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Governor Hogan Announces Opening of Mass Vaccination Sites, Expansion of Pharmacy Program

State-Run Sites to Begin Opening Next Week, Starting With Prince George's County and Baltimore City
Vaccinations Expand Next Week to Safeway and Rite Aid in Targeted Areas
Broader Distribution Network Will Help Supplement Vaccination Efforts in Hospitals and Local Health Departments
Supply is Extremely Limited: 2 Million Marylanders Are Currently Eligible, State Receives 72K/Week From Federal Government

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Larry Hogan today announced new actions to expand the state's COVID-19 vaccination network, including the opening of at least six mass vaccination sites at central locations, and new pharmacy partners in targeted areas. This growing network will help supplement the vaccinations being administered in hospitals and local health departments.

"The truth is that this is not going to magically get better overnight," said Governor Hogan. "The last 10 months have been really hard—this is much, much harder. So I ask all Marylanders to please be patient with the vaccination providers. They are all doing the best they can with very little resources. When is it your turn, be ready to get the vaccine."

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Watch today's press conference.

Topline Information:

- To date, providers in Maryland have administered 396,661 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, including 75.9% of first doses and 59.4% of first and second doses. The 7-day average of doses administered is 18,715—an increase of 54% over the last two weeks.
- **While the speed of vaccinations continues to increase, supply remains extremely limited.** While federal guidelines have increased eligibility to include 2 million Marylanders, the state only receives about 10,000 doses per day from the federal government.
- There are more than 100 vaccination providers across the state, including hospitals, pharmacies, and local health departments. To find information about providers in your area, go to covidvax.maryland.gov. With limited supply, Marylanders are urged to remain patient.

STATE TO OPEN AT LEAST SIX MASS VACCINATION SITES, BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. The Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland National Guard, in partnership with local jurisdictions and private partners, are establishing mass vaccination sites in at least six central locations statewide. By Friday, February 5, vaccinations will be underway at both **Six Flags America** in Prince George's County and the **Baltimore Convention Center**. **M&T Bank Stadium** will also serve as a mass vaccination site. Additional regional sites on the Eastern Shore and in Western and Southern Maryland are being finalized. Vaccination capacity at mass sites will be based on allocations, and an announcement will be made when appointments for mass sites become available.

SAFEWAY AND RITE AID PHARMACIES TO BEGIN VACCINATIONS NEXT WEEK. The governor announced that the state will expand its pharmacy network of vaccinators next week to include select Safeway and Rite Aid locations. The state is utilizing data and modeling, along with input from local officials, to select pharmacies in underserved areas. Vaccinations are underway this week in Walmart, Giant, and Martin's stores. As of next week, there will be 51 retail pharmacies providing vaccinations statewide, and that number will increase as the state receives more supply. The state will also partner with pharmacies to stand up mobile clinics in hard-to-reach areas.

EXPANSION OF NATIONAL GUARD MISSION. Hundreds of members of the Maryland National Guard assigned to support inaugural activities in Washington, D.C. will be immediately reassigned to support the mission of standing up mass vaccination sites. The state will activate as many members of the National Guard as needed to complete this mission.

ADDITIONAL $219 MILLION FROM FEMA. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved an additional $219 million for the Maryland Department of Health to support the COVID-19 vaccination campaign. In addition, the state has requested FEMA's assistance to support regional mass vaccination

ELIGIBILITY OPEN NEXT WEEK FOR SEVERELY IMMUNOCOMPROMISED POPULATIONS. After discussions among the state's health systems, beginning on Monday, February 1, the state is expanding eligibility for some severely immunocompromised individuals, such as those receiving chemotherapy, and those with certain immune disorders who require frequent medical care. Those individuals will be eligible to receive vaccinations through hospital-based providers. State health officials will issue guidance to clinicians and providers.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. More than 370 members of the Maryland National Guard have been deployed to support the state's response to the pandemic, and have already assisted with thousands of vaccinations in Prince George's, Charles, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Cecil, St. Mary's, and Talbot counties. The state has also now deployed 825 members of the

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