



March 22, 2021

The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor  
State of Arizona  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: **Federal COVID-19 Point of Distribution (POD) in Pima County**

Dear Governor Ducey:

We appreciate all of the effort that you and the Arizona Department of Health Services have put into the COVID-19 vaccination program statewide. We have made significant progress in vaccinating a large portion of our population, particularly those who are most susceptible to hospitalization or death.


In Pima County, we have the benefit of a State POD at the University of Arizona and several regional PODs operated by Pima County. We have also enlisted the assistance of our community health centers and partner organizations to provide mobile clinics to disadvantaged and minority populations.

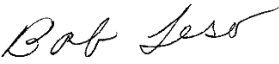
We understand the federal government may be willing to locate a federal POD in Pima County. Pima County is prepared to provide any and all assistance in setting up this POD such that it does not require resources from the State. In addition, the vaccine supplied by federal policy will not deduct from the State vaccine allocation.


This opportunity potentially provides another 300,000 or more vaccines in Pima County that would be targeted for our low-income and minority communities. We understand the State has declined to accept the federal offer for a variety of reasons. We would appreciate your reconsidering this position in asking the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a federal POD in Pima County.

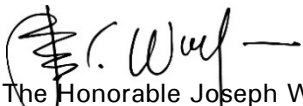
Sincerely,


  
The Honorable Sharon Bronson  
Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

  
The Honorable Regina Romero  
Mayor, City of Tucson

  
The Honorable Bob Teso  
Mayor, City of South Tucson

  
The Honorable Ed Honea  
Mayor, Town of Marana

  
The Honorable Joseph Winfield  
Mayor, Town of Oro Valley

  
The Honorable Tom Murphy  
Mayor, Town of Sahuarita

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- Michael Ortega, City Manager, City of Tucson
- Veronica Moreno, City Manager, City of South Tucson
- Terry Rozema, Town Manager, Town of Marana
- Mary Jacobs, Town Manager, Town of Oro Valley
- L. Kelly Udall, Town Manager, Town of Sahuarita