

***NOTE TO EDITORS:** GLIDE is the correct name for the organization at 330 Ellis Street that organizes and provides the Daily Free Meals and other GLIDE social services programs. The church, historically called Glide Memorial Church, is one of several programs operated by GLIDE. When referring to GLIDE social services and programs, please use the correct name, GLIDE Foundation, or simply GLIDE, rather than the historical name of the church.



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**GLIDE and Partners Bring Covid-19 Vaccination Site
to the Tenderloin to Ensure Vaccine Equity and Access for
Housed and Unhoused Residents Alike**

San Francisco, CA -- **GLIDE Foundation** and its partners — the **San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH)**, **University of Californian, San Francisco's Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHII)**, **Life Sciences Cares-Bay Area**, and **San Francisco Community Health Center (SFCHS)** — brought a pilot neighborhood COVID-19 vaccination site to GLIDE in San Francisco's Tenderloin on March 25, providing greater access and equity to a diverse and marginalized community.

The pilot was the start of a weekly neighborhood vaccination site available to eligible individuals as part of the **Tenderloin Community Resource Hub**, a joint effort by local service providers and hosted by GLIDE to provide critical services to housed and unhoused residents safely outdoors on the 300 block of Ellis Street in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The GLIDE site is intended for residents of the Tenderloin neighborhood who currently qualify under the state's latest guidelines — people with disabilities, medical conditions, high-risk work environments and those over 50 — and is geared to helping to curb significant challenges to access faced by unhoused and housed residents like language, mobility and technology barriers.

The neighborhood vaccine site is part of San Francisco's three-pronged strategy of vaccinating all of its citizens and workforce. Those efforts include high-volume vaccination sites (Moscone Center, SF City College), pharmacies and community access/mobile outreach vaccination sites.

“Bringing a weekly neighborhood vaccination site to the Tenderloin is an absolute accomplishment,” said GLIDE President and CEO Karen Hanrahan. “There are significant challenges in providing access to COVID vaccinations to the housed and unhoused residents of the Tenderloin. GLIDE is tremendously proud of our partnership with the SFDPH, UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, Life Sciences Cares-Bay Area, and San Francisco Community Health Center. Together we are reducing barriers to vaccine access and serving some of the most marginalized people in the city.”

Similar to the successful, free COVID-19 **Tenderloin Neighborhood Testing Site at GLIDE**, the hope is that a combination of local outreach, including trained Vaccine Ambassadors and Champions, and GLIDE's status as a trusted neighborhood ally and resource can bring equity and further protection to the Tenderloin as San Francisco's vaccination effort continues.

About the Tenderloin Community Resource Hub:

The Tenderloin Community Resource Hub is an outdoor site for accessing a range of critical services and resources on the 300 block of Ellis Street (between Taylor and Jones Streets). The Hub is a collaborative project organized by Tenderloin community stakeholders in response to the pandemic and hosts these critical services and resources in a safe outdoor space for unhoused and housed residents of the Tenderloin. The Hub is anchored by such services as a pop-up food pantry, daily free meals, COVID-19 testing and vaccination, information and referrals, and much more. GLIDE is honored to serve as the coordinating partner for the Hub during this crisis. More information at glide.org/hub.

About GLIDE:

GLIDE is a nationally recognized center for social justice dedicated to fighting systemic injustices, creating pathways out of poverty and crisis, and transforming lives. GLIDE's integrated comprehensive services, advocacy initiatives, and inclusive community empower

individuals, families, and children to achieve stability and thrive. GLIDE is on the forefront of addressing some of the most pressing issues including racial and social injustices, poverty, housing insecurity, drug use disorder, and food insecurity.

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