Legal and Ethical Issues with Vaccinations

"I can't provide studies on whether if the President gets the vaccine, it will increase coverage," says Daniel Salmon, the deputy director of the Institute for Vaccine Safety at Johns Hopkins. "But when President Ford and President Obama got vaccinated (publicly), they were sending the message that it's really important. If leadership is not sure — well geez, I wouldn't be so sure either."

Administration of COVID-19 vaccine will require a phased approach

- Limited Doses Available
  - Constrained supply
  - Cold chain & handling may require specialized equipment and high throughput
  - Early targeted administration

- Large Number of Doses Available
  - Limited product supply to meet demand
  - Additional vaccine products offer a wider range of administration locations
  - Broad administration network required (pharmacies, doctor offices, public health centers)
  - Focus on increasing access for critical populations

- Continued Vaccination
  - Sufficient supply to meet demand
  - Vaccine access possible across all levels of health care
  - Ensure ability to reach all populations
  - Enhance access to care
Prioritization of vaccination groups within Tier 1 based on availability of vaccine supply

Vaccine in short supply (Sufficient to vaccinate all Tier 1)

All groups would be offered vaccine at the same time:
- Deployed and mission critical personnel
- Medical/healthcare (inpatient, outpatient, long-term care, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians)
- Public health personnel
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Law enforcement
- Fire services
- Manufacturers of vaccine and antivirals
- Pregnant women
- Infants and toddlers

—From 2009 H1N1