

Biden Administration officials were in Little Rock today (Mon) as part of a multi-state tour aimed at addressing community violence and other public health issues. Administration officials held a news conference at Stephens Elementary School, which was also the site of the Little Rock School District's first pediatric COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Deputy Associate Attorney General Theron Pride says the Biden Administration is working with states to look at how the pandemic has fueled the underlying causes of crime.

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"...that are needed."

Pride also cited the success of a program known as Project Safe Neighborhoods, which encourages greater cooperation among law enforcement agencies. Acting U-S Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas Jonathan Ross says that partnership has led his district to have one of the highest caseloads in the country outside of border states.

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"...for federal prosecution."

Little Rock Police Chief Keith Humphrey and L-R-S-D Superintendent Michael Poore were also at today's (Mon) news conference. Mayor Frank Scott Jr. was in Washington, D.C. to attend President Biden's signing of a \$1-trillion dollar infrastructure bill.

Officials from the administration of President Joe Biden were in Little Rock today (Mon) to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health equity and community violence. Members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Justice held a news conference at Stephens Elementary School, joined by local officials. Little Rock School Superintendent Michael Poore praised the Biden Administration's investments in public schools across the country.

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"...is taken care of."

Dr. Michelle Smith directs the Office of Health Equity and H-I-V Elimination at the Arkansas Department of Health. She cited ongoing efforts to boost the number of people getting vaccinated for COVID-19, including the first pediatric vaccine clinic which was held today (Mon) at Stephens Elementary.

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"...across the state."

Smith says upcoming vaccination clinics for kids are set for Friday at Bobby Lester Elementary School in Jacksonville and Saturday at the Jack Stephens Center on the campus of UA Little Rock.