



Advocacy &  
Services for  
LGBTQ+ Elders

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# Rolling Up Our Sleeves with PRIDE:

## The Importance of Updated COVID Vaccines for LGBTQ+ Health

### **A Small Shot Makes a Big Impact on Your Health and the Health of Your Community.**

For some LGBTQ+ elders, it might feel like the COVID-19 pandemic is over. But in reality, many in the community are still at risk—and we all have a responsibility to protect one another.

Today, we're gathered with LGBTQ+ elders, researchers, and experts in the field to discuss COVID-19 and ongoing efforts to keep us safe and healthy.

Enjoying the best years in your life starts with protecting yourself and the ones you love. By staying up to date on your COVID vaccine, you can keep the people around you safe.

### **Stay Up to Date on Your Vaccine Protection!**

COVID-19 is a virus that can change and mutate quickly — meaning the vaccine you received last year may not be providing the protection you need today.

Updated COVID vaccines are here to help protect against COVID-19 and its variants.

Get your updated vaccine now if your last dose was more than 2 months ago, or if it has been 2 months since you completed your primary vaccination series!

**Find free vaccines near you at  
[vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) and stay protected!**

### **About SAGE**

SAGE is the world's largest and oldest organization dedicated to advocacy, services, and innovations to ensure lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer and/or questioning (LGBTQ+) elders everywhere age with the dignity and respect they deserve. Founded in 1978, SAGE offers supportive services and consumer resources to LGBTQ+ older people and their caregivers, advocates for public policy changes, provides education and technical assistance for aging providers.

Interested in getting involved or learning more? Visit our website at [sageusa.org](https://sageusa.org) to learn more about events, find a nearby SAGE center, or ways you can take action!

# Meet Our Speakers



## Kim Hunt

Executive Director, Pride Action Tank

Kim L. Hunt has used her platforms in storytelling, public speaking and civic engagement to curate brave, inclusive spaces for social change for over 25 years. She is currently the executive director of Pride Action Tank (PAT), a project of AIDS Foundation Chicago, where she also serves as the senior director of Policy & Advocacy Operations. Kim drives the innovation, collaboration and learning necessary to make PAT a leader in improving the health, safety and progress of individuals and groups within the LGBTQ+ community.

Kim was previously the executive director of Affinity Community Services, a nearly 30-year-old social justice organization that focuses on Black LGBTQ+ people. Prior to her work in LGBTQ+ communities, she focused on urban planning and community and economic development. Ms. Hunt is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including induction into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame, Equality Illinois' Freedom Award and becoming a Crain's Chicago Notable LGBTQ Executive in 2019. She serves on the AMA Foundation LGBTQ+ Health Fellowship Commission and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Illinois Council on Aging and Illinois Commission on LGBTQ+ Aging Issues.



## Mark Brennan-Ing, PhD,

Director of Research and Evaluation, Brookdale Center on Health Aging, Hunter College, City University of New York

Mark Brennan-Ing, PhD, is Director of Research and Evaluation at the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging at Hunter College, the City University of New York. Dr. Brennan-Ing's research focuses on psychosocial issues affecting persons living with HIV and older sexual minority and

gender diverse adults.

Dr. Brennan-Ing was the lead editor of *Older Adults with HIV: An In-depth Examination of an Emerging Population* (2009), and the 2016 volume, *HIV and Aging: Interdisciplinary Topics in Gerontology and Geriatrics* (which received a "High Commendation" from the British Medical Association), and *Aging with HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa: Health and Psychosocial Perspectives* (2022). They have authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles, chapters, and books.



## Adrian Shanker

Senior Advisor on LGBTQI+ Health Equity, U.S. Department of Health and Senior Services

Adrian Shanker (he/him) is senior advisor on LGBTQI+ health equity in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In that capacity, he advises the Assistant Secretary for Health ADM Rachel Levine as well as OASH staff on LGBTQI+ health policy as well as providing staff-level leadership to the department-wide HHS LGBTQI+ Health Policy Coordinating Committee. He also

previously served as a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

Adrian earned his B.A., cum laude, in political science and religion studies from Muhlenberg College and earned a graduate certificate in LGBT health policy and practice from The George Washington University. Adrian has published numerous articles and has edited two anthologies on LGBTQI+ health policy—*Bodies and Barriers: Queer Activists on Health and Crisis and Care: Queer Activist Responses to a Global Pandemic*. He was named Person of the Year by Philadelphia Gay News in 2012 and 2018.