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Health Department Announces Vaccination Plans for Priority Group 1B

January 15, 2021— Yesterday, Governor Larry Hogan announced that next week the State of Maryland will officially enter Phase 1B, which includes Maryland residents who are 75 years and older; Marylanders in assisted living, independent living, developmental disabilities or behavioral health group homes, and other congregate facilities; high-risk incarcerated individuals; continuity of government; and education, including K-12 teachers, support staff, and childcare providers.

On Monday, January 25, the state will enter Phase 1C, which includes Maryland residents ages 65 to 74; public health and safety workers not covered in Phase 1A; and essential workers in lab services, food and agriculture production, manufacturing, the U.S. Postal Service, public transit, and grocery stores.

The state is directing all Maryland hospitals and county health departments to utilize their next allocations for clinics focused on elderly populations. “We understand that public demand for the vaccine is high, and we are committed to getting everyone vaccinated as quickly as humanly possible.” said Health Officer, Bill Webb. “It is critically important that we get the vaccine to the elderly first.”

During the week of January 18th, Kent County Health Department will provide vaccinations at assisted living and other congregate care settings. Vaccination appointments for others in group 1B and 1C will start the week of January 25th. Sign-ups for appointments will be available through the Kent County Health Department webpage kenthd.org. Vaccine supply is very limited at this time. Demand for vaccinations exceeds the available supply.

“I want to thank the people of Kent County for their patience as we undergo the most significant undertaking in public health’s modern history,” stressed Webb. “Vaccination clinics can only be scheduled when we have vaccine in-hand, and our supply changes weekly. Our telephone operator has the same information as our website therefore, I encourage the public to visit kenthd.org for the most up to date information.”

- *More information on the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, as well as Maryland’s phased distribution plan, is available on covidlink.maryland.gov. Marylanders can also receive updates from Maryland’s 211 text alert system by texting “MdReady” to 898-211.*
- *Once clinics become available to the public, individuals will need to make an appointment through a link on the Kent County Health Department’s webpage, kenthd.org.*