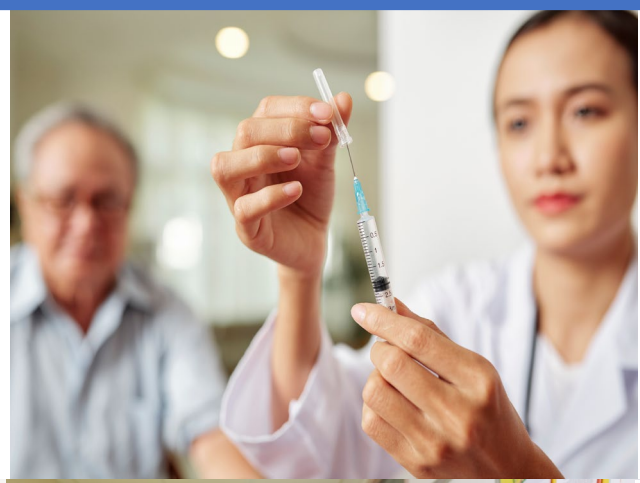




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School Nurses and COVID-19 Vaccine: *Success Stories*

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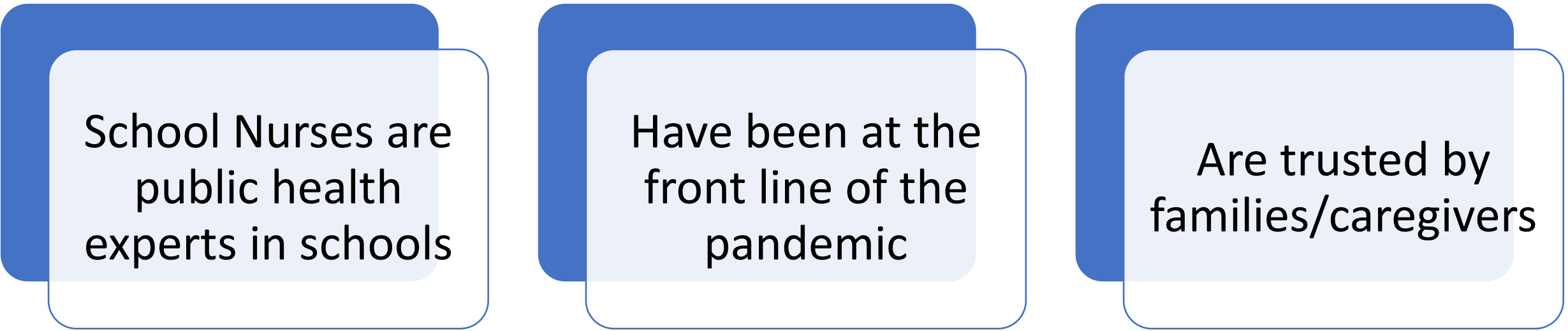
About NASN

Mission: To optimize student health and learning by advancing the practice of school nursing.

Champions for School Health initiative

- Funded by Kaiser Permanente
- 9 markets: CA, CO, DC, **GA**, HI, MD, OR, **VA**, WA





School Nurses are
public health
experts in schools

Have been at the
front line of the
pandemic

Are trusted by
families/caregivers

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How School Nurses Are Helping Get Vaccine Shots into the Arms of Students

By Emily Tate Sullivan May 19, 2021

<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2021-05-19-how-school-nurses-are-helping-get-vaccine-shots-into-the-arms-of-students>



