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Hurricane Ida Leaves behind Devastated New Orleans and Other Cities Across the Region



Hurricane Ida rain and winds caused much property damage flooding and power outages that leaders saying it make be several weeks to restore power.

Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief

Hurricane Ida barreled through the City of New Orleans and other parts of the state, leaving much damage in wake of this disaster. With downed power lines, damaged properties and

power outages all over the city, it is presently, in a state of uncertainty. Many are seeking answers moving forward. Data News Weekly intends to as we did in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, provide the most current and accurate information for our readers. This is some of the information we have as of press time.

The City has a damaged power grid and is doing an assessment, but presently, the power is out throughout the City of New Orleans. The City is encouraging those who evacuated before Hurricane Ida, do not return until further notice because of power outages, debris, hazards and damage.

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President Joe Biden holds virtual meeting with La., Miss. leaders in wake of Ida destruction



The historic French Quarter as well as other parts of New Orleans was not spared during Hurricane Ida, leaving much destruction behind.



Thousands left New Orleans and the surrounding areas seeking refuge. What usually may have been 3 to 4 hour drives were 12-15 hours to seek safety from Hurricane Ida.



Some who stayed had to brave the storm that caused much flooding. The question becomes in the aftermath is how long will it take for the City to recover?



For those who remained in the city 911 is back online as well as 311, that the city is asking residents to report down trees.

Also, to assist in helping with the work of restoring power, Entergy is calling on residents to call 1-800-Entergy to report downed power lines. Also, to report damage at damage.la.gov.

For those who need assistance during these stressful and uncertain times you may apply for FEMA Assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362. Homeowners and renters whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Ida and live in a designated

parish may be eligible for FEMA Assistance.

For those who want to help by giving much needed resources and monies to help go to redcross.org and say specifically that it is for Hurricane Ida.

Of course, there are many other reputable organizations that are out there but beware of scams in addition false information spreading online.

These are truly important times and getting accurate information is essential in getting people the resources they need. And we at Data News Weekly continues to be committed to giving you news that you can use.



Mike Clarke of the Cajun Navy.

When Brave People Fly



Diva Dionne Character
Female Empowerment
Columnist

If by now you don't know how brave you have become, let me be the first to remind you that you deserve all that this world has to give, even in the midst of a disaster as you save yourself because that's what we do when we have wings to change our own course. Today, is about you not cracking under the pressure, staying focused and flying against the hurricane winds, rising like the Phoenix with the fortitude to win another battle because you are strong, and you can make anything happen as I mentioned in my new book, "You Better Got Your Dream."

Let us not forget about the little things i.e., life, family and friendship. Letting go of the material possessions we may still have and some that may have been destroyed. Know that your life is far more amazing than any article you may be worrying your beautiful soul over. It is in moments like these, we have to become more observant of keeping our minds with our bodies, because we are only able to control those things of which we can. As you move forward with the reconstruction of your life, try something new and start journaling down the things you love about yourself moving to those things that you would be willing to change for the better, releasing all the things you haven't had time to rid yourself in order to live a more balanced life with a calmer attitude.

Now, is a good time to tap into your creative power as you dig a little deeper into who you are as a mother, a father, a co-worker, even when it seems like the sky has fallen, the clouds are moving, so that you'll have a better view. You have the power to make changes in your life because when you're from New Orleans you can weather any storm because we are brave and resilient. We can change things with our unbreakable spirits. Let the brave you write your



Enjoy the little things.

own story for some of us may cry and a many of us will live to tell our truth. It is in the darkest of places where we truly grow into beautiful beings. It's time you pull out your journal and save your own life because the road ahead is going to be tough, but you can make it because you got hot sauce running through your veins.

