



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

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February 5, 2021



Agenda



- Opening Remarks
- Deputy Secretary Update
- COVID-19 Regional Update
- Kenneth A Feder, PhD, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Maryland Department of Health Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau
- Jesse V. Mesenburg, CRNP, MS John Hopkins University School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease, Baltimore City Health Department
- Questions

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- The DDA is committed to transparency with all of our stakeholders to ensure we are all working with the same information to support our shared missions
- Thank you for your continued support in joining me during these webcast so that we can stay in-touch and be able to provide you with the most current information

Deputy Secretary's Update

- Governor Larry Hogan yesterday announced that the State of Maryland's first two COVID-19 mass vaccination sites will open today at Six Flags America in Prince George's County and at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore City
- Beginning on Thursday, February 11, **CVS pharmacies will begin providing COVID-19 vaccinations at 18 locations in Maryland**, including Baltimore, Bowie, Chester, Frederick, Fulton, Hagerstown, Ocean City, and Rockville. Appointments will become available for booking as early as Tuesday, February 9

Deputy Secretary's Update

Six Flags America Mass Vaccination Site- The state has opened a mass vaccination site today at Six Flags America through a partnership between the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland National Guard, and Kaiser Permanente

Vaccinations are by appointment only, and appointments to receive the second dose will be scheduled simultaneously. Patients will not be charged any fees and no insurance information will be collected

Deputy Secretary's Update

Baltimore Convention Center Mass Vaccination Site-A mass vaccination site opened today at the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital (BCCFH) site in partnership with the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) and Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM)

- Marylanders can register for an appointment at the BCCFH vaccination site online at www.umms.org/BCCvaccine
- Individuals needing assistance to register for a vaccine appointment at BCCFH can call 410-328-9865 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

