



Maintaining Continuity of COVID-19 Pandemic-related HIV Services

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What did we **learn** from the COVID-19 pandemic

- or -

what **became easier** during the COVID-19 pandemic

that we should preserve to End the HIV Epidemic?

Innovations in Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Care Delivery During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic: Policies to Strengthen the Ending the Epidemic Initiative—A Policy Paper of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the HIV Medicine Association

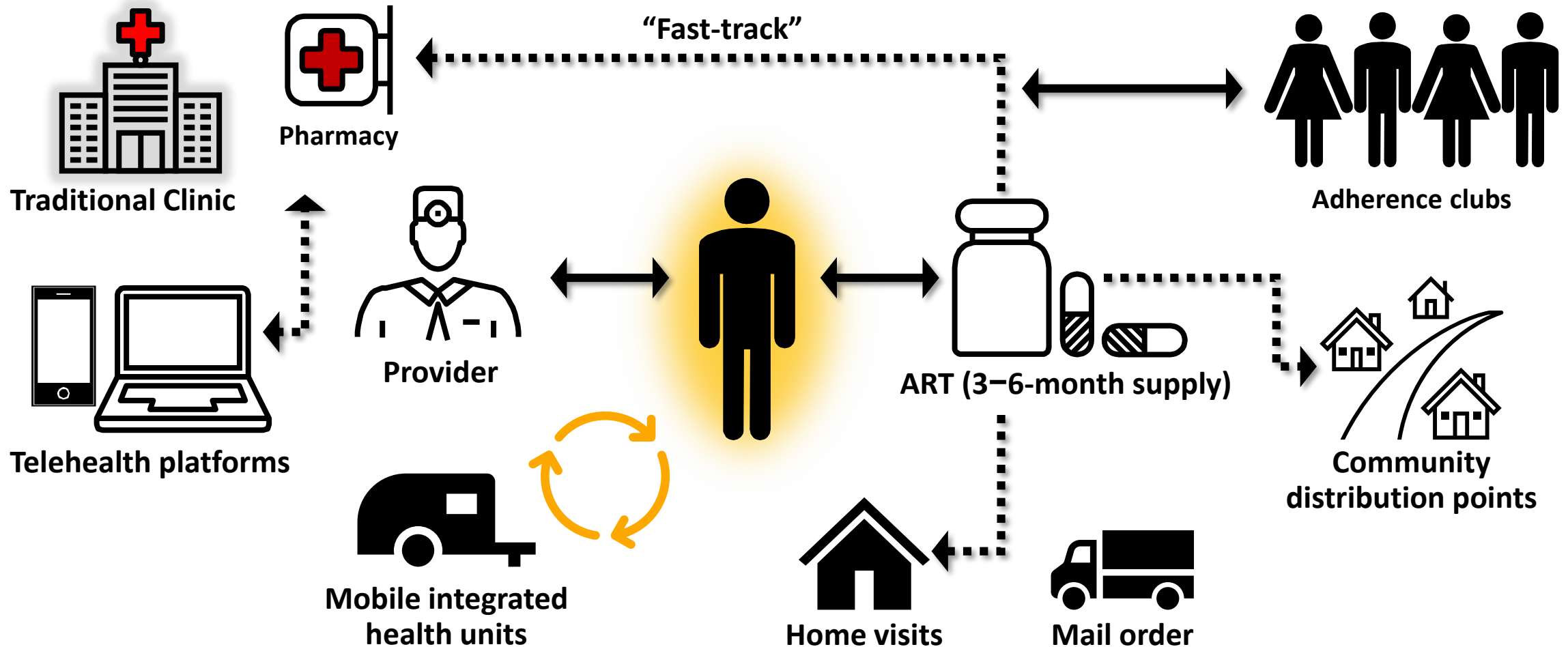
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- 22 recommendations
 - ✓ Telehealth
 - ✓ HIV drug access
 - ✓ PrEP
 - ✓ Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
 - ✓ Public Health Workforce
 - ✓ Housing as Healthcare

