

COVID-19 TOWN HALL Q&A – NOVEMBER 11, 2020

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<p>Thank you for joining our informative discussion with Viviana Martinez-Bianchi, MD, FAAFP, associate professor and director for health equity at Duke University; and Jennifer Bacani McKenney, MD, FAAFP, health officer for Wilson County, Kansas.</p>	
MEMBER QUESTIONS	AAFP RESPONSES
ADVOCACY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	
What legislative policy would be on your wish list to help communities during the COVID-19 public health emergency?	This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 49-minute mark in the video replay .
HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC AND SCIENCE	
How do we join the Latinx Advocacy Teams and Interdisciplinary Network for COVID-19 (LATIN-19) Zoom meetings?	This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 48-minute mark in the video replay .
There are concerns about the minus 70 degree Celsius freezer capacity needed for the promising Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. I work in a very rural area and we have no such freezers. Will we be left out of those vaccinations or will the military step in and help store vaccines since places like North Carolina has so many military bases?	<p>This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 42-minute mark in the video replay.</p> <p>Please check with your state and local public health office to find the latest distribution plan information. An executive summary of each plan can also be found on the CDC website.</p> <p>Specifically, for North Carolina, the current plan states that officials will assess cold-storage capacity across the state and will develop, coordinate and support an ultra-cold chain storage system if an approved vaccine candidate requires it.</p> <p>The AAFP will add additional information and links on its COVID-19 Vaccine webpage.</p>
Why is the AAFP not promoting face shields as a tool for patients to protect themselves from COVID-19?	A face shield is primarily used for eye protection for the person wearing it. At this time, it is not known what level of protection a face shield provides to people nearby from the spray of respiratory droplets from the wearer. There is

	currently not enough evidence to support the effectiveness of face shields for source control. Therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not currently recommend the use of face shields as a substitute for masks.
What are some ways we can educate patients in rural areas about COVID-19 protocols for safety?	Stay up to date by visiting AAFP's COVID-19 webpage and related links, as well as the CDC's information . Share this information with your patients. You can also visit your state and local public health office for information in your area. The CDC has guidance for resources and best practices to help inform rural communities.
Where can we receive updates on the COVID-19 vaccine?	The AAFP will continue to update information at www.aafp.org/covidvaccine .
COMMUNICATIONS	
When is the next AAFP Virtual Town Hall on COVID-19?	The next AAFP Virtual Town Hall will be held Wednesday, December 2, from 7-8 p.m. CST.