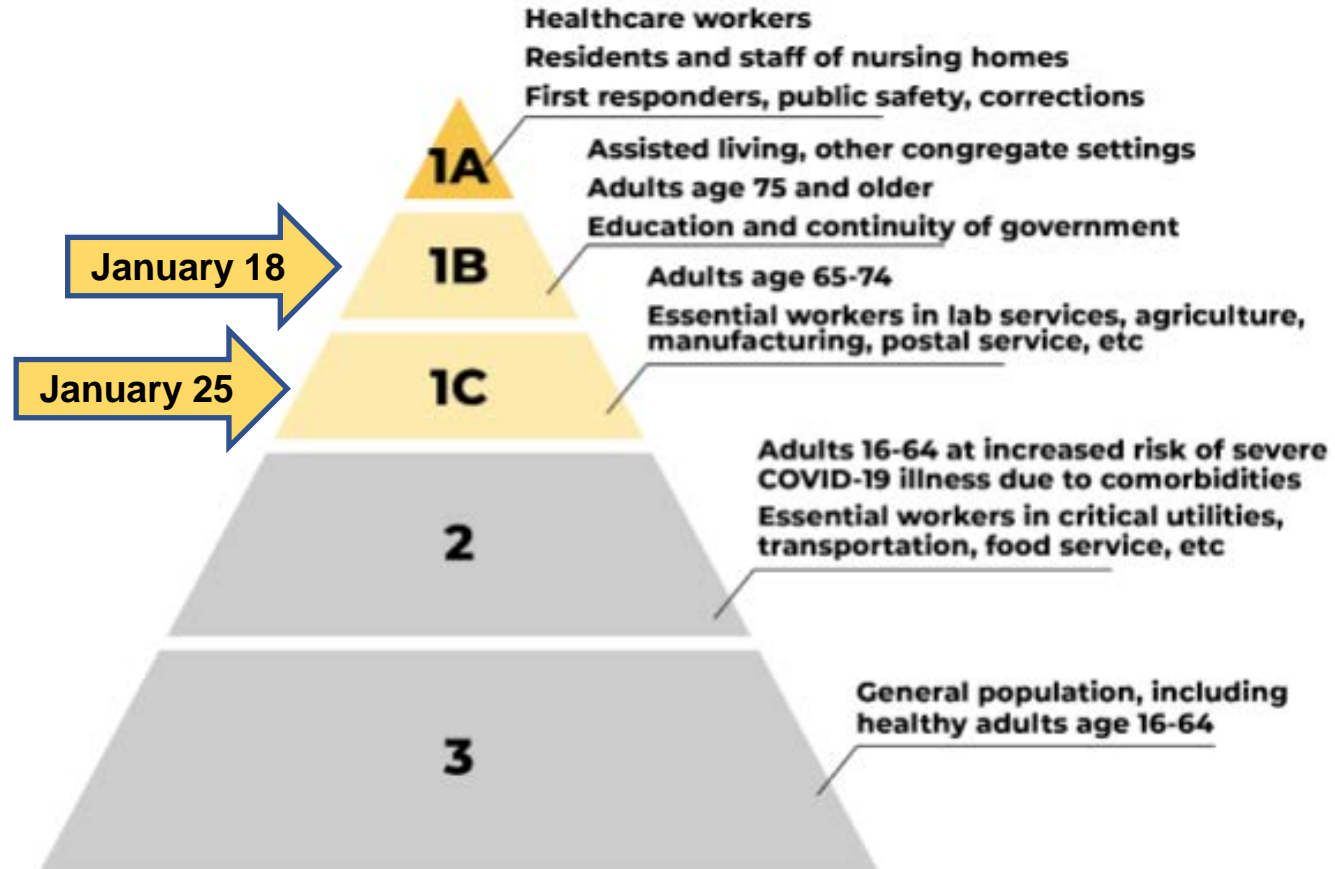
Deputy Secretary's Update

Statewide Call Center- On Monday, February 15, the state will launch a toll-free call center to assist eligible residents with making appointments for state-run mass vaccination sites

Additional Mass Vaccination Sites-The M&T Bank Stadium mass vaccination site will open in mid-February. Locations for mass vaccination sites in Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, and on the Eastern Shore are being finalized. Each site will receive its own allocation of doses separate from what is already being allocated to providers

Visit covidvax.maryland.gov for the list of vaccination providers

Deputy Secretary's Update



Vaccine prioritization subject to change. Current as of January 5, 2021.

Based in part on the recommendations of the federal government's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the State is updating and expanding priority populations for vaccinations

Deputy Secretary's Update

Governor's Executive Order

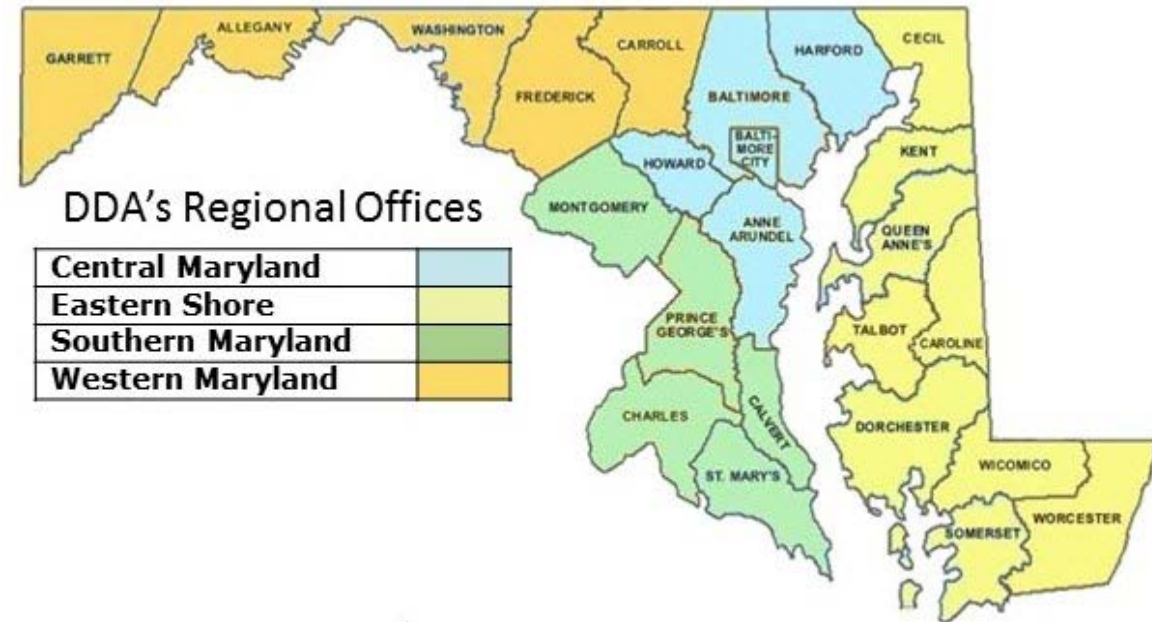
- Starting February 1, 2021, restaurants and bars will no longer be required to close at 10 p.m.