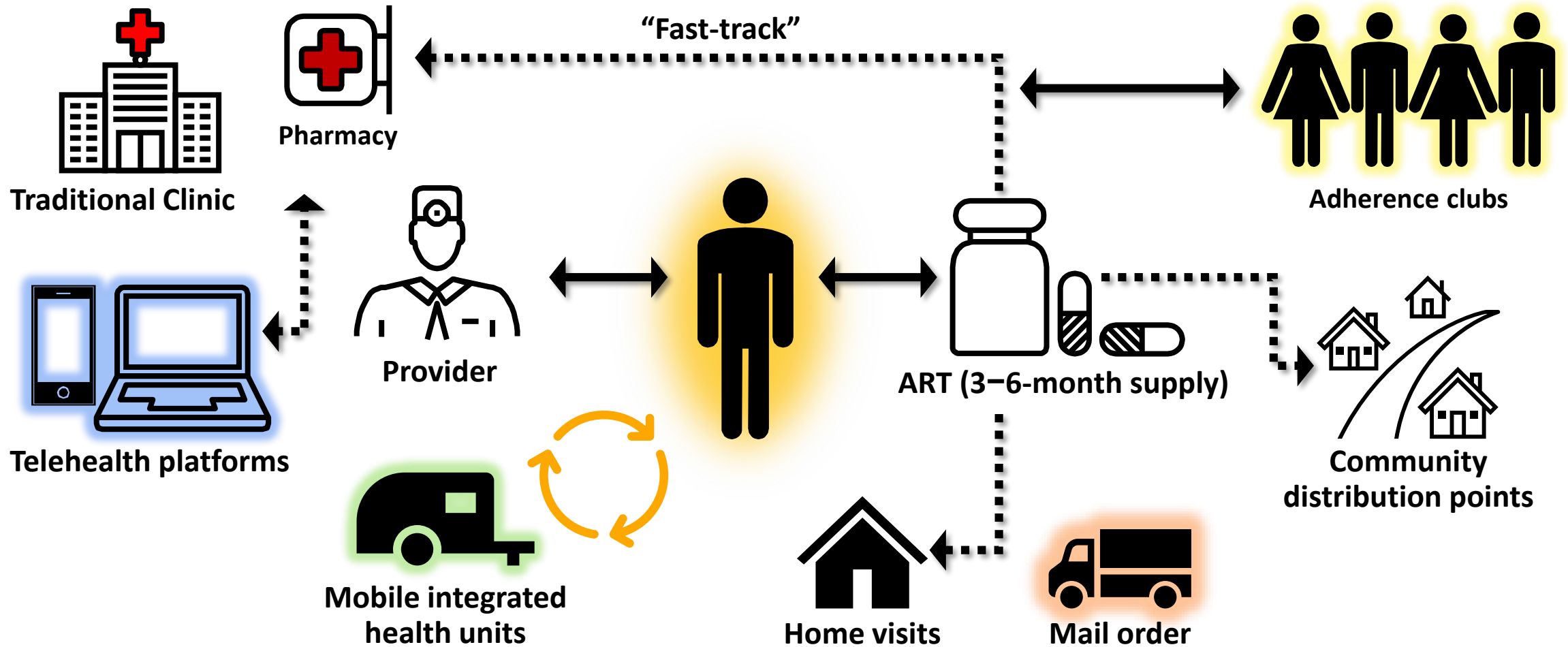
Lessons from the Pandemic

- Easier Access
- Trusted Messengers
- Housing
- Collaboration/Blueprints
- Investment/Political Will

