


HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Prince George's County
Office of the Health Officer

Date: January 4, 2021
To: Prince George's County Healthcare Providers
From: Ernest L. Carter, MD, PhD, Health Officer, Prince George's County 
Re: COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-Registration for Healthcare Workers

Dear Prince George's County Healthcare Provider:

In December, the State of Maryland began shipment of the SARS-CoV-2 vaccines manufactured by Pfizer, Inc. and Moderna, Inc. after Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) was provided from the Food and Drug Administration. Vaccine distribution is prioritized based upon the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and State recommendations.

On December 1, 2020 at a meeting of the ACIP, the following groups were recommended to be prioritized to receive vaccine in Phase 1a:

- Health care personnel - paid and unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings with potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials
- Residents of long-term care facilities - adults who reside in facilities that provide medical and personal care to persons unable to live independently

Healthcare personnel employed by hospitals and nursing homes will receive vaccination at their places of employment. Other healthcare personnel will receive the vaccine through public health clinics.

To help the Prince George's County Health Department with planning and preparation of healthcare worker clinics, **please complete a brief pre-registration to include your contact information, type of practice, and estimated number of staff to be vaccinated.** This information will be used to provide you with a secure link that includes vaccine clinic registration details and instructions once the vaccine is available.

Please click on the following link to complete the pre-registration:

[Prince George's County Health Care Provider COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-registration](#)

Please begin thinking about the following to better prepare your practice and staff for vaccination:

- Avoid vaccinating entire workforce at same time due to potential adverse effects and need for staff to take sick leave as a result;
- Sub-prioritize employees based upon occupational risk (not personal risk); and



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- Schedule second dose at time of first appointment for adherence and maximum efficacy; both approved vaccines require 2 doses: the Pfizer vaccine at three weeks apart and the Moderna vaccine at four weeks apart.

Once the vaccine is widely available, (Phase 2), residents will be able to receive vaccinations through their health care provider or at a pharmacy (similar to the flu shot). Providers who want to receive vaccine directly to immunize patients must register with ImmuNet at www.mdimmunet.org.

There are still many unknowns and plans will adapt as more details become available. Updated vaccine information will be posted on the Health Department COVID-19 vaccine information page at www.health.mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine.

Thank you for your time and continued service to our community. Please stay safe!