A project of the AAMC and CDC

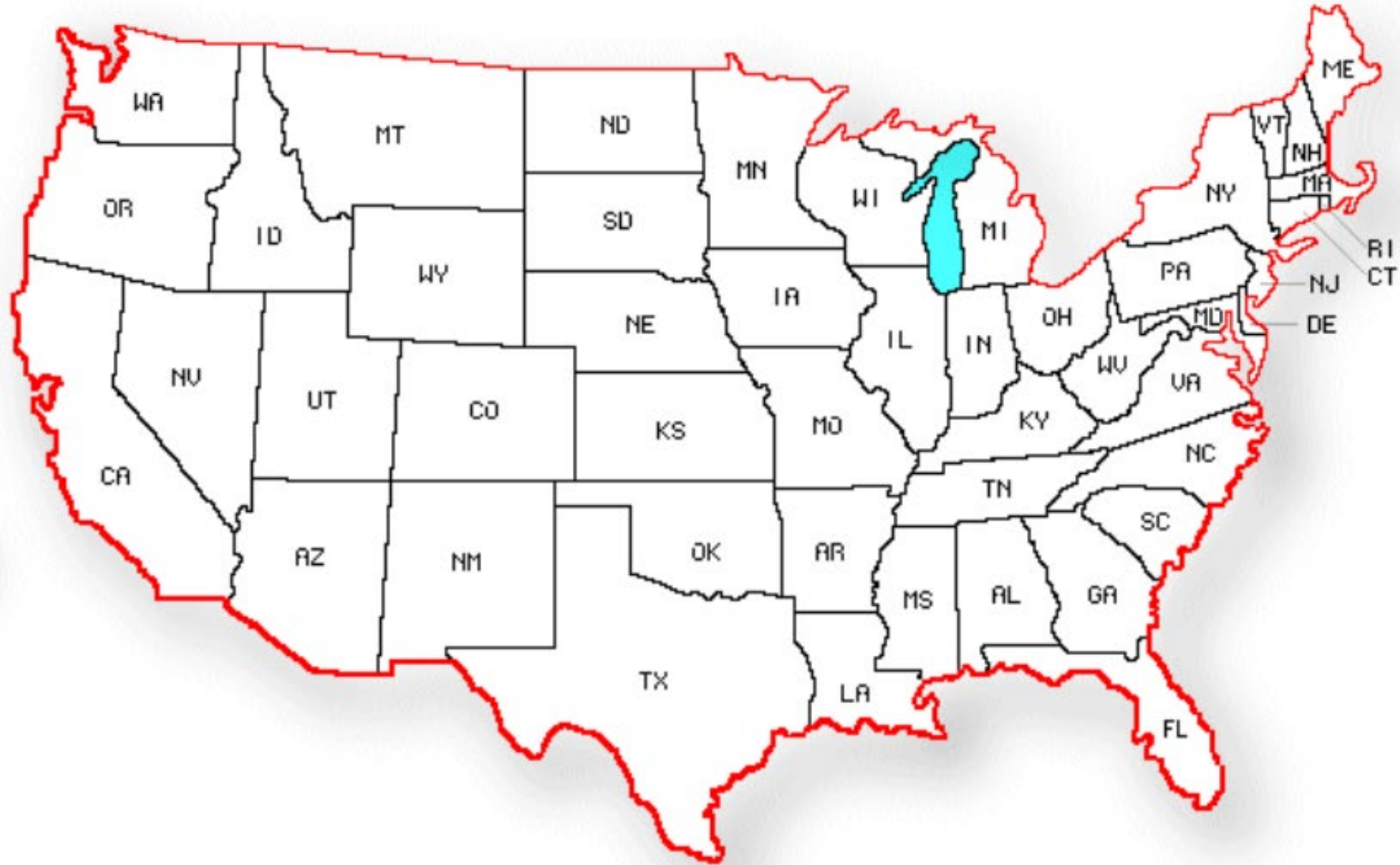
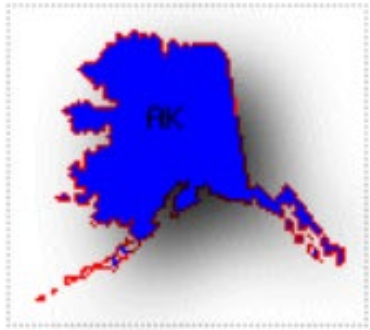
Why school nurses are critical to getting more kids vaccinated

Ken Budd

August 31, 2021

<https://www.vaccinevoices.org/resources/article/why-school-nurses-are-critical-getting-more-kids-vaccinated>

Alaska: Anchorage School District



Anchorage

Anchorage school nurses deployed at what unexpectedly became the city's first large-scale vaccination effort for seniors

By Emily Goodykoontz, Annie Berman

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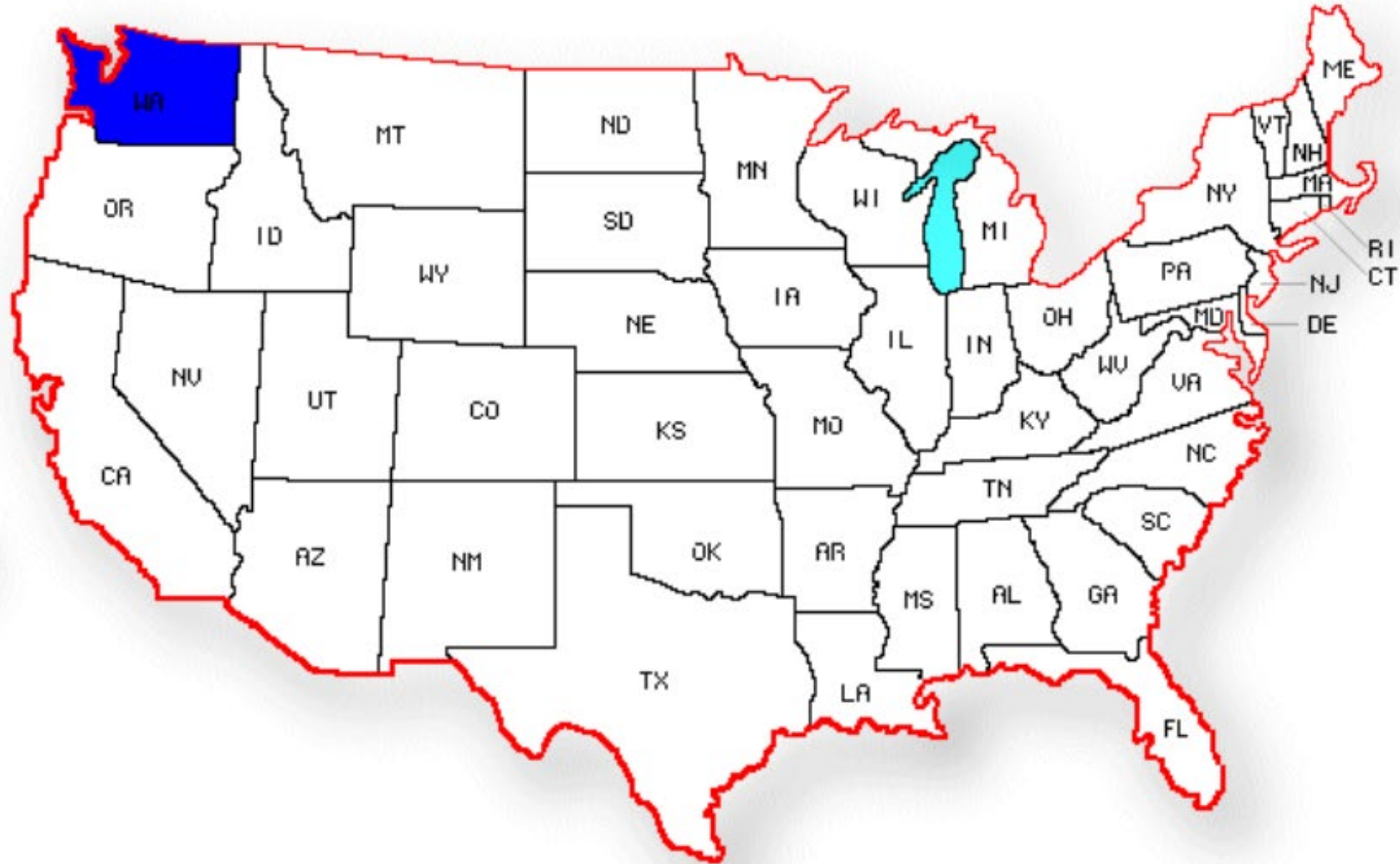
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Anchorage School District

