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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS OUTLINES PLAN TO RAMP UP
COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION EFFORTS**

*County Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard to Keep Community
Updated on Vaccine Distribution Progress*

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the County is taking several steps to ramp up vaccine distribution efforts and launching a new data dashboard to keep the community updated on the County's progress. As of this morning, 4,058 Prince Georgians have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

“From the beginning of this pandemic, we have been committed to providing residents with the latest information in an open and transparent way, and that will be no different as we continue to move forward with our vaccine distribution plan,” said Alsobrooks. “We expect to significantly ramp up our vaccine distribution efforts in the next several days to ensure that Prince Georgians who are in Phase 1A of our vaccine distribution plan can be Proud to be Protected against COVID-19.”

The County is currently in Phase 1A of its vaccine distribution plan, with the current limited supply of vaccines going primarily to frontline healthcare workers, long-term care facilities and first responders. Initial supplies of vaccines went directly to hospitals and the pharmacies helping vaccinate staff and residents of long-term care facilities. Vaccines received by the County Health Department are currently being used to vaccinate frontline workers who will be vaccinating the public, as well as frontline first responders and essential public safety personnel.

The County is opening the Sports & Learning Complex as a vaccination site tomorrow, January 7 for first responders in the Fire/EMS Department who have been notified by their supervisors that they are eligible for a vaccine, as well as State employees who are operating the testing site at Six Flags. The County anticipates opening the D. Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center as a vaccination site by January 18, and a site in Laurel by the first week in February. These sites are not open to the public and will only be available to those who are eligible to receive the vaccine in Phase 1A and have an appointment.

The County has also worked to identify additional staff to support vaccination efforts, and it now has Health Department nurses, Fire and EMS personnel, school nurses who have volunteered to assist, and contract nurses that have been brought on to ramp up vaccine distribution efforts. In addition, the Maryland National Guard is sending the County medical and administrative personnel to assist in mass vaccinations starting tomorrow, January 7.

County Executive Alsobrooks also announced that the County's [COVID-19 vaccine data dashboard](#) is now live. Data in the dashboard comes from the State of Maryland's immunization information database, ImmuNet. The data for the County total includes vaccinations administered to County residents by facilities in Maryland, including hospitals that have received shipments of COVID-19 vaccines, long-term care facilities receiving vaccinations through the CVS and Walgreens pharmacy partnership, and vaccinations administered directly by the County Health Department.

Prince George's County launched its COVID-19 vaccine webpage in mid-December, prior to the COVID-19 Vaccine Tele-Town Hall hosted by County Executive Alsobrooks on December 17. The webpage includes information about the County's vaccination phased distribution plan, vaccine FAQs, graphics and videos, and the new vaccine data dashboard. The latest updates on the County's distribution plan will be posted on this webpage, as well as other communications channels from the County. The community can access the COVID-19 vaccine webpage at mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine.

Finally, the County's COVID-19 positivity rate has continued to rise, reaching 11.6 percent during the last week of December. The average daily case rate is also at the critical level, with 41.8 people per 100,000 residents contracting COVID-19 each day. The number of inpatients with COVID-19 has also more than tripled over the past two months.

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