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Governor Hogan Makes Announcements on Schools, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Vaccines

State Ready to Provide 1 Million COVID-19 Tests to Support School Reopenings
Limited Visitation to Resume at Maryland Hospitals and Nursing Homes
Mass Vaccination Site at M&T Bank Stadium to Open February 25
County Health Departments to Receive Four-Week Vaccine Allocation Projects
Counties to Appoint Equity Officers, Work With Vaccine Equity Task Force

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Larry Hogan today made several announcements related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including a testing program for schools, limited visitation for Maryland hospitals and nursing homes, the opening of the next mass vaccination site at M&T Bank Stadium, four-week vaccine allocation projections for Prince George's County, and a new initiative to have counties appoint equity officers to address vaccine hesitancy.

In addition, the governor announced that he will be at the White House tomorrow to meet with President Biden.

Watch today's press conference
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1 MILLION TESTS FOR SCHOOLS: Governor Hogan announced that the Maryland

public and non-public schools. This will serve as an additional tool to support schools that are open, or plan to reopen, for in-person learning for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. The state will provide both rapid antigen point-of-care and diagnostic testing supplies proportional to the number of students and staff returning for in-person learning, based on the anticipated number of students and staff that may need testing, using guidance from state health officials. This is a voluntary program, and schools will have the ability to opt in. Read more guidance from state health and education officials.

- As of today, 16 school systems are currently open for some form of in-person instruction, and six more have indicated they will be opening for in-person instruction for at least some students by March 1. Plans for reopening are due to MSDE by tomorrow.

LIMITED VISITATION TO RESUME AT HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES: Governor Hogan announced that the Maryland Department of Health will issue orders to allow limited visitation to resume at Maryland hospitals and nursing homes. Each hospital will set its own visitation policies, which must be in compliance with CDC guidelines. Indoor visitation at nursing homes will resume as early as March 1, provided facilities do not have active cases and follow proper testing protocols.

- Read the Maryland Department of Health's orders regarding hospital visitation and nursing home visitation.

WHITE HOUSE TOMORROW: Governor Hogan announced that he will be at the White House tomorrow to meet with President Biden in the Oval Office.

STATE HITS NEW RECORD FOR DAILY RATE OF VACCINES ADMINISTERED, READY TO DO MORE THAN 50,000 SHOTS PER DAY: Maryland providers have now administered more than 785,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines, and 78% of first doses have been administered. The state's seven-day average for daily doses administered has hit a new record high today of 26,179. The state has built the infrastructure to administer anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 shots per day as higher allocations of vaccines become available.

- More than 200 providers are now listed on covidvax.maryland.gov, where visitors can find providers by zip code. Vaccinations are by appointment only, and some providers may allow pre-registration.

MASS VACCINATION SITE TO OPEN AT M&T BANK STADIUM FEBRUARY 25: Governor Hogan announced that the state's next mass vaccination site, located at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore City, will open on Thursday, February 25. For updates on when appointments for mass vaccination sites become available, text 'MdReady' to 898-211.

ADDITIONAL REGIONAL MASS VACCINATION SITES READY TO OPEN IN MARCH:

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additional sites will be ready to open in March, depending on when higher allocations of vaccines become available.

FOUR-WEEK PROJECTIONS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINE ALLOCATIONS: Governor Hogan has directed state health officials to provide county leaders with four-week projections for vaccine allotments for their local health department clinics. This goes above and beyond the two-week projections that the federal government is currently providing to states.

COUNTIES TO APPOINT EQUITY OFFICERS, COORDINATE WITH STATE'S VACCINE EQUITY TASK FORCE: Governor Hogan announced that Brigadier General Janeen Birckhead, head of the Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force, is asking each county to appoint an equity officer to serve as a liaison in order to closely coordinate on equity initiatives. In addition, General Birckhead and the task

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