- VFC provider
- 27,103 adults vaccinated (between 1/21-5/21)
- 6000 children (12-17 years) vaccinated



Washington: Yakima School District



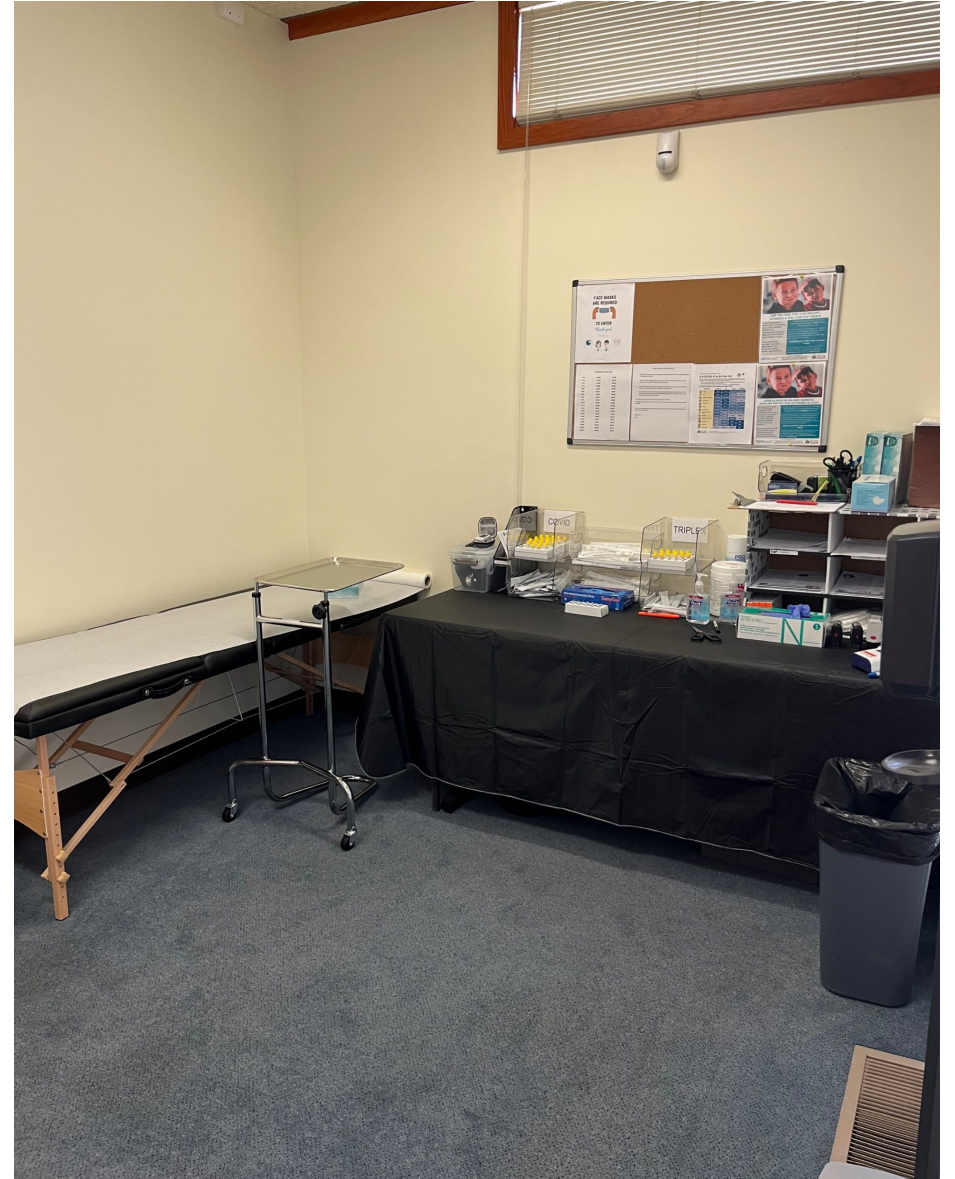
Washington: Yakima School District

- Has 2nd largest migrant student population in state
- Farming/agriculture region
- During Omicron surge- did 500 tests a day
- Currently main testing site as public does not have access anywhere else in county

