

February 7, 2021

Dear Howard County Community:

Howard County Health Department (HCHD) reached a milestone this past week, administering more than 21,000 doses of COVID vaccine since late December. On Saturday, HCHD learned that we will receive 1700 first doses of Moderna vaccine for the coming week. This is less than the 2,000 last week, which was less than the 4,500 the prior week, and represents a continued transition from local health departments vaccinating their communities to regional State-run mass vax clinics, retail pharmacies and hospitals operating clinics. All residents are encouraged to register for vaccine at these sites by using the State vaccine locator:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator>.

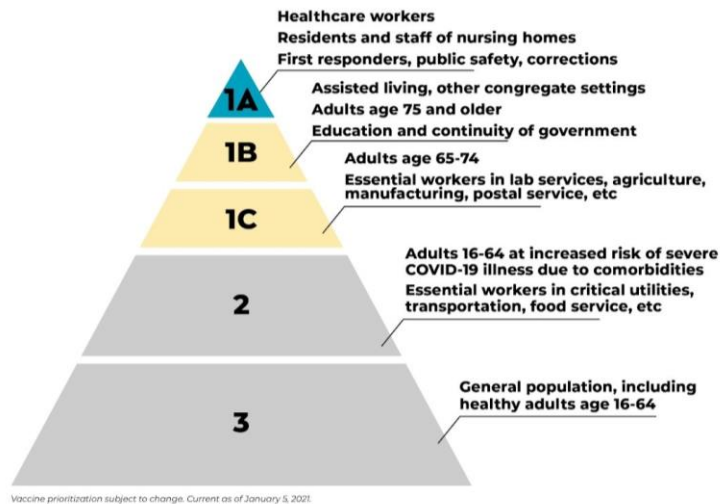
Residents in all Phases are encouraged to complete our preregistration survey for vaccine at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health/MM-Alerts-and-Recalls/COVID-19-Vaccine>. Given the limited supply of vaccine, HCHD is currently vaccinating persons eligible in Phase 1A and 1B and will vaccinate individuals aged 65-74 in Phase 1C as supply allows. Please note, when you preregister for vaccine, you will not receive information to schedule an appointment until more vaccine is received and we have moved to the next Phase.

This week, we are providing second doses at Ascend One and initial doses at both Howard Community College (HCC) and Ascend One. The below first dose clinics will be hosted this week. Those who have preregistered, will receive an email over the next few days with a link to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required and persons should arrive no sooner than 10 minutes prior to their appointment time. There are currently 225,000 persons who have preregistered with us. Given our allotment of 1700 this week, we are unable to fulfill most requests leaving most people disappointed. These are difficult times but with time and patience, everyone will be vaccinated.

First Dose Clinics Week of February 7:

- Tuesday (Ascend One) – Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Wednesday (HCC) – 75 and older, Private School/Day Care, Continuity of Government
- Friday (HCC) - HCPSS Staff

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Thank you,



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