsoring a [TikTok Contest](#) for people aged 13-29 who post a video of themselves getting vaccinated between July 16th- August 6th. 4 winners will be awarded a \$250 Visa gift card.

Arkansas

- Executive branch state agency employees who get at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by July 1 will receive a \$100 bonus.
- Starting [May 26](#), Arkansans who get a COVID-19 vaccination can receive a \$20 Arkansas [Game](#) and Fish certificate for fishing/hunting licenses or a \$20 [lottery](#) ticket that could win a million dollars.

California "Vax for the Win"

- 10 winners selected on June 15 to win cash prizes of \$1.5 million each. Any Californian ages 12 or over who has had at least one dose of the vaccine will be eligible to win -- no entry necessary. If a minor wins, the funds will be put into a savings account until they turn 18;

- 30 winners selected on “\$50,000 Fridays.” Fifteen winners will be selected on June 4 and fifteen more will be chosen on June 11 to win a \$50,000 cash prize each. If a minor wins, the funds will be put into a savings account until they turn 18;
- The next 2 million Californians who begin and complete their COVID-19 vaccinations, starting Thursday, will be eligible to receive a \$50 virtual prepaid card or a \$50 grocery gift card for Kroger or Albertsons while supplies last.
- Select vaccination sites are giving away free tickets to any [Six Flags Park in California](#)

Colorado

- The [Colorado Department of Corrections](#) has announced it will provide \$500 any of its more than 6,000 staff members who gets fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.
- [Colorado Comeback Cash](#)
The Colorado Lottery will conduct a random weekly drawing on behalf of the Colorado Department of Health & Environment to identify one vaccinated Colorado resident each week to win a million-dollar cash prize. All Colorado residents age 18 and older who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, as determined by eligibility rules, are automatically entered into the drawing
- [Colorado](#) is offering individuals receiving their first or second vaccine dose can receive \$100 Walmart gift cards and \$50 Colorado Parks and Wildlife vouchers, while supplies last

Connecticut

- The Connecticut Restaurant Association is partnering with Governor Ned Lamont and the State of Connecticut to launch the [#CTDrinksOnUs](#) campaign, where participating Connecticut restaurants will offer complimentary drinks to vaccinated patrons beginning May 19.
- During the [#CTSummerOnUS](#) campaign, Connecticut has launched vaccination events with different rewards for individuals who receive a dose. Some of these incentives include: a drawing for concert tickets, free admission to different amusement parks/museums, and \$10 gift cards.

Delaware

- [Delaware](#) officials are offering to inmates five days of good time credits, a free video visit, snack bag or a special meal, and an opportunity to be scheduled first for in-person visitations when they resume.
- [DE Wins](#)
 - Delawareans 12 to 17 who receive a vaccine in Delaware will be entered into a raffle for a full scholarship to a Delaware university.
 - Delawareans 18 and older vaccinated in Delaware between May 25 and June 29 will have the opportunity to win cash prizes.

- Other prizes include tickets to Firefly, four-day vacations at destinations in Delaware, a dart pass for a year, and free tolls within the state of Delaware.
- All Delawareans who have been vaccinated in Delaware are eligible to win \$302,000 and two low-number license plates.
- Delaware officials are offering to reimburse bars, restaurants, and shops that offer discounts, freebies or other incentives to customers who get vaccinated.
- [Race to End COVID: Dover International Speedway](#), hosted with the Delaware Health and Social Services, is allowing individuals to get vaccinated or tested at Dover International Speedway to drive two laps on the race track and be entered in a drawing for NASCAR race tickets.