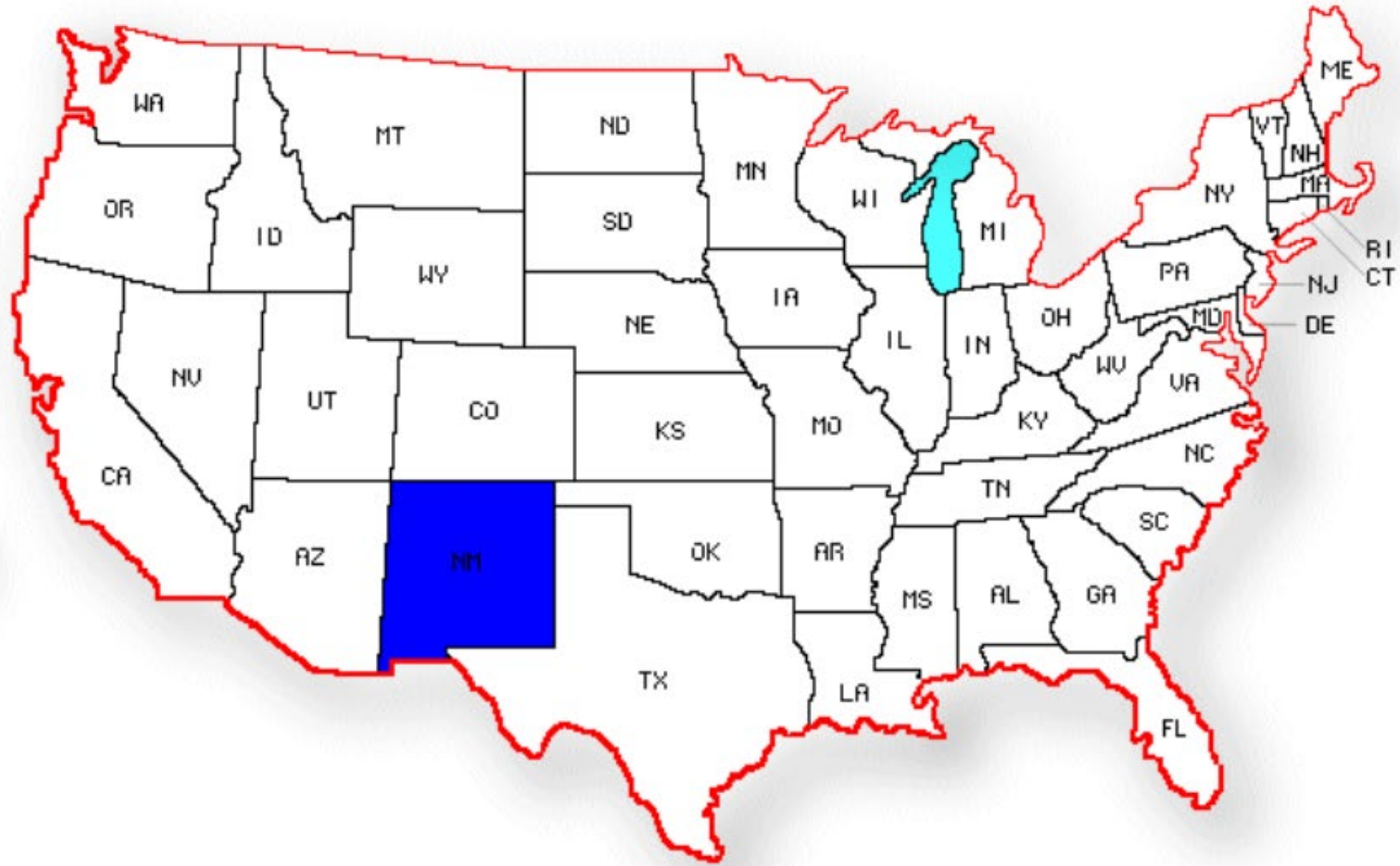
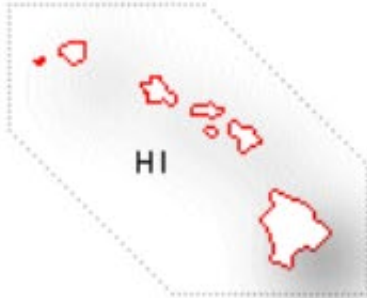


Washington: Yakima School District

- Community partner provides vaccines; staffed by SNs
- Open to students/staff/families/community
- Approximately 1700 COVID-19 vaccines administered in 2022



New Mexico: Alamogordo Public Schools



Alamogordo Public Schools: Meet Flo

Meet Flo, an old Winnebago delivering COVID-19 tests, flu shots and food to students in need



Lindsay Schnell
USA TODAY

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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/01/30/nm-school-uses-cares-buy-winnebago-offer-mobile-covid-tests/4014393001/>

They resurfaced her countertops over the holiday break, and splurged to update her exterior paint. But necessities come before cosmetic upgrades: One of Patch's first major purchases was a special freezer to store COVID vaccines.



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New Jersey: Mercer County Special Services SD & North Brunswick Township Schools



Mercer County Special Services School District

Coronavirus

Students had a hard time at clinics, so special services school brought vaccines to them

Published: Jun. 09, 2021, 12:00 p.m.



