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Shut the Door if Government Comes Knocking

President Biden plans to send government workers door to door to get people vaccinated. Secretary Becerra said it's "the government's business" to know who isn't vaccinated. He said there's no federal database, but there are 50 state vaccination registries.

The Trump administration required states to submit personal information on the vaccinated, including names, birth dates, ethnicities and addresses. States were told to use data sharing agreements, committing states to sharing this data with the federal government for the first time.

Every state signed the agreement, but most are withholding names, addresses, and dates of birth. This may be why the CDC expects local communities to do the door knocking. States know where the vaccinated live and thus where the unvaccinated live. Protect yourself. If government comes knocking, don't open the door.

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