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Veteran-led Team Rubicon Supporting COVID-19 Vaccinations Efforts in Brooklyn, NY

BROOKLYN, NY (March 18, 2021) – Team Rubicon, a veteran-led global disaster response organization, returns to Brooklyn to assist the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene fight COVID-19. Team Rubicon’s volunteers, known as Greyshirts, will partner with NYC to provide non-medical support at the Starrett City, Brooklyn COVID-19 Vaccine Hub. Team Rubicon volunteers will guide vaccination recipients through the process, observe individuals after receiving the vaccine, and complete administrative tasks.

“Team Rubicon is honored to work with the City of New York in the important mission of getting New Yorkers vaccinated,” said Carlos Chiossone, Team Rubicon’s New York State planning lead. Team Rubicon will begin assisting NYC on March 18.

Team Rubicon returns to Brooklyn, where Greyshirts initially deployed to Brownsville to aid packaged meal distribution to immune comprised New Yorkers at the beginning of the 2020 stay-at-home orders. Team Rubicon since early in the pandemic, has answered, supporting communities with meal distribution, COVID testing, disaster response, and COVID Vaccine support services.

To date, Team Rubicon, with its partners, is supporting 34 active COVID-19 vaccine distribution sites to help distribute over 480,752 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine nationwide.

Team Rubicon is a founding member of the Veterans Coalition for Vaccination (VCV), a coalition with five other leading Veteran organizations’ - Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Student Veterans of America, Team RWB, The Mission Continues, and Wounded Warrior Project. The coalition creates a nationwide network of veteran volunteers to support local and state officials in distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to ensure that each American who wants the vaccine has equitable access to it.

About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon serves communities by mobilizing veterans to continue their service by leveraging their skills and experience to help people prepare, respond, and recover from disasters and humanitarian crises. Founded following the Haiti earthquake in 2010, the organization has grown to over 140,000 volunteers across the United States and has launched over 800 operations domestically and internationally. Amidst the COVID-19 outbreak, Team Rubicon has not only pivoted to be able to continue to deliver disaster response and rebuild services in core mission areas but has also expanded its scope of missions to meet community needs brought about by COVID. Visit www.teamrubiconusa.org for more information.

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