



# Press Release

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## Woven with Elders: Pacific Islander Vaccine Toolkit

Today, we are excited to announce the launch of Woven with Elders, a vaccination toolkit created for and by Pacific Islanders.

Our collaborative efforts were led by centering our cultural protocols and believing that our communities intuitively know what we need to heal ourselves.

Our free toolkit provides beautiful graphics, easy-to-read fact sheets, and responses to frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations in order to protect our Pacific Islander communities, especially our treasured elders.

Woven with Elders is specifically for community organizations that serve our Pacific Islander communities that have been devastated by COVID-19 with high rates of infection, hospitalization, and death. Our communities are strong and have faced many pandemics in the past. Vaccinations are the best way to ensure our cultural knowledge, practices, and traditions that we have learned from our elders continue on to the next generations.

We encourage you to use and share our toolkit components that will be translated into various Micronesian, Polynesian, and Melanesian languages.

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