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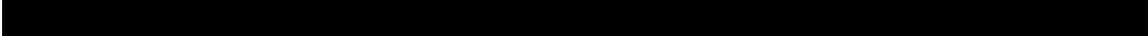
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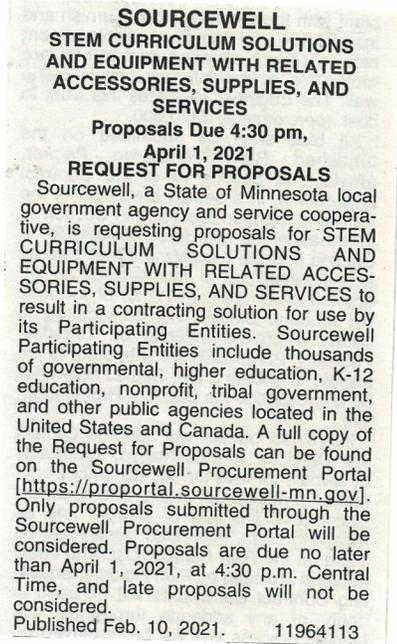
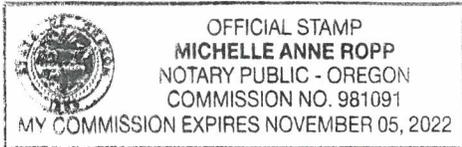
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Vaccines

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The Kaiser Family Foundation, which has been tracking attitudes about the vaccine for months, indicates 43% of Black adults in the U.S. are taking a “wait and see” approach to the vaccine, according to results of a poll completed Jan. 18. That compares with 26% of white adults in the same poll who said that when an FDA-approved vaccine for COVID-19 was available to them free, they would wait and see how it is working for other people.

Caution is a rational approach to centuries of structural racism, said Savannah resident and activist Natavia Sanders.

“This has been the only system of America that American descendants of slaves know, and therefore there are automatic cautions to survival,” Sanders said. It only makes sense for Blacks to question vaccines and studies, she said, after “countless times of being the study (subject) for things without their consent or knowledge.”

The infamous Tuskegee Study in which hundreds of Black men in Alabama went untreated for syphilis without their informed consent is just one injustice. In Savannah, a secret military program in the Cold War called Operation Big Buzz tested the viability of deploying mosquitoes as a delivery system of disease warfare by dropping thousands of mosquitoes on the Black neighborhood of Carver Village.

The ‘Big Buzz’ experiment

A United Press International newspaper article reported about Operation Big Buzz when the documents were declassified in 1980.

“Swarms of mosquitoes, the type notorious for transmitting yellow fever, were released in Georgia and Florida in the 1950s by the Army to see if the insects could be used as biological warfare weapons, documents show,” the Oct. 29, 1980, article says.

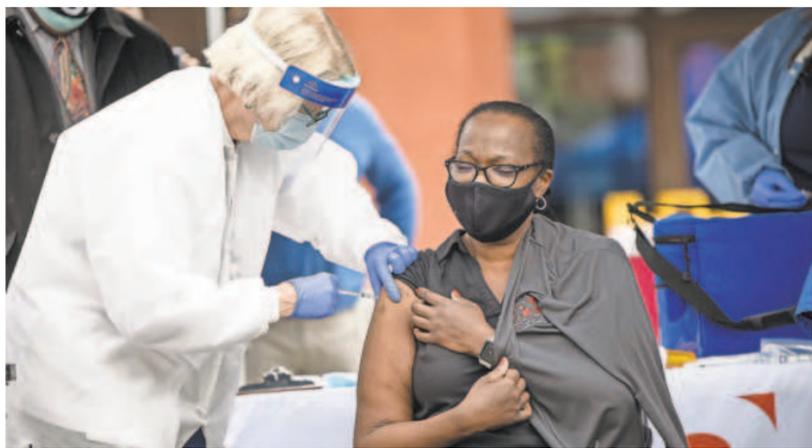
“However, none of the mosquitoes, specially bred by the Army Chemical Corps, was infected when released in Savannah, Ga., in 1956 and at Avon Park, Fla., in 1956 and 1958, according to declassified documents made available Tuesday,” the article read.

The declassified military document is available online. On each page a header of “Secret” is crossed out and instead stamped “Unclassified.”

“The Chemical Corps tested the practicality of employing *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes to carry a (biological warfare) agent in several ways. In April - November 1956 the Corps ran trials in Savannah, Georgia, by releasing uninfected female mosquitoes in a residential area, and then, with co-operation of people in the neighborhood, estimating how many mosquitoes entered houses and bit people,” reads the document dated January 1960 and titled “Summary of Major Events and Problems, United States Army Chemical Corps.”