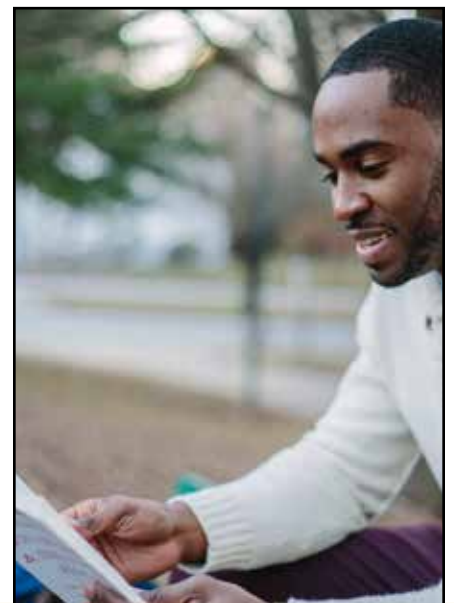
Don't forget that you will need to be as clear minded as possible. Turn off your phone and the television along with any other distractions, so that you can concentrate as you quiet down your mind and spirit. Find a quiet spot. Even though most of us are surrounded by family we should bargain with someone in the household who can help us disappear for at least twenty minutes. Write down the good, the bad, and the things you will one-day be able to scream to the world

aloud. Writing in a journal will be your release as you allow your soul to flow in happiness.

Cherish the moments in life where you have failed and was able to turn things around because you are amazing, strong and powerful. Don't be afraid to empower yourself with gratitude and gratefulness. No one can do what you do. You are brave and when brave people fly, they become unstoppable! Let this be the beginning of a new chapter of your life. Nothing can hold you down when you're from New Orleans. We find happiness in the midst of disaster because we were born and raised in a City full of culture and promise.

Stay brave and don't forget you'll never be alone in this life cuz we Nola Baby!

Dionne Character can be reached at characterinhollywood@gmail.com.



Take a few minutes to reflect and unwind.

NOLA Ready

All intersection lights are out in New Orleans. Treat these intersections as 4-way stops. Citywide curfew in effect 8pm-6am until further notice.

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ROUSES MARKETS

****IDA UPDATE****

Tuesday, August 31st

Some store locations on the West Bank and East Bank of New Orleans, and the Baton Rouge and Northshore stores are NOW OPEN. These stores are open with limited capacities with limited staffing. We appreciate your patience.

Westbank

Rouses Market #36- Algiers
Rouses Market #38- Belle Chasse
Rouses Market #49- Gretna
Rouses Market #79- Marrero

New Orleans/ Metairie

Rouses Market #25- (Veterans Blvd.) Metairie
Rouses Market #26- (Tchoupitoulas St) Nola
Rouses Market #28- (Clearview Pkwy.) Metairie
Rouses Market #29- (Carrollton Ave.) Nola
Rouses Market #35- (Franklin Ave.) Nola
Rouses Market #46- (Baronne St.) Nola

Northshore

Rouses Market #20- Covington
Rouses Market #21- Mandeville
Rouses Market #22- Slidell
Rouses Market #31- Covington
Rouses Market #32- Mandeville
Rouses Market #37- Slidell
Rouses Market #57- Ponchatoula
Rouses Market #61- Hammond
Rouses Market #75- Covington

Baton Rouge Area

Rouses Market #55- Denham Springs
Rouses Market #58- (Long Farm)Baton Rouge
Rouses Market #60- Zachary
Rouses Market #62- (Drusilla Ln.) Baton Rouge
Rouses Market #63- Prairieville
Rouses Market #65- Gonzales
Rouses Market #69- (Bluebonnet) Baton Rouge
Rouses Market #70- (Arlington Place) Baton Rouge

We will continue to make updates as we receive them. Thank you for your patience and support.

Stay in touch with us on our Facebook page and our website for updates throughout the storm.

For a list of Rouses Markets store locations:

<https://www.rouses.com/locations/>

Find the latest resources regarding preparedness at: **<https://www.rouses.com/emergency-preparedness/>**

White House Health Officials Work to Reduce COVID-19 Spread in New Orleans

Data News Weekly

Contributor

Photos courtesy Dillard University/Sabree Hill

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra visited New Orleans on Aug. 27 to raise attention to the Biden-Harris administration's efforts to end the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, as part of the White House "Build Back Better" policy. Becerra spoke alongside community leaders in New Orleans on ways to improve "vaccine confidence."

"We still got a lot of folks out there who if they just had a chance to really connect with folks and hear it with confidence and trust, they'd get vaccinated," Becerra said at the panel held at Dillard University. "And here is the beautiful thing, we have a president that actually wants us to spend the resources to find those things, and we haven't always had leadership that had wanted to reach out to corners of the country that are often left behind."

