

Dina Rodriguez:

Today, we're in Baltimore City's Pigtown, my neighborhood, where my salon is located and we're excited to be launching the GoVAX Campaign.

Celeste James:

This is an extremely important initiative. We're glad to be in partnership with the Maryland State Health Department with Hello Bonita Hair Salon and many other different partners. Our goal is to increase vaccines here in Baltimore City.

Mona Gahunia:

We're trying to bring the vaccine right to the community where people are already living, working. We've been doing training and education of the community messengers, barber shop owners, beauty shop owners, other business owners. And it's really helpful when owners like Dina Rodriguez and others are able to really help with this education initiative because it's not enough for healthcare providers and doctors to be doing that. We really need everybody to take this on if we're going to get to the other side of this pandemic.

Dina Rodriguez:

So having people that come through and then be hesitant about the vaccine and being able to share the facts with them, have them talk to someone that was going to administer the vaccine. And for them to decide to get it for themselves and for their community. It just makes me feel great.

Ronald Richardson:

I would like to encourage everyone to go out and get vaccinated. The sooner, the better. Y'all was like directly on the corner from my house. I just came straight here, got in line and was ready to get vaccinated. I picked up the phone called, my wife come on around. She came and got vaccinated as well.

Dina Rodriguez:

If you know anyone who is not vaccinated or anyone who's undocumented, who's hesitant to get their vaccine, they do not have to share their vital information. I just want to make sure that everyone who comes to the salon feels safe and secure to know that we are trying to end the pandemic and do everything that we can. So please move forward, get your vaccine.