

## SPH Researchers Promote COVID-19 Vaccine

The University of Memphis School of Public Health has been awarded two-year funding totaling \$927,479 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to identify barriers and motivators to COVID-19 immunization among vulnerable populations in Shelby County at high risk for poor health outcomes due to low vaccination rates. As part of the Shelby County Health Department's grant award *CDC-RFA-OT21-2103: National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities*, researchers will measure the short-term impact of strategies to improve vaccine uptake in vulnerable populations of Shelby County in nine (9) zip codes of highest transmission and lowest vaccine uptake. Dr. Marian Levy, Interim Dean of the School of Public Health, is Principal Investigator. Co-investigators are Drs. Latrice Pichon, Vikki Nolan, and Fawaz Mzayek.