<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2021/06/students-had-a-hard-time-at-clinics-so-special-services-school-brought-vaccines-to-them.html>

North Brunswick Township Schools

- Sensory friendly clinic
- 250 vaccinated
- 15 students/3 adults with special needs participated

Meeting Special Needs



Our Sensory Friendly Vaccine Experience:

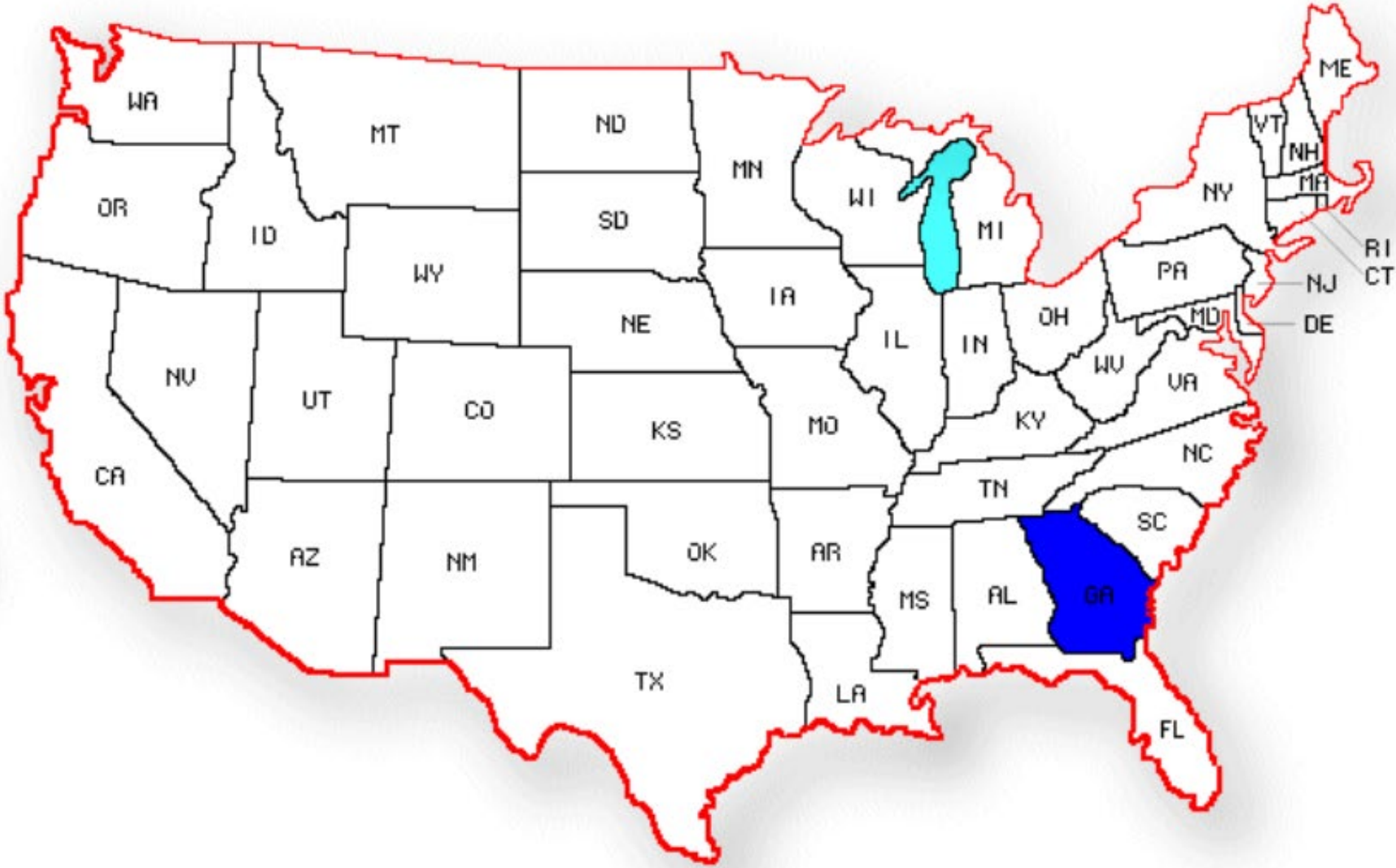
- Decreased crowd size
- Decreased wait time
- Reduced Noise
- Support from familiar adults
- Visual supports
- Comforting and reinforcing items
- A quiet space to regulate after the vaccine
- Understanding and informed staff



AIM – NASN Collaboration

- AIM and NASN have long history of collaboration
- In 2021, conducted SLV environmental scan and 5 virtual roundtables
- Desired impact: Increase vaccination rates; improve population health outcomes; influence public perception of vaccines; increase access to and equity around vaccines
- Resulted in School Nurse planning checklist; tip sheet for immunization programs
- NASN reference page on resources for SNs from this collaboration

