

**The Honorable Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)**

**Question for the record to Nick Offerman:**

1. *Should the goal of the U.S.'s COVID-19 vaccine efforts be herd immunity – why or why not?*

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**Yes:**

Thank you for your question. Yes, I do believe that our goal should be to see enough people vaccinated for COVID-19 so that we eventually reach herd immunity. As our nation's leading scientists and medical professionals have asserted, we need everyone to get vaccinated, so that together we can protect ourselves against this very deadly virus and prevent the spread of variants. [Experts estimate that herd immunity would require around 80-90% of the population to have COVID-19 immunity, either through prior infection or vaccination.](#)

Using our common sense and reason, we have learned as a society that scientific facts are not open to opinion or subjective interpretation. For that reason, I earnestly reiterate: everyone should please get vaccinated.