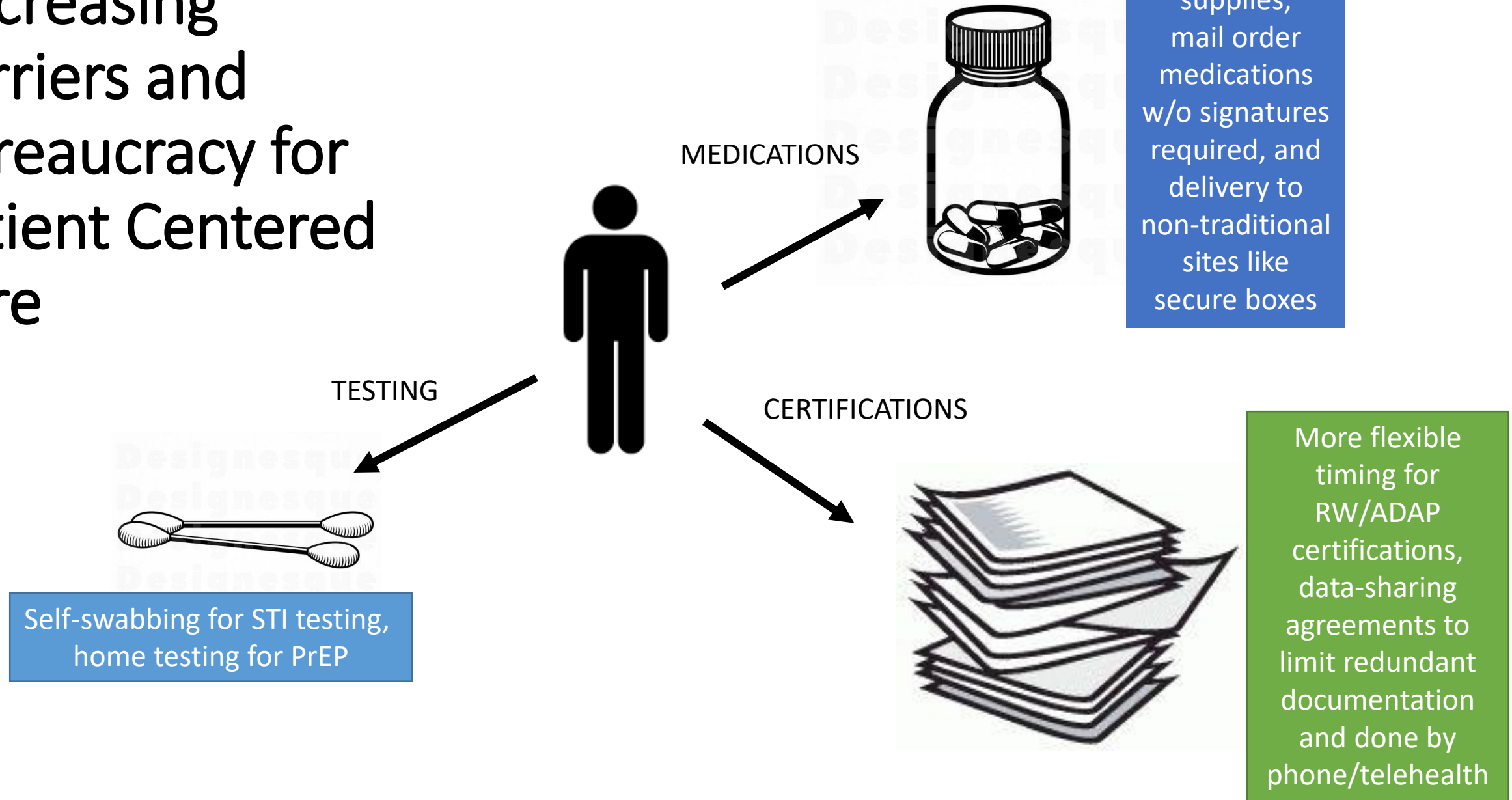
Improving Access through alternative care models



Differentiated Service Delivery



Decreasing Barriers and Bureaucracy for Patient Centered Care





COVID-19



HIV



Funding flexibility



- Eliminate Silos
- Between missions
 - Between funding sources
 - Within funding sources



Trusted Messengers

A stylized, colorful illustration of a diverse crowd of people. The figures are depicted in various colors (blue, orange, green, pink, yellow) and are shown in profile or three-quarter view, looking in different directions. The style is flat and modern, with a focus on representing a wide range of ethnicities and ages.

IDSA
Infectious Diseases Society of America

February 10, 2022

Cultural Awareness Series

**Black History Month – The Impact of
the COVID-19 Pandemic and Utilizing
Trusted Messengers**

Communication and Education: Taking a page from COVID-19



Black and Hispanic Americans turn to doctors who look like them for reassurance on vaccinations.