Georgia: Fulton County Schools



Fulton County Schools SLV

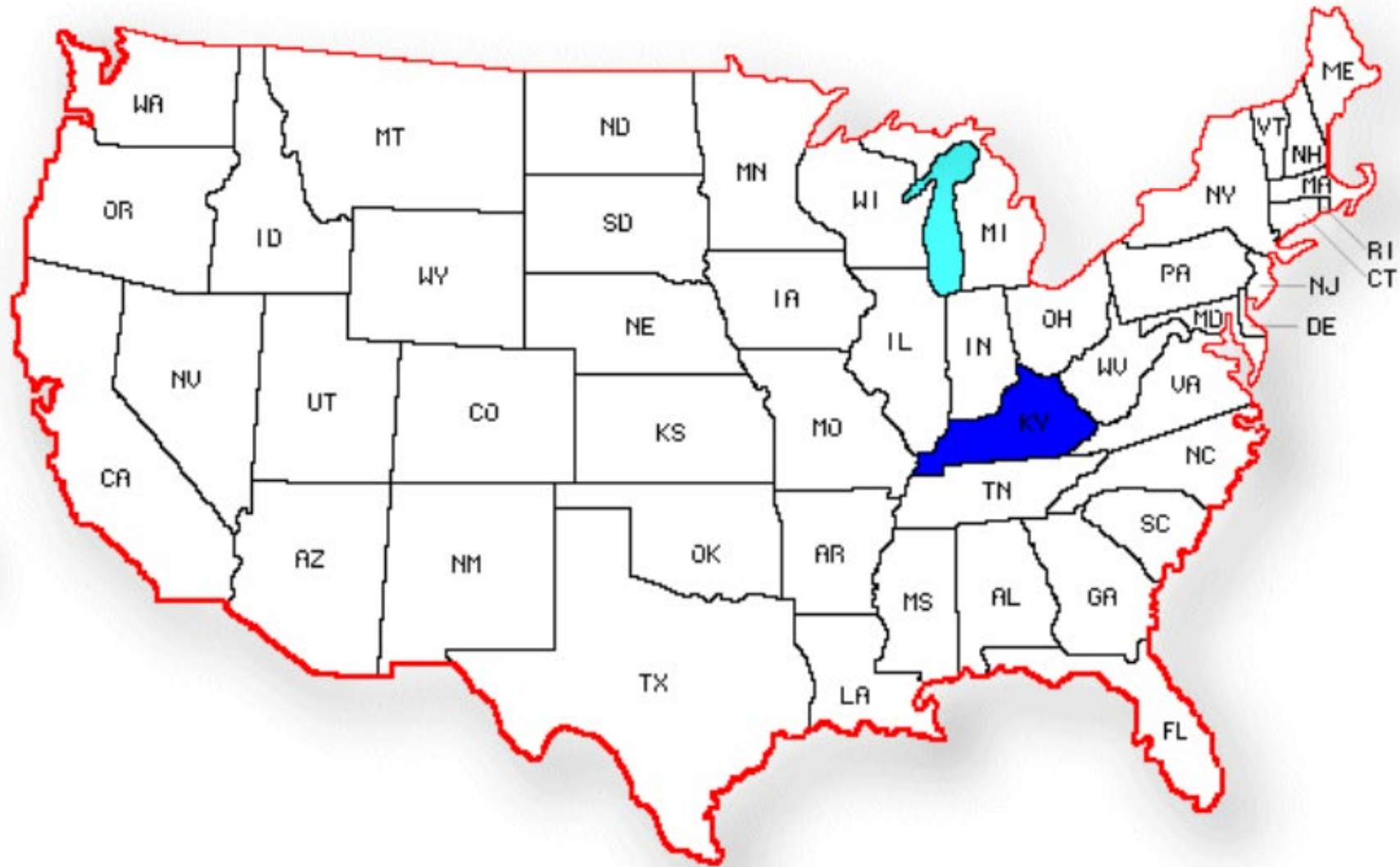


Fulton County Schools SLV

- 8 SLVs last year
- 400 vaccinated
- Collaborated with 5 existing partners
- Translation services



