

San Diego-Tijuana Cross-Border Vaccination Site

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Background

- ✓ Continuous collaboration with SD County and U.S. authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Testing site at the Consulate (Sept. 2020-June 2021): 7,995 tests
 - Vaccination site at Consulate (March-June 2021): 2,615 vaccines
- ✓ Vaccines were needed in Baja California.
 - A month ago, the vaccine distribution in Baja California was slower than in San Diego in one of the most dynamic U.S.-Mexico border regions.
 - Additionally, the vaccines supply in San Diego was becoming larger than its demand.



Project's lessons

Cross-border vaccination efforts demonstrate that local initiatives support binational collaboration.

Local authorities understood that San Diego is not completely safe until Baja California is fully vaccinated.

Our supply chain is deeply integrated and maquiladora workers in Baja are essential to the region's economy.

No U.S. tax payer money was used for this project.

Project's description: 4 pillars

1. Vaccine supply

- The County of San Diego donated thousands of Johnson & Johnson vaccines (one dose).

2. Vaccine administration

- Vaccines were administered and applied by UC San Diego Health.
 - ✓ Vaccines are free, however an administrative fee was reimbursed directly to UC San Diego Health by the companies.



3. Venue

- Neutral zone at the San Diego-Tijuana border.

4. People who receive the vaccines

- Maquiladora workers from subsidiary U.S. companies located in Baja California.
- Baja California business organizations selected and coordinated the companies.

A role model for the rest of the border

- The vaccination site operated from **May 24th to June 29th**.
- Around **40 companies** participated
- **26,414 people** were safely vaccinated.
- The project is being **replicated in other ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border**.



El Paso-Ciudad Juárez pilot project's kick-off
at the Tornillo-Guadalupe PoE on July 6th.

Special recognition to partner institutions

United States

- County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
- San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- UC San Diego Health
- Office of Customs and Border Protection-San Diego Sector

Mexico

- National Institute of Migration (INAMI)
- Tijuana's Customs Office (SAT)
- Baja California Ministry of Health
- City of Tijuana
- Consejo de Desarrollo de Tijuana (CDT)
- Cámara Nacional de la Industria de Transformación (CANACINTRA)
- Consejo Nacional de la Industria Maquiladora y Manufacturera de Exportación (INDEX)