Illinois

- Illinois will give out 50,000 free [Six Flags](#) tickets to anyone who has been vaccinated through a partnership with Six Flags Great America payment.
- [All in for the Win](#) enters adults with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine into a \$7 million cash prize pool, three \$1 million jackpots and forty \$100k cash prizes. Youth aged 12-17 are entered into a \$3 million scholarship pool and twenty \$150k scholarships awards. All winners have been selected.
- [All SODC and SOPH employees](#) who have at least one COVID-19 dose by July 12 will be entered into a drawing for the following prizes:
 - \$10,000
 - \$5,000
 - \$5,000
 - 3 drawings for [Winner's choice of] a lifetime fishing license from IDNR, OR a lifetime hunting license from IDNR, OR ten Lincoln Museum passes (including a \$100 gift shop voucher), OR an Illinois State Fair gift pack, OR a DuQuoin State Fair gift pack.
 - 1 drawing for two Round Trip tickets to anywhere American Airlines flies (domestic 1st class or international coach).
 - 3 drawings for a pair of game tickets to 3 different Chicago Bears home games.
 - 1 drawing for four (4) tickets to the Chicago Cubs 1914 Club, seats in the second row behind home plate, and a parking pass.
 - 2 drawings for a pair of game tickets to 2 different Chicago Cubs home games.
 - 3 drawings for a pair of game tickets to 3 different Chicago Fire home games.
 - 3 drawings for a pair of game tickets to 3 different St. Louis Cardinals home games.

Indiana

- State health officials announced that anyone who gets vaccinated at specially designated sites will receive a box of Girl Scout cookies along with the shot.

Kentucky

- The Kentucky Lottery [announced](#) May 10 that, starting immediately, people 18 or older who get a first or second dose of the vaccine at a Kroger or Walmart location will receive a coupon for a free Cash Ball 225 ticket.
- [Team Kentucky's Shot at a Million](#) allows Kentuckians with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination to enter a lottery. 12-17 year olds can win one of fifteen full scholarships to any Kentucky institution and those 18 years of age and older have a chance to win one of three \$1 million prizes. The last winner was selected on August 27.

Maine **“Your Shot to Get Outdoors”**

- Any Maine resident age 18 and older who gets their first shot of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine in Maine will qualify to receive one of the rewards below:
 - Fishing license: The Maine Department of Health and Human Services will purchase up to 5,000 year 2021 fishing licenses for Maine residents from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
 - Hunting license: The Maine Department of Health and Human Services will purchase up to 5,000 year 2021 hunting season licenses for eligible Maine residents from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Eligible Maine residents include those who have completed a hunter safety course, have previously held a license, and are not felons.
 - Maine Wildlife Park pass: The Maine Department of Health and Human Services will purchase up to 5,000 passes to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, which are good for admission through the 2021 season, from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. One pass allows admission for up to two people.
 - Maine State Park day pass: The Maine Department of Health and Human Services will purchase up to 5,000 day passes for Maine residents to Maine State Parks through the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The passes can be used through June 15, 2021. One pass allows admission for one vehicle.
 - L.L.Bean gift card: The Maine Department of Health and Human Services will purchase up to 10,000 \$20 gift cards from L.L.Bean for use at their stores.
 - Sea Dogs admission ticket: The Maine Department of Health and Human Services will purchase up to 5,000 tickets from the Portland Sea Dogs, the Double-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, for baseball games at Hadlock Field in Portland for 2021 regular season.

- Oxford Plains Speedway pass: The Maine Department of Health and Human Services will purchase from Oxford Plains Speedway up to 5,000 tickets for weekly events in the 2021 racing season.

Maryland

- The state will offer a [\\$100 financial incentive](#) to state employees who elect to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To receive the incentive, employees must provide their HR office with proof of vaccination, and agree to receive all subsequent CDC-recommended booster vaccinations within 18 months of being fully vaccinated. The incentive is retroactive, so that all state employees who have already been fully vaccinated also will receive the \$100 incentive payment.
- [VaxToWin](#): A partnership between the Maryland Lottery and the Maryland Health Department to provide \$2 million in prize money for Marylanders who get vaccinated.

Michigan

- [MI Vacc to Normal](#): The MI Vacc to Normal challenge outlines steps that Michiganders can take to emerge from the pandemic.
- Once the state documents that 70 percent of the eligible population received at least one dose, its orders on masks and limitations for public and private gatherings would be dropped.
- [Michiganders](#) that bring their friends and neighbors to their COVID-19 vaccine appointments can receive \$50 per shot for each appointment.
- [Fully vaccinated students](#) can win one of 100 \$75 gift cards and one student will win a full-ride scholarship. All participants will receive a 20% discount at the CMU bookstore.

Minnesota

- [Your Shot to Summer](#): Minnesotans who get vaccinated between Memorial Day weekend through of June 30th will be eligible to choose a reward from nine different options. The incentives are state park passes, fishing licenses, and tickets to fairs and amusement parks. There is also the possibility to receive a \$25 Visa card.
- [Cheers to the Vaccine](#): Minnesotans 21 years of age and older who have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose will be eligible for a free or discounted drink at participating establishments starting May 28 through June 30.
- [Minnesotans](#) who receive their first shot before August 19 will receive \$100.