Kentucky: Jefferson County Public Schools



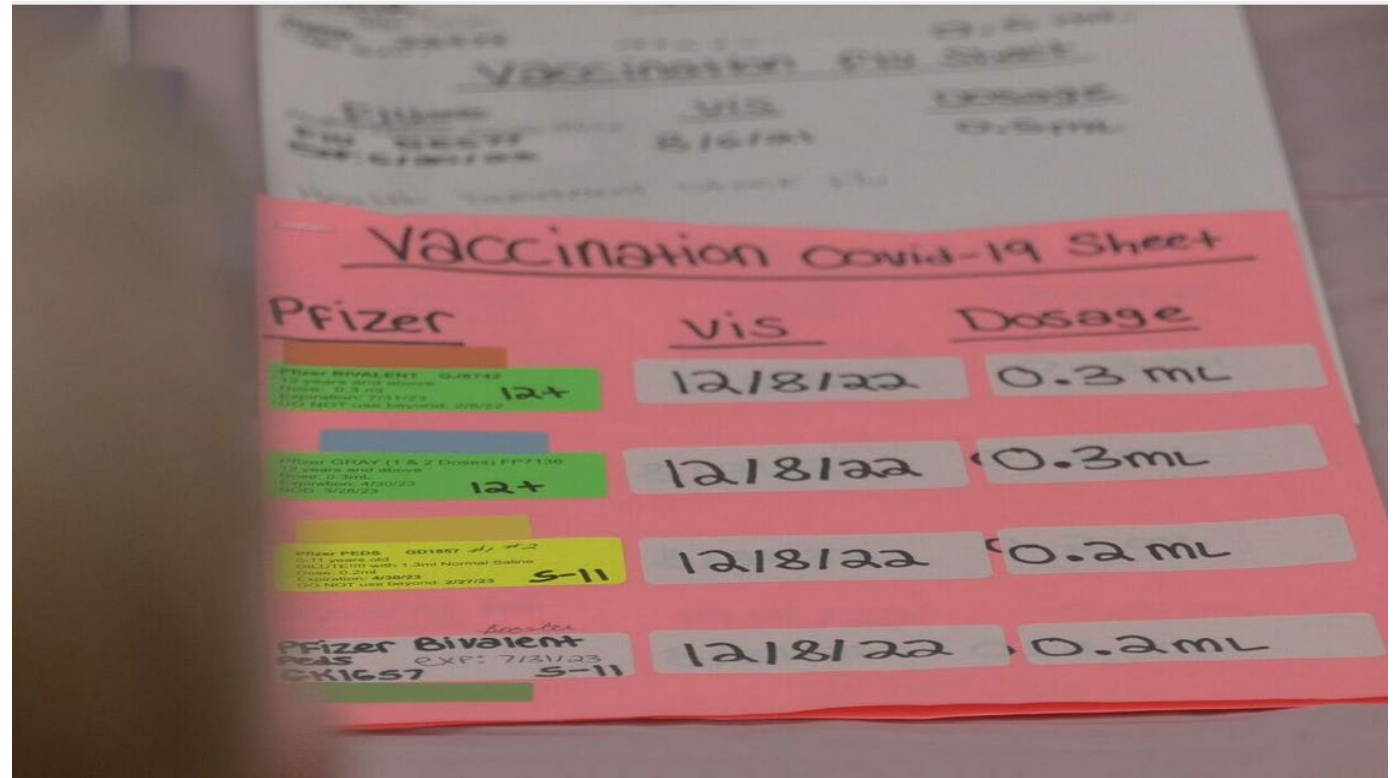
Jefferson County Public Schools SLV

WDRB.com

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Students, staff turn out for community-wide JCPS vaccination clinic

Feb 4, 2023 Updated Feb 4, 2023



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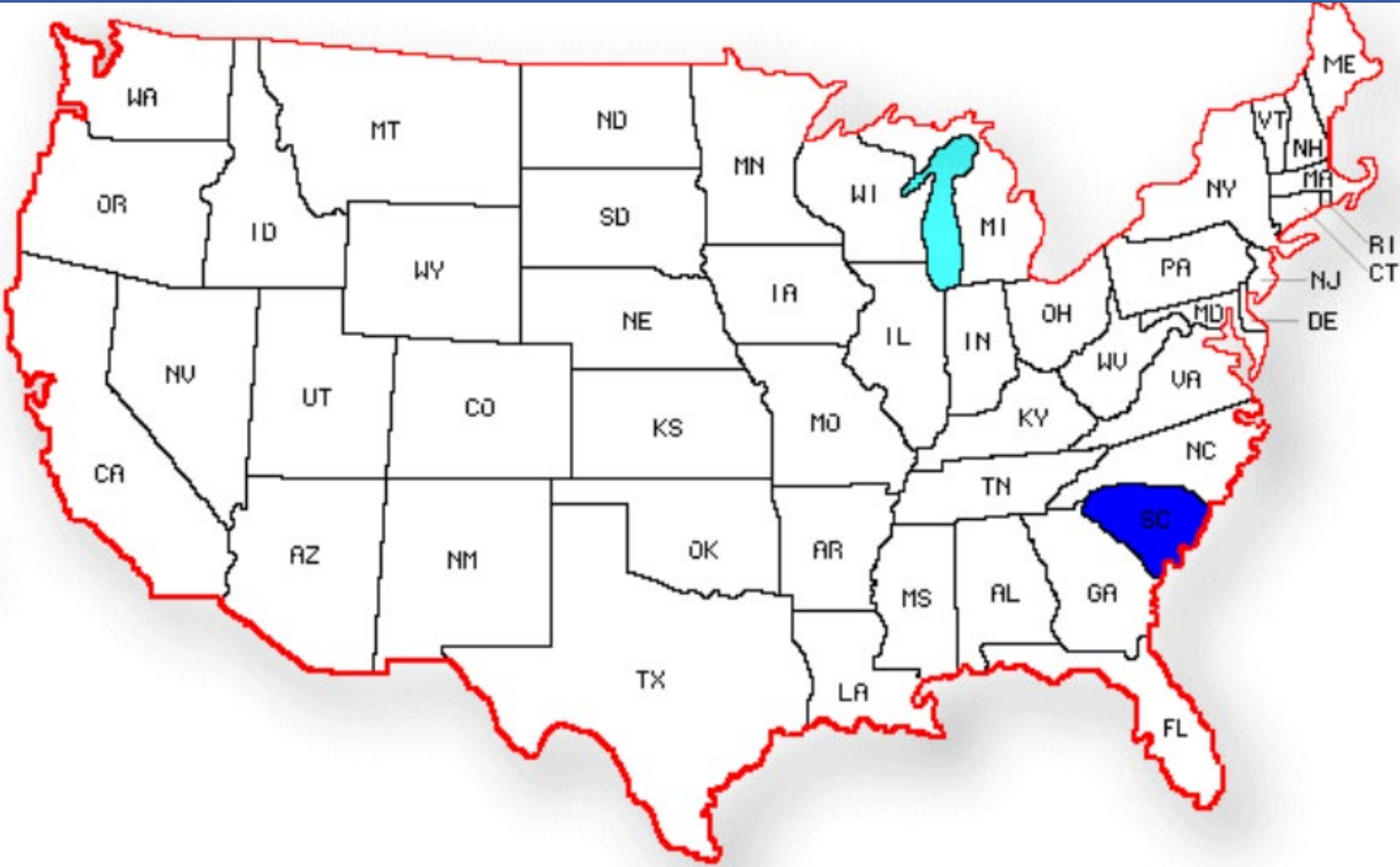
Jefferson County Public Schools SLV

- Large immigrant/refugee population
- 1st 500 students - \$20 gift card
- Largest turn out for an SLV



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South Carolina: Dorchester School District 2

