

Lyft to offer 60 million free and discounted rides to vaccination sites

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Lyft announced it would provide 60 million rides to and from vaccination sites for low-income, uninsured and at-risk communities as vaccines roll out.

The ride-hailing company partnered with JPMorgan Chase, Anthem Inc., United Way, Epic, Centene Corporation, Modern Health, One Medical, National Hispanic Council on Aging, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging and others to help with the efforts in the coming weeks.

"Making sure people can get to vaccination sites when they need to is mission critical to beating this virus," said Lyft co-founder and president John Zimmer in a statement. "This is an opportunity to use our collective strength to mobilize on a massive scale and serve our communities."

For uninsured Americans and those whose transportation is not covered by government plans, Lyft's corporate partners will fund rides, and their national and local non-profit partners will distribute ride credits to members who need them most. Those partners will determine whether the rides are free or discounted as they distribute them to their community members.

Lyft's efforts come after Uber announced it will offer 10 million free or discounted rides to people looking to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The rides will also include transportation to and from their destination, as well as rides for their second and final dose.

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