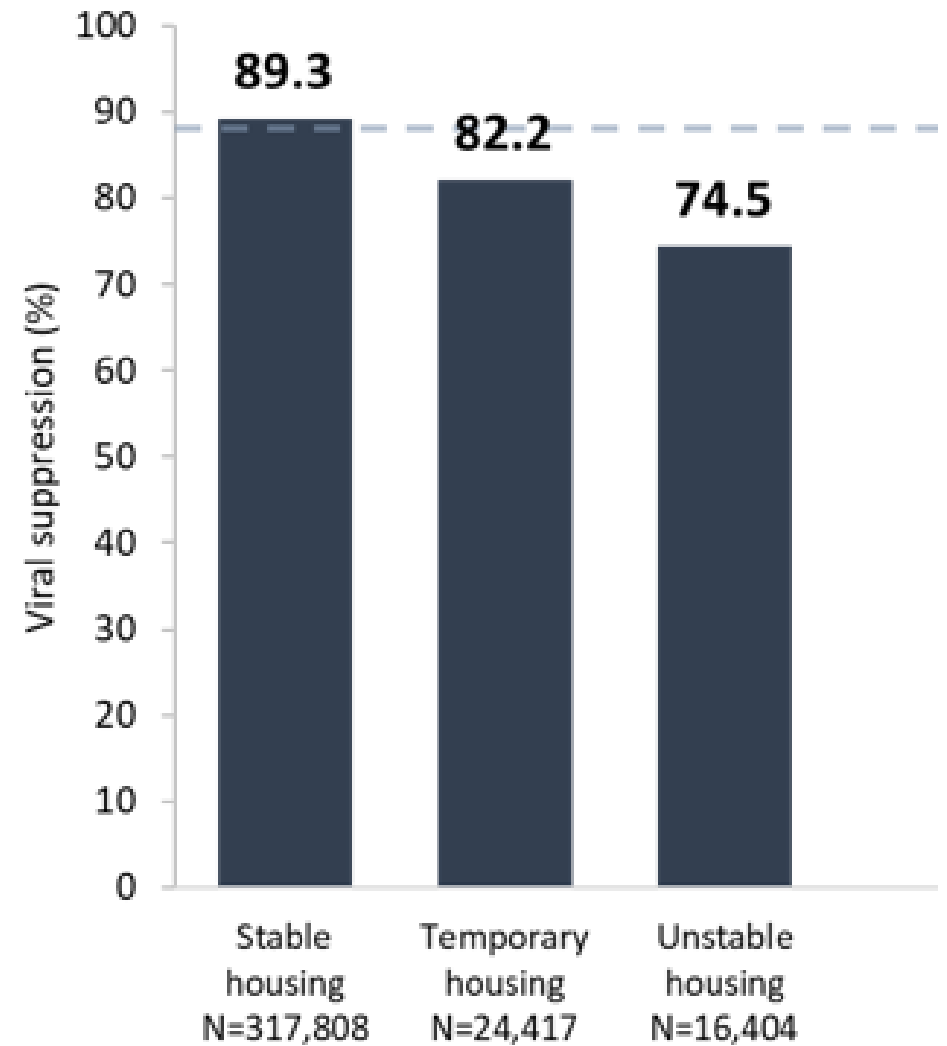
Housing is Healthcare

COVID-19

Temporary Housing for Homeless Individuals with COVID-19