MDH Order—Amended Directive and Order Regarding Various Healthcare Matters –January 28, 2021

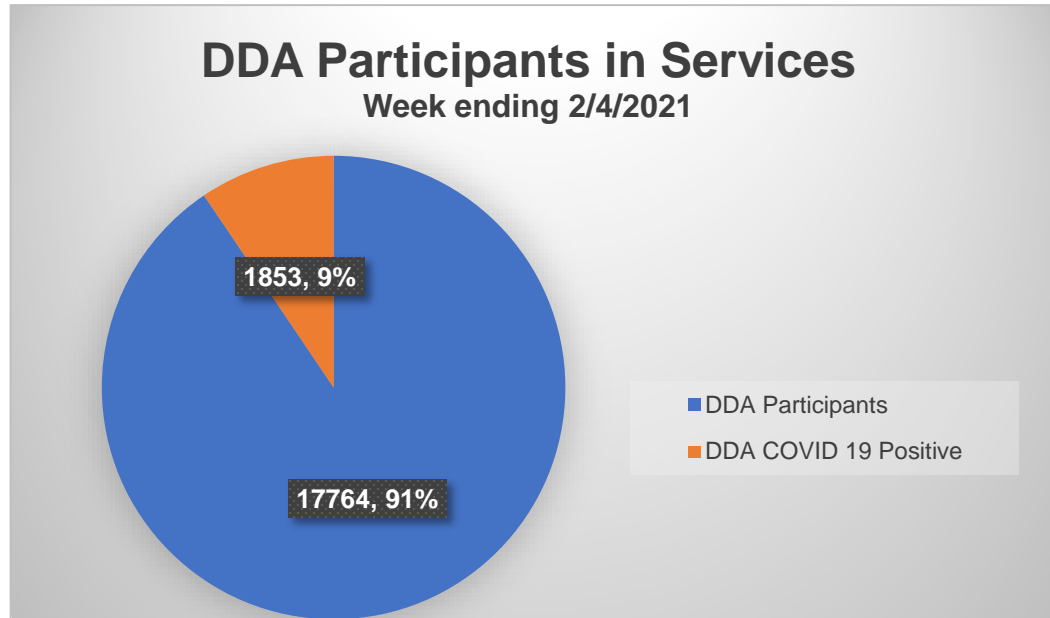
- Extends testing for travelers to Feb 28, 2021
- Extends patient transfer rules until March 31, 2021