The document goes on to report another deployment of hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes at Avon Park Air Force Base in Florida, summing up the purpose of the experiment:

“And while these tests were made with uninfected mosquitoes, it is a fairly safe assumption that infected mosqui-



Tammi Brown, nurse manager for the Chatham County, Ga., health department, receives her COVID-19 vaccine and wants to see others in her community do the same. “I encourage them to look at the data, which is what I did,” she says.

RICHARD BURKHART/USA TODAY NETWORK

toes could be spread equally well.”

But some Savannah residents, including Ellis, have their doubts about whether the test mosquitoes were infected. He and others investigated the question while applying for historic designation for the neighborhood.

“And I know some people will say, ‘Well, there were mosquitoes, but they weren’t infected,’” he said. “But they were.”

Ellis recalled the infection as malaria. The Army Chemical Corps document indicates the research centered on yellow fever.

The secrecy around the project created mistrust in those who found out about it decades after the fact. Sanders wrote about “Big Buzz” in connection to a Change.org petition advocating against locating a city maintenance facility in Carver Village last year.

She’s too young to qualify for the vaccine yet but is gathering information for when she is eligible.

“I’m reading everything and I am taking precautions,” she said. “I did talk to a friend recently who just recovered and was in the hospital fighting for his life. And I said, ‘Well, are you going to take the vaccine now?’ And he explained to me about the antibodies that he said he formed from already having the virus. And his opinion was even though he was eligible for it, he said he was going to wait for a little bit more of study being done. He wants to see (the vaccine) be in existence for at least a year.”

Downside of ‘wait and see’

The concern for many with taking a wait-and-see attitude is that the virus is not doing the same.

COVID-19 has hit the Black community disproportionately hard in Georgia and Chatham County, where Savannah is located.

While Black people make up 32.6% of the state’s population, they account for 36% of all COVID-19 deaths and make up the majority of deaths in those under 60, according to an analysis of Georgia Department of Public Health data by The Augusta Chronicle last month.

Those data hold true in Chatham County, too. As of Wednesday, 46% of the 298 COVID-19 deaths in Chatham were Black Americans and 51% whites. The county is 41% Black and 48% white, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Of the 15 COVID-19-related deaths in Chatham residents age 45 or younger, all but two of the patients were Black or

Latino.

Ellis feels this keenly.

“If you listen to all of the scientists’ and the doctors’ reports, statewide, nationwide and countywide, African Americans get infected more, at a higher rate,” he said. “African Americans are dying at a higher rate. And so it behooves us to take the vaccine, especially since the new strains coming out across the water now is more infectious, and is much easier to spread.”

He got vaccinated with news media present to be an example. And he reminds older Savannahians about the familiar and successful experience of getting the polio vaccine on a sugar cube at school.

“We ought to have a higher rate of African Americans having the vaccine,” he said. “And there’s not an experiment on anybody, because they’ve given it to everyone. It’s just that we are more vulnerable.”

For now, he’s more concerned about access to the vaccine.

“Folks in the deprived neighborhoods, they just don’t have the transportation to get to the health department,” he said. “So that becomes a challenge for them, more than remembering about Big Buzz.”

That also seems to be the case with Chatham residents 65 and older who are jamming phone lines to get appointments. Typical is Jewelene Black, an African American who received the vaccine in late January through the St. Joseph’s/Candler vaccine clinic.

“All of my friends, we all had our arms out when they first started talking about the vaccine,” she said. “And I know some African Americans may be a little hesitant. But all my friends, we don’t have a problem taking it because there have been so many deaths, and especially African Americans, so I think it’s really important that we all get this fast.”

Getting to ‘yes’

The attitudes of younger county residents can be seen in health care workers, who were offered the vaccine first. Many didn’t take it, especially early on.

At St. Joseph’s/Candler hospital, the administration has taken a respectful but persistent approach to the health care workers who initially declined the vaccine.

“If you weren’t taking it, we just wanted to know why,” said Paul Hinchey, president and CEO of St. Joseph’s/Candler. “So we could talk in a respect-

ful manner, and see if we could get through it.”

With a work force that includes many women of childbearing age, how the vaccine could affect pregnancy and fertility were often the concern.

“It’s pregnancy, breastfeeding, fertility,” Hinchey said, listing common vaccine concerns.