The event included participation from Assistant Secretary Dawn O'Connell of the U.S. Office of Preparedness and Response for the HHS, U.S. Rep. Troy Carter D-La., Dillard University President Walter Kimbrough and Xavier University of Louisiana President Reynold Verret. During the panel, Dillard University held "Pathway to Normalcy," a free COVID-19 vaccination drive at its Student Union and Health and Wellness Center. The HHS secretary visited the vaccination drive before speaking with members of the public.

"This Secretary has a very, very robust schedule with a lot of things going on but didn't hesitate, didn't blink when given the opportunity to come to New Orleans, to come to Louisiana to express his support," Carter said.

Prior to visiting Dillard University, Becerra stopped by Children's Hospital New Orleans LCMC Health to see their COVID-19 response in action. Recently, the federal government sent a "surge team" to the Children's Hospital to help with round-the-clock care for children in the ICU suffering from COVID-19. In Louisiana, 81,312 of COVID-19 cases reported are for those in the 5 to 17-year age group, according to data from the Louisiana Department of Health. The



U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra and Saints Hall of Famer Deuce McAllister visited Dillard University's vaccination event on August 27th.



U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra speaks on ways to engage the African American and Latino communities in New Orleans to improve vaccination rates.

LDH reports show that despite 5,355,460 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine being administered in the state, only 40.88 percent of residents are fully vaccinated. Those who are not fully vaccinated account for 91 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Louisiana.

Becerra said he wanted to hear from the community about how they could bring equal opportunities of receiving the vaccine to different groups. Medical professionals in various fields gave their opinions on how to build "vaccine confidence" in certain communities. Suggestions were made about the federal government having a more centralized message about vaccines to members of the public. Many in healthcare explained that a rise in misinformation has caused many of their patients to doubt their expertise.

For millennials and Generation Z, both university presidents shared how vaccine mandates have

increased safety on their campuses. Dillard's Bleu Troop, for instance, is a student-led initiative for preventing COVID-19. And both universities have required their students to be vaccinated in order to live on campus and attend classes this school year.

"We're excited to be able to host [the] Secretary here as well as our Congressman for this conversation about how we continue to work through this pandemic," Kimbrough said. "I think a lot of work has been done in this city and this state through a lot of coordination from the governor, the mayor, and our representatives in Congress."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rank Louisiana as 48th in the nation for vaccination rates. Despite this, the city of New Orleans has the highest ranking in the state for vaccination. According to NOLA Ready, 74 percent of all adults are fully vaccinated in New Orleans.



Xavier University President Dr. Reynold Verret speaks on ways universities in New Orleans are working to keep campuses safe during the Pandemic.



U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra joined U.S. Rep. Troy Carter and Dillard University President Dr. Walter Kimbrough (left) and Xavier University President Dr. Reynold Verret (right) to improve vaccination rates in the City.

During the discussion, different faith-based leaders explained to Becerra that Black churches in New Orleans have been crucial for getting the community vaccinated. Numerous vaccination drives and door-to-door campaigns were hosted by churches in order to raise vaccination rates. After hearing about how Black churches have been encouraging their congregations to vaccinate, Becerra questioned whether or not a similar approach was being taken at churches with predominantly Hispanic congregations.

The panelists also discussed who are the best representatives that could reassure the community about the COVID-19 vaccine. Community outreach spokespersons suggested delivering the message through trusted healthcare providers such as community health centers.

"I told my team at HHS that there

are three principles we're going to operate under: transparency, equity, and accountability," said Becerra on reaching different communities.

"Equity has usually not been part of the mission of too much of government, and if we're going to do this right, we're going to have to hear from the folks that know how to reach the communities that are often left behind."

Becerra said he was hopeful that younger and non-traditional voices would work to ensure that their peers received the COVID-19 vaccine.

"If we're going to reach some of those people that don't sit at the table, we're going to need your help," Becerra said.

"Here's my challenge to you: give me an idea where I would harness the young folks, I would harness some of the folks that would never get to be in this meeting," he said.

Biden Confirms End of 20-Year Military Presence as Final US Evacuation Flight Leaves Kabul

Data News Staff Edited Report

"The closing hours of the evacuation were marked by extraordinary drama," the Associated Press reports.

"American troops faced the daunting task of getting final evacuees onto planes while also getting themselves and some of their equipment out, even as they monitored repeated threats — and at least two actual attacks — by the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate."