COVID-19 Regional Updates

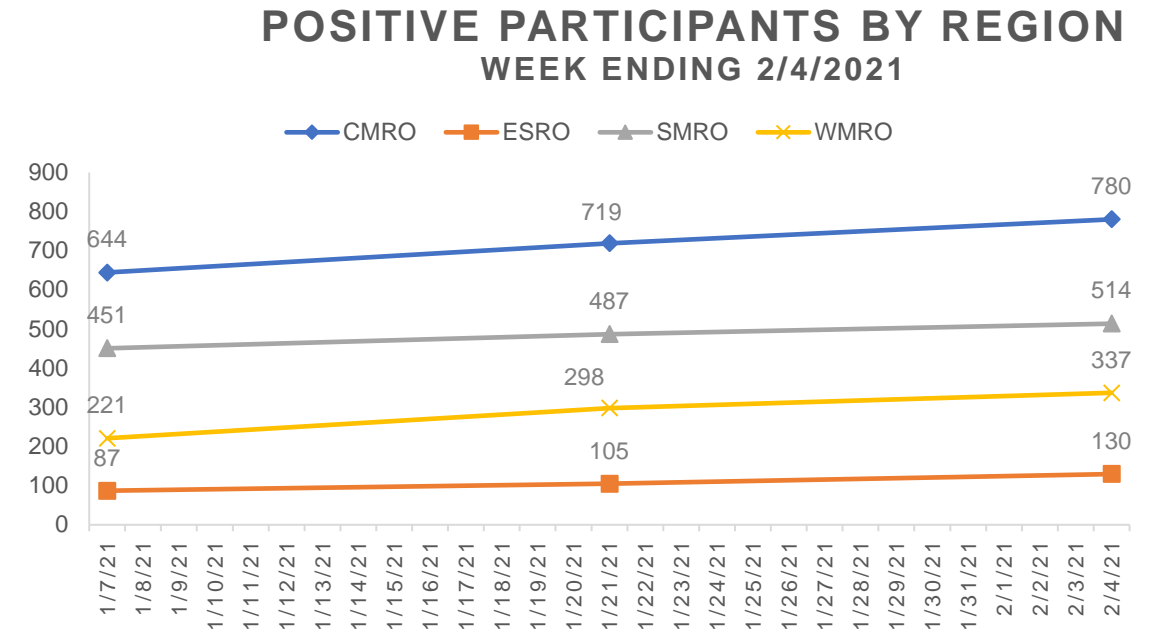
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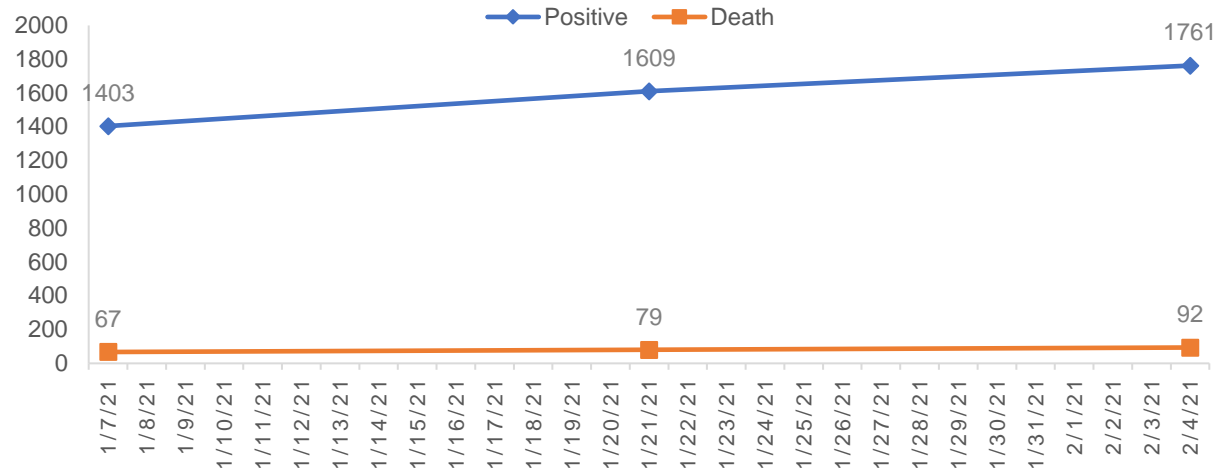
There are 17,764 people supported in services by the DDA of which 9% (1,853) have tested positive for COVID-19.



CMRO	780	Positive;	Increase of	61
ESRO	130	Positive;	Increase of	25
SMRO	514	Positive;	Increase of	27
WMRO	337	Positive;	Increase of	39

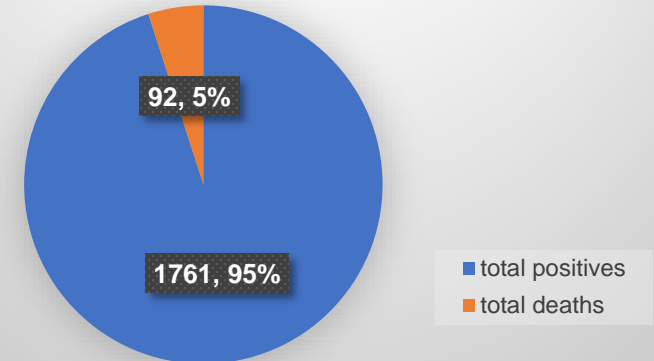
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POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS STATEWIDE
WEEK ENDING 02/04/2021



There have been 1,761 participants reported as having tested positive for COVID-19 of which there have been 92 deaths. This is an increase of 13 from the last report