The vaccine wasn’t tested on pregnant women, so their concern makes sense to Dr. Stephen Thacker, associate chief medical officer and pediatric infectious disease specialist at Memorial Health. But he would counsel pregnant women toward vaccination because getting COVID-19 late in pregnancy especially can be life-threatening. The CDC includes pregnancy among the conditions that put people with COVID-19 at increased risk of developing severe illness, including an increased risk of death.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s leading infectious disease expert, said last week that about 10,000 pregnant women in the U.S. have been vaccinated since the Food and Drug Administration authorized two vaccines, and so far there have been “no red flags.”

At St. Joseph’s/Candler, a sense of youthful invulnerability was another factor for some staffers.

“Some people are young; they just don’t think I’ll need it,” Hinchey said.

St. Joseph’s/Candler didn’t track vaccine acceptance by race.

“Because we were going after everyone: white, Black, Hispanic, you know, it didn’t matter to us,” Hinchey said.

But talking to people individually changed the minds of about two-thirds of the staffers who initially declined the vaccine, Hinchey said.

“And I would say that’s probably a couple of hundred people. And that’s a lot. That’s great,” he said.

The increase will mean more than 70% of St. Joseph’s/Candler staff will be vaccinated, a minimum level epidemiologists cite as necessary to achieve herd immunity.

“This is going to take explanation in a roll-up-your-sleeves-and-talk-to-people way,” Hinchey said. “And if you do that, you’ll find that many people will say, ‘Hmm, OK, I’m going to give it a try.’”

Tammi Brown, who is the Chatham County nurse manager with the health department, said the concern she hears most frequently is the speed with which the vaccine was developed and approved for emergency use.

She counters that worry with both the scientific and the personal.

First she encourages people to look at the data themselves, both on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices website.

“I encourage them to look at the data, which is what I did,” she said. “You know, to make sure that you’re making an informed decision.”

The data shows the vaccine is safe and effective, Brown said.

“The vaccine is not live, so it can’t give you COVID,” she said.

Like Ellis, she also leads by example. Brown was among the first people in Georgia to receive the vaccine.

“And I let them know that I got it,” she said. “I encouraged my mother, who’s 78 years old, to get it.

“And so if I’m going to encourage it for myself and my mother, then obviously, it’s something that I trust.”

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Issuing Organization	Sourcewell
Owner Organization	
Solicitation Type	RFP - Request for Proposal (Formal)
Solicitation Number	040121
Title	STEM Curriculum Solutions and Equipment with Related Accessories, Supplies, Serv
Source ID	PP.CO.USA.868485.C88455

Details

Location	All of Canada, All of Canada
Purchase Type	Term: 2021/06/01 01:00:00 AM EDT - 2025/05/31 01:00:00 AM EDT
Description	Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for STEM Curriculum Solutions and Equipment with Related Accessories, Supplies, and Services to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than April 1, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

Dates

Publication	2021/02/09 07:45:41 AM EST
Question Acceptance Deadline	2021/03/25 05:30:00 PM EDT
Questions are submitted online	No
Bid Intent	Not Available
Closing Date	2021/04/01 05:30:00 PM EDT

Prebid Conference 2021/03/04 11:00:00 AM EST

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Pre-Bidding Events

Event Type	Prebid Conference
Attendance	Recommended
Event date	2021/03/04 11:00:00 AM EST
Location	Online Conference
Event Note	Login information will be emailed two business days prior to the event.

Bid Submission Process

Bid Submission Type	Electronic Bid Submission
Pricing	In attached document
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Bid Documents List	

Item Name	Description	Mandatory
Bid Documents	Documents defining the proposal	Yes

Categories

Selected Categories

GSIN Category (1)	
S	Services Services
U	Educational and Training Services Educational and Training Services
U	Education and Training Services EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING SERVICES
MERX Category (1)	
G	Goods Goods
G19	Machinery and Tools Machinery and Tools
UNSPSC Categories (20)	
86000000	Education and Training Services
86100000	Vocational training
86101500	Agriculture and forestry and other natural resources training services
86101600	Scientific vocational training services
86101700	Non scientific vocational training services
86101800	In service training and manpower development
86110000	Alternative educational systems
86111500	Distance learning services
86111600	Adult education
86111700	Language schooling
86111800	Educational exchanges
86120000	Educational institutions
86121500	Elementary and secondary schools
86121600	Junior colleges
86121700	University and colleges
86121800	Professional schools
86130000	Specialized educational services
86131500	Fine arts
86131600	Music and drama
86131700	Driving and flying and sailing
86131800	Military education
86131900	Schools for people with disabilities
86140000	Educational facilities
86141500	Educational guidance services
86141600	Students organizations
86141700	Educational technology