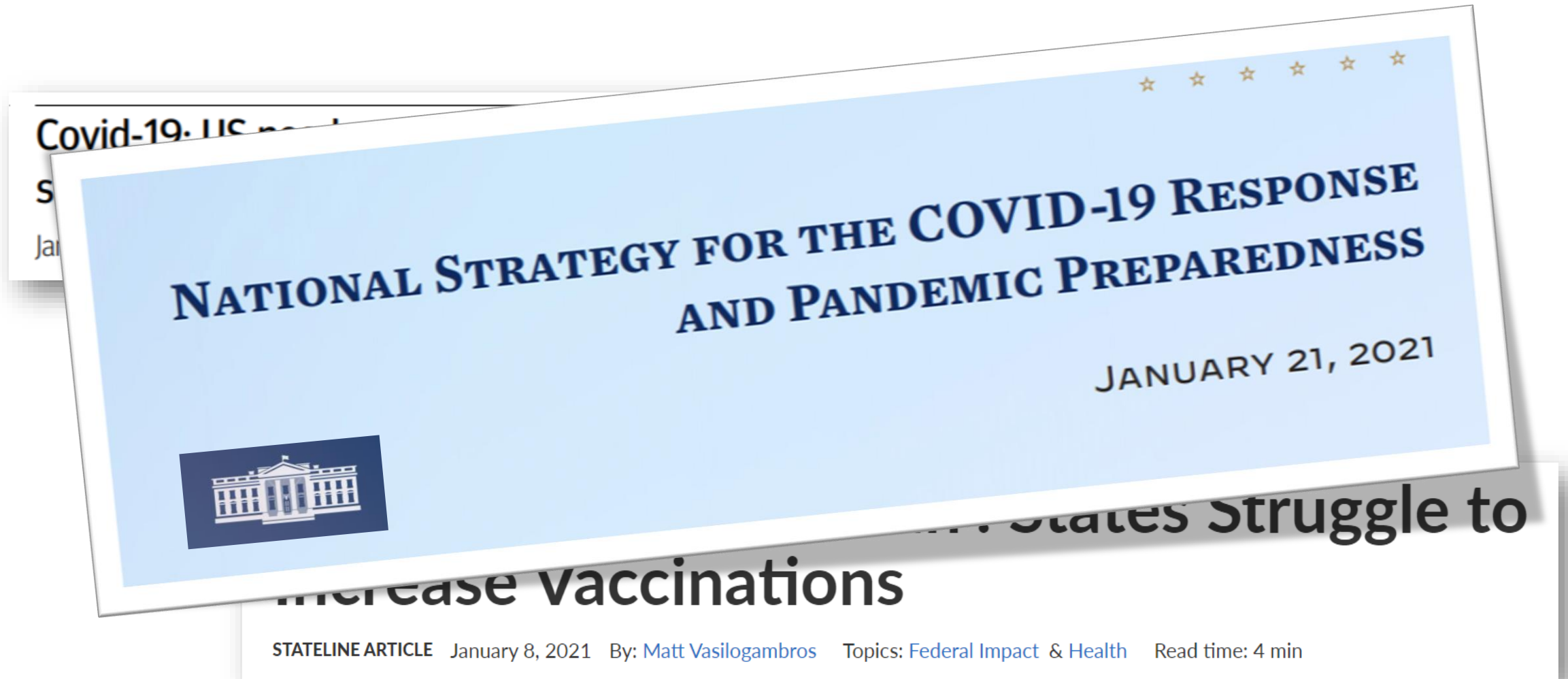
Every Santa Clara County homeless person who has tested positive for #COVID19 now has shelter.

