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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WILL ENTER PHASE 2B FOR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS TODAY, MARCH 30

County Executive Reminds Residents to Pre-register with the County Health Department

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the County will move to Phase 2B for COVID-19 vaccinations effective today, March 30, 2021. Individuals who live or work in Prince George's County that are eligible in Phase 2B, and have pre-registered with the County Health Department, will be able to receive appointments at the County's vaccination clinics. Seniors in Phase 1 will continue to be prioritized for appointments.

"I'm happy to announce that given the increase in vaccine supply and our continued progress in administering vaccines, we are moving to Phase 2B of our vaccination plan," said County Executive Alsobrooks. "As we continue to hit new milestones in our vaccination efforts through our Health Department's vaccination clinics and the clinics operated by our partners, we are able to increase the number of residents eligible for this life-saving vaccine. I'm encouraging everyone to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by pre-registering for your vaccine appointment today."

Individuals eligible in Phase 2B include:

- Residents 16 and older with medical conditions that increase their risk for severe COVID-19 illness, including:
 - o Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Chronic lung diseases, including COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension
 - o Dementia or other neurological conditions
 - o Diabetes (Type 1 or 2)
 - o Down Syndrome
 - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension
 - o HIV infection
 - o Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
 - Liver disease
 - Overweight/Obesity (BMI of 25 kg/m2 or higher)
 - Pregnancy

- o Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- o Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorders
- Residents 16 and older with disabilities who are receiving SSI or SSDI benefits, Maryland Medicaid EID individuals, Maryland Medicaid REM recipients, and Marylanders receiving TDAP benefits.
- Residents receiving long-term services and support through the State's Medicaid waiver and State plan services.

To prepare for this next phase of vaccinations, individuals who live or work in Prince George's County must <u>pre-register</u> in order to receive a vaccine appointment with the Prince George's County Health Department. **No walk-ups are being accepted at Health Department vaccination clinics.**

Eligible individuals in previous phases who have not yet pre-registered with the County Health Department are still encouraged to do so at mypgc.us/ProudtobeProtected. Individuals in future phases are also encouraged to pre-register at this time. When the County enters future phases of vaccine distribution, those individuals that have pre-registered will receive a notification that they are able to receive a vaccine appointment.

For the latest updates about COVID-19 vaccines in Prince George's County, or to learn more about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, visit mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine.

For the latest County COVID-19 updates, visit health.mypgc.us/coronavirus.

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