Discover & Deliver: A Shot in the Arm and a Beer in Your Hand?

As Americans enter the home stretch towards summer break, the Biden administration launched a "national month of action" to make everyone a little safer this summer. The goal? To have at least 70% of adults having received at least one coronavirus vaccine by July 4.

As rate of vaccinations wane across the country – with <u>62.9%</u> of adult with at least one dose of the vaccine to date – <u>the private sector is chipping in</u> with creative solutions to help get the American people over the finish line. Just yesterday, <u>Anheuser-Busch announced</u> they will buy adults a round of beer for America's birthday if the U.S. reaches its vaccination goal.

Yet, while the U.S. rolls out clever strategies to reach the vaccine hesitant, countries around the world eagerly await doses. Today, the <u>administration revealed</u> part of its plan to help vaccinate the world.

What's new: President Biden announced the administration's plan to share the <u>first 25 million</u> <u>doses</u> of the 80 million that the United States previously committed to donating to global vaccination efforts.

The details: Approximately 75% of the doses will be shared through COVAX with nations in Latin America and the Caribbean, South and Southeast Asia, and Africa. The remaining 25% of the doses will be shared directly with governments in need and the United States' trading partners, including Canada, Mexico, India, and Korea.

Why it matters: The American government and the innovative scientific community recognize that coronavirus will not be defeated anywhere until it's defeated everywhere. Today's announcement helps bring us closer to that goal.

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