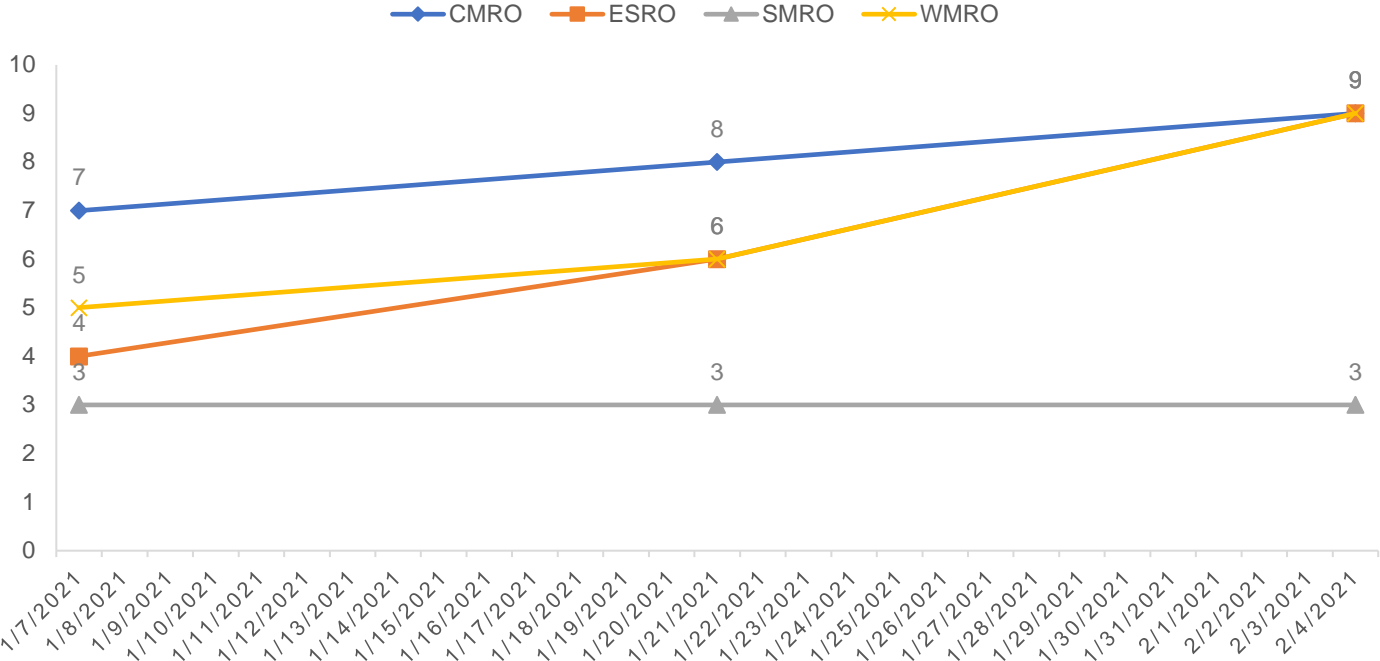
DDA COVID-19
Positives and Deaths
Week ending 2/4/2021



The 92 deaths represents approximately 5% of all (1,853) participants that tested positive.

DDA Tracking

POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS
IN SELF-DIRECTION
WEEK ENDING 02/4/2021



30 COVID-19 Positive
0 Deaths



COVID-19 Update

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COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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DDA Webinar COVID-19 Vaccine

Friday, February 5, 2021



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Antiracist and Trust-Building Approach

- Many Baltimore residents and their families have experienced racism in the health care system and may be skeptical about the vaccine
- Through this strategy, BCHD and the City want to build trust, knowing that this will take time and concerted effort beyond the pandemic
- We want everyone in the City to have accurate information about the vaccine so that they can make an **informed decision** with the people they trust



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Agenda

- COVID-19 vaccine information
- BCHD special populations vaccine strategy
- Ambassador “VALUE” program
- Questions



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What is known about COVID-19?

- Infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can result in a range of illness, from mild symptoms to severe illness and death.
- We don't know how SARS-CoV-2 will affect each person.
- Some people, such as adults 65 and older or people with certain medical conditions, are more likely than others to become severely ill.



How to prevent COVID-19



- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
- Avoid close contact with others. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine.



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COVID-19 vaccine is a safer way to build protection

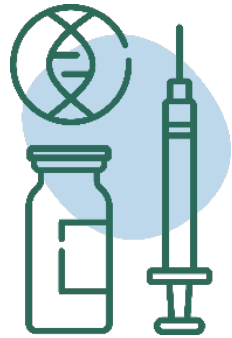
- Getting the virus that causes COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as an antibody or immune. But experts don't know how long this protection lasts.
- The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity.
- COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by building immunity without the risk of severe illness.