New Jersey

- [Shot and a Beer](#): In partnership with the Brewer's Guild of New Jersey, the Governor's Office and the Department of Health have launched the "Shot and a Beer" program to encourage eligible New Jerseyans ages 21 and over to get vaccinated. Any New Jerseyan who gets their first vaccine dose in the month of May and takes their vaccination card

to a participating brewery as proof of vaccination will receive a free beer, courtesy of the participating brewery. This program will end May 31.

- [Vax and Visit](#): Beginning May 27th through July 4th, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will offer a State Parks Vax Pass – allowing free access to State parks, including Island Beach State Park – good through December 31st, 2021.
- New Jerseyans aged 21 and older who receive their first shot before the end of May can visit a participating winery for [a free glass of wine](#).
- New Jerseyans who receive a shot before May 31 can enter to [win dinner with Governor Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy](#).

New York

- Governor Andrew Cuomo began a promotion that would provide free tickets to Mets games from May 24 through June 17 and to [Yankee](#) games from May 7 through June 6 for newly vaccinated people, along with another promotion that gave residents [free weekly subway passes](#).
- [Vaccination program](#) that will provide free NYS Lottery scratch-off tickets to individuals 18 and over with a grand prize of \$5 million.
- Every person who receives the COVID-19 vaccine, either a first dose or single dose of Johnson & Johnson, anywhere in New York State this week is eligible to receive a free two-day pass to any [state park](#).
- [“Get a Shot to Make Your Future”](#): New Yorkers ages 12 to 17 can win of 50 four year full ride scholarships to any New York State public college or university. Drawings began June 1 and ended June 30.

Ohio

- Ohioans aged 18 and older will be entered into “Ohio Vax-a-Million,” a weekly drawing with a prize of up to \$1 million. A total of five weekly drawings for each prize will take place, with the first winners being announced May 26. Winners must have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by the date of their respective drawing.
- Ohioans 17 and under who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination will be entered into a drawing for a full, four-year scholarship to any of Ohio’s state colleges and universities, including full tuition, room and board, and books. A total of five weekly drawings for a full, four-year scholarship will take place, with the first winner being announced May 26.
- Ohioans aged 12-25 who have received at least their first dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine can register for [Ohio Vax-2-School](#) for 150 scholarships of \$10,000 or \$100,000 to an Ohio college or university.

Oregon

- Oregonians 18 and older will have the chance to win \$1 million or one of 36 \$10,000 prizes—with one winner in each county in Oregon. Oregonians age 12 to 17 will have a chance to win one of five \$100,000 Oregon College Savings Plan scholarships. All Oregonians who have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by the draw date will be entered to win.

West Virginia

- West Virginia is offering [\\$100 savings bond or \\$100 gift](#) card to anyone between the ages of 16 to 35 who receives, or has already received, a COVID-19 vaccine. Money for this incentive will come from federal CARES Act funding.
- [Starting June 20th](#), West Virginia residents who have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine will be eligible to enter to in a lottery-style drawing. The first round of prizes to be given away include:
 - (2) Full four-year scholarships to any West Virginia institution for kids ages 12 to 25-years-old
 - (2) Brand-new, custom-outfitted trucks
 - (25) Weekend getaways” to West Virginia State Parks
 - (5) Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses
 - (5) Custom hunting rifles
 - (5) Custom hunting shotguns
 - \$1 million
- West Virginia is offering a second round of [Do It For Babydog](#) Vaccine Sweepstakes that will run for 6 weeks. Prizes include:
 - Full four-year scholarships to any West Virginia institution for kids ages 12 to 25-years-old
 - Luxury High-End Sports Car
 - Custom Fishing or Pontoon Boat
 - \$150,000 towards the Wedding of your Dreams
 - Free Gas for 10 years
 - WVU Football or Basketball Season Ticket Package for two
 - Marshall Football or Basketball Season Ticket Package for two
 - 2021-2022 Season Passes for two to a Ski Resort in West Virginia
 - Premium ATV or Side by Side
 - Top of the Line Zero Turn Lawn Mower