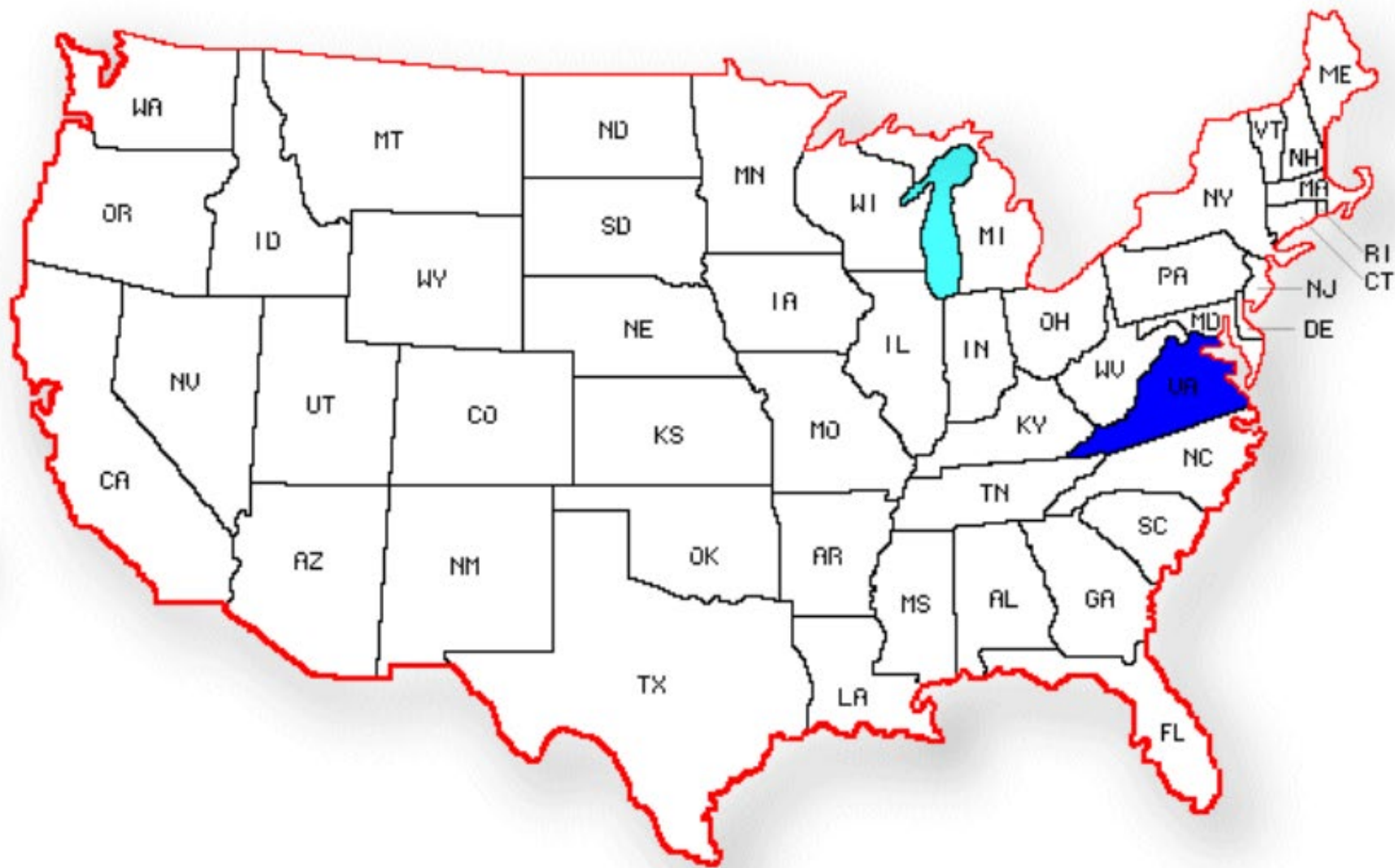


Dorchester School District 2

Three-Step education & vaccination strategy

1. SN leader partnered with DHEC, enlisted the help of SC Education Association President – virtual townhall meeting. Invited school leaders and SNs for state-wide education on COVID-19 vaccine
2. Email education campaign to parents in school district
3. Offered vaccine to school staff and teachers first: 60% received vaccine. SLV for students ages 12 and over: 6000 students received vaccine

Virginia: SLVs



Loudoun schools' COVID vaccine progress: 10,500 first doses done, second doses underway

by Heather Graf | Fri, February 12th 2021, 7:17 PM EST

<https://wjla.com/news/local/loudoun-schools-covid-vaccine-progress-10500-first-doses-done-second-doses-underway>

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Henrico school nurses volunteering to give COVID vaccines: 'We just look forward to normalcy'



By: Caroline Coleburn

Posted at 12:26 PM, Mar 10, 2021 and last updated 12:26 PM, Mar 10, 2021

<https://www.wtvr.com/news/coronavirus/henrico-school-nurses-volunteering-to-give-covid-vaccines-we-just-look-forward-to-normalcy>

Alexandria City Public Schools

- Health Fairs at 8 elementary schools
- Incentives – grocery store cards
- Superheroes and games at health fairs
- Parent liaisons helped market events
- Vaccine provider partnership with SNs
- High concentration of refugee families



Spider man providing
encouragement to get the
vaccine

255 vaccines administered



Characteristics of Successful SLVs

- Support/buy in from Superintendent/Principal
- SNs and Community Partners collaboration
- Trusted Vaccine Provider- local DOH/Pharmacy
- Incentives – gift cards, transportation tokens, groceries, food at events
- Trusted messengers at SLVs/ability to educate families
- Offering different types of vaccinations (COVID-19 and Flu vaccines; COVID-19 and school-required vaccinations)



Questions?