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Key facts about COVID-19 vaccine



COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19



People who have already been infected with COVID-19 will still benefit from getting the vaccine



Getting vaccinated will prevent you from getting sick with COVID-19



COVID-19 vaccines cannot alter your DNA



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Vaccine Safety

- COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the **same safety standards** as all vaccines.
- Extra money from the federal government allowed them to work faster without skipping any steps.
- Because the disease has been spreading fast, scientists were able to show the vaccine worked much sooner than they would for other vaccines.



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Moderna Vaccine

- 2 doses (28 days apart)
- Age: 18 +
- 94% efficacy
- **Reduce risk of severe disease**

Pfizer Vaccine

- 2 doses (21 days apart)
- Age: 16 +
- 95% efficacy
- **Reduce risk of severe disease**



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Common side effects are mild to moderate and last 1-3 days.

- Pain, redness, swelling at injection site
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or joint pain
- Low grade fever
- Lymph node swelling
- Older adults have less frequent and severe side effects



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Protect yourself, your family, friends, coworkers, and your community. Get vaccinated.

- Choose to get vaccinated when it is offered.
- Share your experience with coworkers, friends, and family.
- Know the basics about the COVID-19 vaccine. Help answer questions from your family and friends.



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COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

PHASE 1^{A B C}. 2. 3.

*As of Jan. 25th 2021. Phases subject to change due to CDC, MDH, or FDA updated guidance

 We are in Phase 1C

PHASE 1A.	PHASE 2.	PHASE 3.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare workers Residents and staff of nursing facilities First responders, public safety, corrections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities Essential workers in critical utilities transportation, food service, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General population, including healthy adults age 16-64
PHASE 1B. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults 75 years and older People experiencing homelessness Shelter staff and residents High-risk, incarcerated individuals Individuals in group home settings Education sector (K-12 Teachers and support staff in schools) Child care workers Continuity of government 		
PHASE 1C. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Marylanders over 65. All other public safety (not in Phase 1A) All other healthcare (not in Phase 1A), including, but not limited to Lab Services, Public Health, Vaccine Manufacturing, other healthcare professions). Food and Agriculture Production Critical Manufacturing U.S. Postal Service Public Mass Transit Grocery Stores Veterinarians and Support Staff Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship 		

**It's Baltimore versus COVID.
Let's win this together.**



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To learn more, visit coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/covax



Limited Supply

- Currently, appointments with the Baltimore City Health Department are booked.
- Once supply is available, this is how you sign up:
 - coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov
 - coronavirus.maryland.gov
 - Click "Find a Vaccine" to search for nearby health providers



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No Vaccine

Limited Supply
Healthcare Workers and Long-Term Care

Additional Supply
Other priority groups

Broad Supply
General Population



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Specialty Populations

- People with disabilities
- Pregnant and lactating women
- People experiencing homelessness
- Immigrants
- Older adults
- Hasidic community



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Special Populations Vaccination Strategy

- Mass vaccination sites
- Re-allocation of doses
- Mobile vaccination teams



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Criteria used in making prioritization decisions

- Shared or group living space that can increase the risk of COVID transmission (facility-type)
- Size
- History of COVID outbreak
- Population vulnerability/underlying conditions
- Availability of clinical partners to help with vaccine administration
- Staff crossover
- Geographic location



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Specialty Populations Vaccine Ambassadors

- Recruit, train, and pay ambassadors to educate peers on COVID-19 vaccine
- Trusted messengers
- Morgan State University
- International Vaccine Access Center
- Maryland Institute College of Art



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Thank you!

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Resources and FAQ's

- All questions asked and comments shared in webinars are reviewed by, and responded to, as follows:
 - Commonly asked questions are summarized by themes and are being used to develop topic specific FAQs as an added resource tool
 - Commonly asked questions are reviewed to guide future training and webinar topics
 - Questions or concerns specific to individuals are forwarded to the identified Regional Office for direct outreach and assistance



Coming Soon: FAQs for individuals and families on PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Questions



Please join us for our 2021 Webinar Series:

- February 19 at 1pm
- March 5 and 19 at 1pm
- April 2, 16, and 30 at 1pm
- May 14 and 28 at 1pm