Here is a portion of U.S. President Joe Biden's confirming the end of a 20-year US Military presence in Afghanistan.

I want to thank our commanders and the men and women serving under them for their execution of the dangerous retrograde from Afghanistan as scheduled — in the early morning hours of August 31, Kabul time — with no further loss



The War in Afghanistan ends after 20 years as the last of U.S. flight leaves Kabul.

of American lives. The past 17 days have seen our troops execute the largest airlift in US History, evacuating over 120,000 US Citizens, citizens of our allies, and Afghan allies of the United States. They have done it with unmatched courage, professionalism, and resolve. Now, our 20-Year Military presence in Af-

ghanistan has ended.

Tomorrow afternoon, I will address the American people on my decision not to extend our presence in Afghanistan beyond August 31st. For now, I will report that it was the unanimous recommendation of the Joint Chiefs and of all our commanders on the

ground to end our airlift mission as planned. Their view was that ending our military mission was the best way to protect the lives of our troops and secure the prospects of civilian departures for those who want to leave Afghanistan in the weeks and months ahead.

For now, I urge all Americans to join me in grateful prayer tonight for three things. First, for our troops and diplomats who carried out this mission of mercy in Kabul and at tremendous risk with such unparalleled results: an airlift that evacuated tens of thousands more people than any imagined possible. Second, to the network of volunteers and veterans who helped identify those needing evacuation, guide them to the airport, and provide support along the way. And third, to everyone who is now — and who will — welcome our Afghan allies to their new homes around the world, and in the United States.

Publisher

We Will Rebuild



Terry B. Jones
Publisher,
Data News Weekly

In our role as "The People's Paper" the alarm has been sounded as Hurricane Ida ripped through our City. In its aftermath, it presented some new challenges to us all. It's reminded us of Katrina, something that changed our lives forever.

And while this event up to this point did not cause the damage of Katrina, in the City of New Orleans, it comes with its own set of challenges. And this is happening in the middle of a Pandemic as well as

during the season where we were preparing to vote for elected offices.

I say this because at this time the right type of leadership is important as we ask ourselves what type of City we will be?

Data News Weekly, for over 55 years have continued in our role as "The People's Paper" and we are making a guarantee that we are not going anywhere, and that we are here to inform, educate and inspire our community. We will as we rebuild give you news that you can use.

Today, as we look at our great City it is without power, but it is not in the dark. As we are the light that gives the city life, and we will show again our resilient spirit to the world. And we will chronicle these amazing stories in the pages of Data News Weekly and our other platforms as we continue in our role as "The People's Paper."

State & Local News

Pres. Biden Approves Gov. Edwards' Request for Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Ida

NEW ORLEANS (8/30/2021) - Gov. John Bel Edwards received word tonight that Pres. Joseph R. Biden has approved his request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration due to the severe impacts of Hurricane Ida, a Category 4 Storm that has caused widespread damage across Louisiana. Ida made landfall early Sunday afternoon in Port Fourchon with winds of 155 miles per hour. As the slow-moving storm continues to impact Louisiana, more than 800,000 people are without power statewide. Surge and damaging winds are impacting areas along the coast and moving inland.

"I am extremely grateful to Pres. Biden for his swift response to my request," said Gov. Edwards. "This will be critical to our response to the recovery from Hurricane Ida which has proven to be as dangerous as we anticipated. Tonight, we have confirmed at least one death and sadly, we know there will be others. Thousands of our people are without power and there is untold damage to property across the impacted parishes. FEMA has been with us since before the storm to help coordinate our state and fed-

eral efforts, which has been incredibly helpful. I know that it will take some time to address all of the challenges of this storm, but I am confident in the resilience of our people and the commitment of all of our partners to pull through this, which we will do together."

Individual and Public Assistance Category A, Debris Removal, has been approved for the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parishes.

All 64 Louisiana Parishes have been approved for Public Assistance Category B (emergency protective measures), including direct federal assistance, at 75 percent federal funding. In addition, for a period of 30 days from the start of the incident period FEMA is authorized to provide federal funding for Category A and Category B at 100 percent of eligible costs.

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Data News Weekly, "The People's Paper," is looking for freelance writers to join our team print and digital team. We want to hear from you if you are a working journalist, or an aspiring journalist who has 2 years or more of newspaper or PR writing experience. We need writers who can cover New Orleans news stories, ranging from local high school sports, community events, City Hall and entertainment. Experience in print is necessary, experience in digital and social media are encouraged.

