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1. Please provide your name, position title, and contact information. *

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2. Is this submission an idea for a Promising Practice or existing Promising Practice? *

☒ Idea for a Promising Practice

☐ Existing Promising Practice

3. What is the name of your Promising Practice? *

Vaccine Buddy System

4. What type of Veterans does this practice serve? *

☐ Rural

☐ Urban

☒ Both

5. How does this practice promote vaccine acceptance? *

Veteran volunteers or Peer Support Specialists reach out to unvaccinated Veterans by phone to encourage vaccination, answer questions about side effects, educate about herd immunity and problem solve practical barriers to vaccination.

6. What are the specific steps you took, or would take, to implement your practice and the timeline/timeframe for each? *

I have not and would not be responsible for implementation but this could be coordinated between Volunteer Service and perhaps the Peer Support Programs at various facilities. Steps would be recruiting volunteers, providing some basic education to volunteers and providing a knowledgeable staff point of contact for the volunteers to consult as needed.

7. What departments are involved in implementing your practice? *

Volunteer Service, Peer Support programs, Vaccine clinic leads (?nursing?)

8. What are the costs associated with your practice? *

essentially the cost of staff time

9. What primary metric data is tracked and collected to determine your practice's success? *

percent of contacted veterans who schedule to receive the vaccine

10. What are the potential risks or barriers of implementing your practice and the proposed mitigations? *

Difficulty recruiting volunteers who would understand the limits of their role, i.e. not coming across as coercive but simply informative/helpful might be a barrier. Staff support availability may be barrier. Risks seem minimal.

