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Dear Community Members:

I am writing you to provide important information to guide you and your families through the vaccination process. I have heard from you and many County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities that this information is critical.

### **Eligibility and Pre-Registration Survey**

Phase 1B allows for Howard County residents (18+) with intellectual and developmental disabilities to receive a vaccine.

- If you know of anyone who has not filled out the survey to say they want a vaccine, please visit [vaccine.howardcountymd.gov](https://vaccine.howardcountymd.gov).
- The Health Department will follow with an email notifying you of an upcoming clinic.
- You will need to make an appointment once the Health Department provides you with a specific appointment link. This is a link that must not be shared once you receive it.
- When you arrive at the clinic, please bring identification and your appointment confirmation.

### **My Commitment to You**

I know how challenging this past year has been for you. I understand that the pandemic has taken a hard toll on our families. Please know I remain committed to you. We are working diligently to ensure the safe, quick, and efficient distribution of vaccines to our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As many of you may know, vaccine supply continues to be very limited, and we're approaching each weekly allocation of doses thoughtfully to equitably vaccinate eligible Howard County residents.

This is a summary of our progress to date.

- More than 763 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities have filled out a Health Department survey indicating that they want a vaccine.
- In the past two weeks, we have intentionally held small clinics to ensure that there is a personal approach, ample room, specific accommodations, and increased staff. Each appointment is spread out so that there is more time allocated than a general public clinic.
- We are happy that 240 individuals (31%) of County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities who expressed an interest in being vaccinated have



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received the vaccine from the Health Department, and we will continue these clinics each week until all have been vaccinated.

- Our Mobile Integrated Community Health program launched this week to vaccinate in-home, 60 individuals who were screened to have severe mobility limitations.
- Starting this week, we are also identifying Independent Living Facilities and congregate facilities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that residents of these facilities can get vaccinated weekly.
- Additionally, many residents continue to get vaccinated by other providers in Howard County and Maryland. Pre-registry can be found at <https://www.marylandvax.org/>.

In partnership, we will ensure everyone who is eligible gets a vaccine. I need you to share this information to help all our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities fill out a pre-registration survey.

If you or a loved one have any questions regarding how to sign up to receive a vaccination or need assistance with special accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact 410-313-6284 or [HoCovaccine@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:HoCovaccine@howardcountymd.gov). As you know, often, our residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities need an advocate and someone to ensure they aren't forgotten. During this health crisis for our County, State, Nation, and the world, please know I will not forget our neighbors and loved ones of all abilities. We're all in this together, and it is my goal to ensure everyone who wants a vaccine can receive one.

Sincerely,

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