Compensation is competitive and great story ideas will be appreciated.

If you are interested, please email your resume and 3 writing samples to: terrybjones@bellsouth.net and datanewseditor@bellsouth.net.

We can't wait to hear from you!

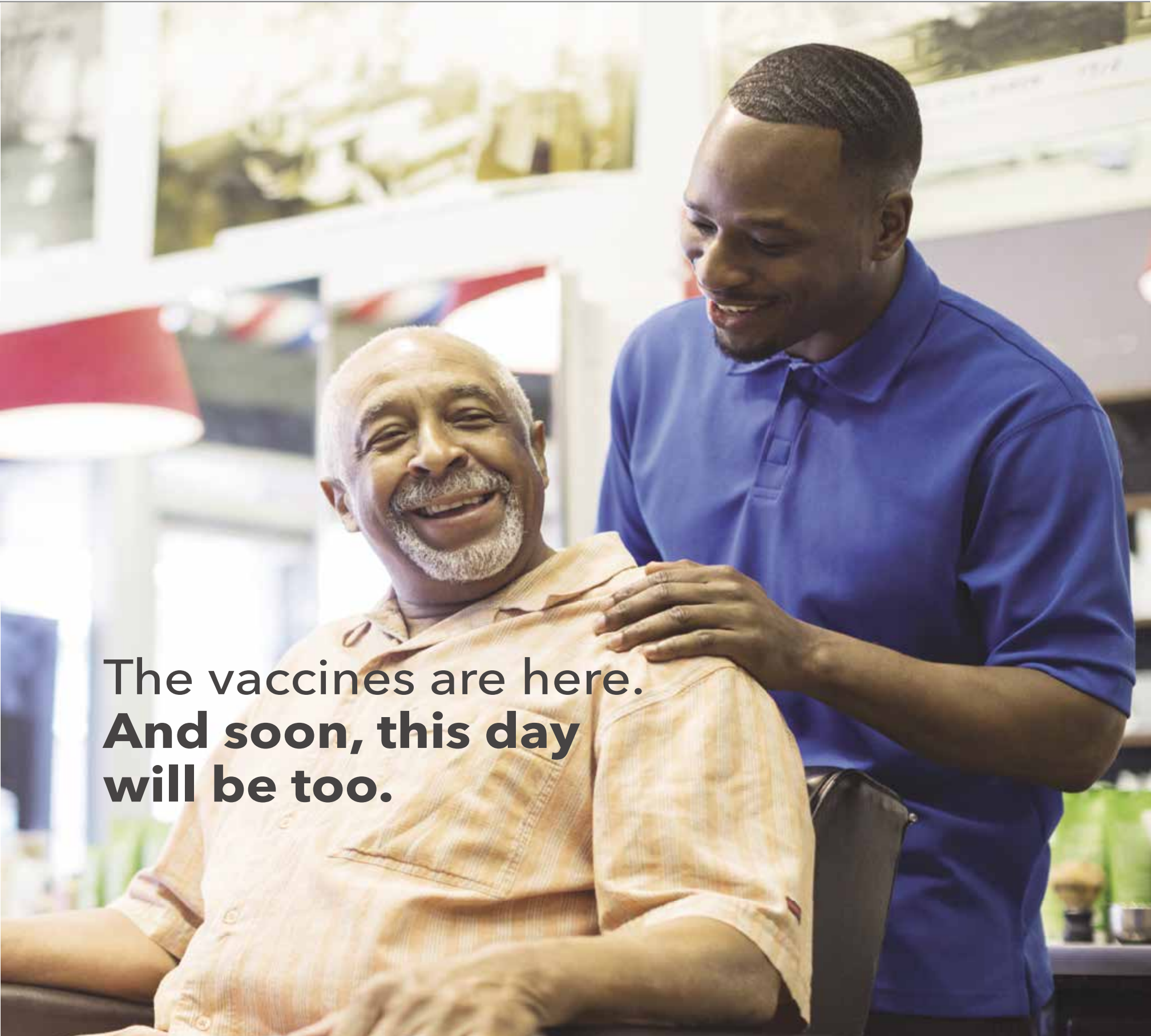
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