To learn more, visit sccphd.org/cv19-homeless



Rates of VS among RWHAP clients in 2019

Collaboration and Blueprints



HIV

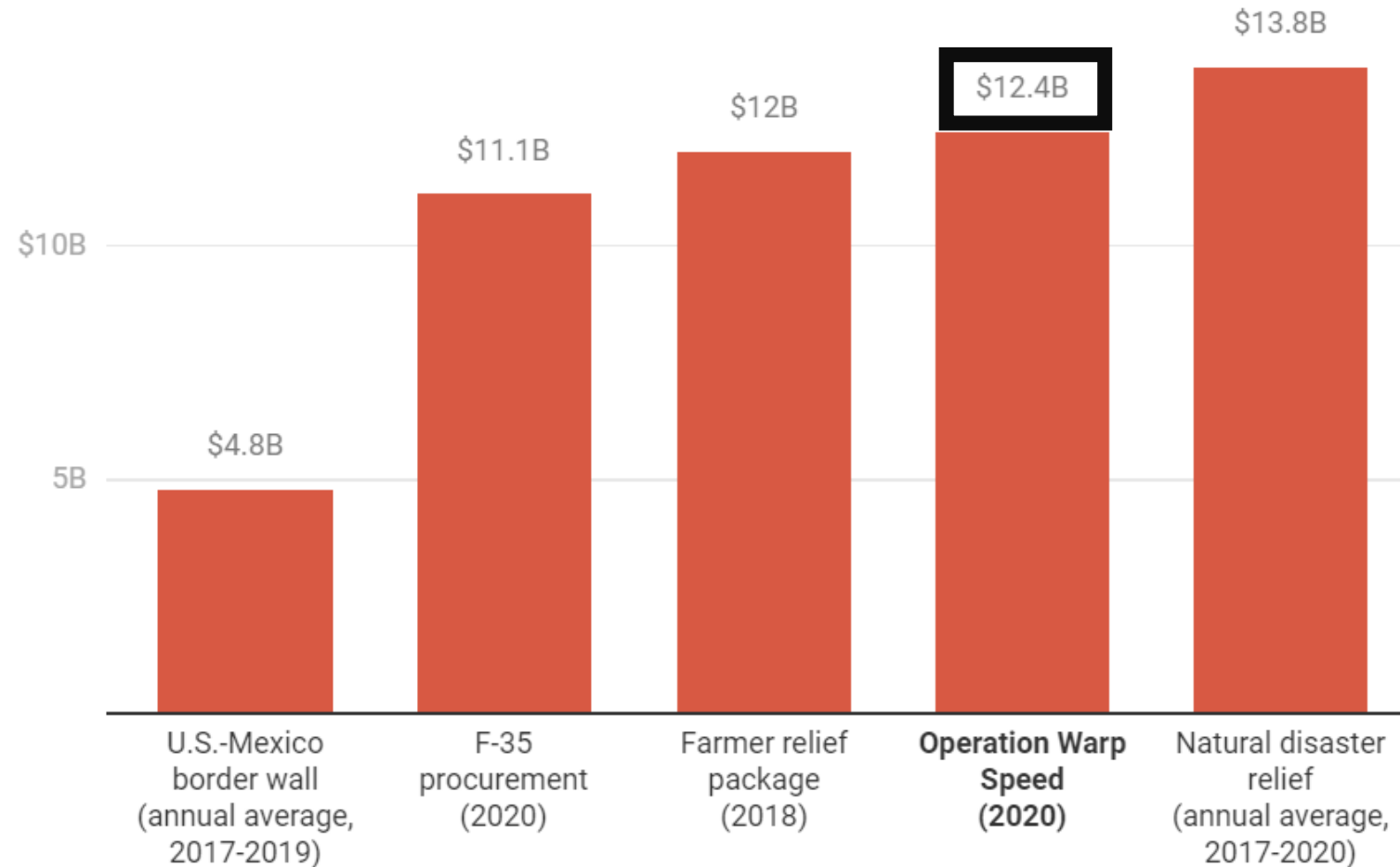
National Strategic Plan
A Roadmap to End the Epidemic
for the United States | **2021–2025**



- While local solutions are often necessary, national guidance is required.
- States must be expected to REDUCE barriers and streamline processes at a minimum.
- Variability in state approaches and resources leads to widening of disparities
- This was obvious in COVID but has forever been true in HIV

The Power of Investment

Federal spending for select initiatives



Note: Operation Warp Speed dollars allocated to pharmaceutical companies for vaccine-related costs.

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Ensure access
to healthcare
for all



Address social
determinants of
health



Deliver
healthcare where
people are



Fund
innovative care
models



Promote fair
prescription drug
prices

END HIV AS AN EPIDEMIC

PRINCIPLES FOR EXPANDING & IMPROVING
HEALTHCARE ACCESS & DELIVERY



Repeal HIV
criminalization
laws & policies



Treat Substance
Use Disorder as a
chronic, relapsing
brain disease



Expand access to
comprehensive,
high quality
mental health care



Support accurate
& age-appropriate
sexual health
education



Foster a culturally
competent &
diverse HIV
workforce