

AGS Members Share their #MyCOVIDVax Pictures & Stories



In late 2020, the United States launched its COVID-19 vaccination program, beginning with essential healthcare workers and frail older adults living in congregate settings. The goal of this massive, complicated undertaking is to have vaccinated 70 percent of the U.S. population by the end of this summer, but it faces multiple challenges, including the public's concerns about vaccine safety.

This is why the AGS was pleased to join other national organizations with a request that our members share pictures of themselves getting their COVID shot on social media. We've been thrilled to see you — our geriatrics superheroes on the frontlines of caring for older adults during the pandemic — getting vaccinated, and we have been inspired by the stories you shared about why you were getting your shot and why others should, too. You've affirmed for all of us that #ThisIsOurShot at ending the COVID-19 pandemic.

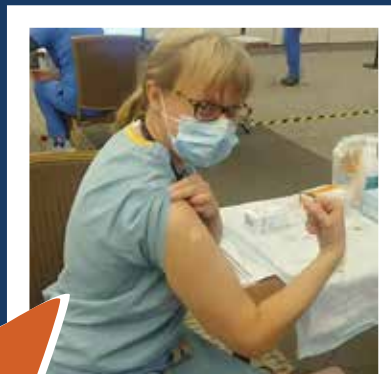
“ Received my 2nd Pfizer vaccine today ...and I EXHALED. So grateful for this gift from science. Let's keep masking up, remembering that millions of Americans, including those in nursing homes, are still waiting for theirs.”



“ Grateful to have my COVID vaccine for my patients and family. The vaccine will, in the words of MLK Jr., lift us all from 'the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope!' ”



June McKoy, MD, MPH, JD, MBA, AGSF



Lee Lindquist, MD, MPH, MBA



Mark Supiano, MD, AGSF

“ We can do this! Here's to all the women in healthcare fighting COVID-19!”





#MyCOVIDVax
#ThisIsOurShot

“ Getting the vaccine was an uplifting and motivating reminder to keep us doing what we do every day...caring for sick eyes in sick patients. It was a literal shot in the arm that gave us a metaphorical shot in the arm and energized us to return to the front line. ”

“ Keep calm and vaccine on! I got the vaccine for my nursing home, my family, and older adults everywhere. Together we can end this pandemic! ”



Andrew Lee, MD



Rainier Soriano, MD



Annie Medina-Walpole, MD, AGSF

“ I went into geriatrics to protect the most vulnerable. I got the COVID-19 vaccine to continue that effort. ”

“ The day I heard that we have a safe, highly effective vaccine, I skipped with joy! ”

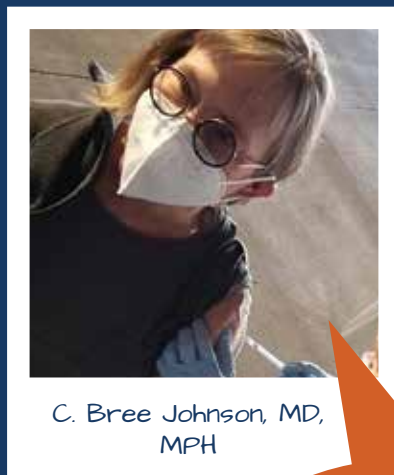
“ Polio and smallpox ended with a simple vaccination. I'm doing my part to end COVID-19. Two weeks after my second shot, I feel completely fine. ”



Lona Mody, MD



David Sengstock, MD, AGSF



C. Bree Johnson, MD, MPH

“ I couldn't help getting teary-eyed when that needle hit my arm. For the first time since February 2020, I felt the beginnings of hope. Getting vaccinated is the greatest gift we can give to ourselves, our loved ones, and our fellow human beings. ”