

# Baltimore City COVID-19 Vaccination City Council Hearing

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# Agenda

1. COVID vaccination data update
2. Booster vaccination update
3. Pediatric vaccination update
4. COVID provider outreach
5. Vax @ Home program



# General COVAX Updates



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# Benchmarks for the goal to vaccinate 80% of Baltimore City residents against COVID-19 by February 2022

- Vaccinate 135,000 residents by April 30, 2021
- Vaccinate 40% of the population by August 31, 2021
- **Vaccinate 60% of the population by November 30, 2021**
- Vaccinate 80% of the population by February 28, 2022

Current Maryland COVID-19 Vaccination Phase

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[COVID-19 Vaccination Phase Description](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Resources

- [Baltimore City Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)
- [Baltimore City Health Department COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [Maryland Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard](#)
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Vaccine Information

Baltimore City Residents

First or Single Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine (ages 18+)

**349,468**

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First or Single Dose (ages 18+)

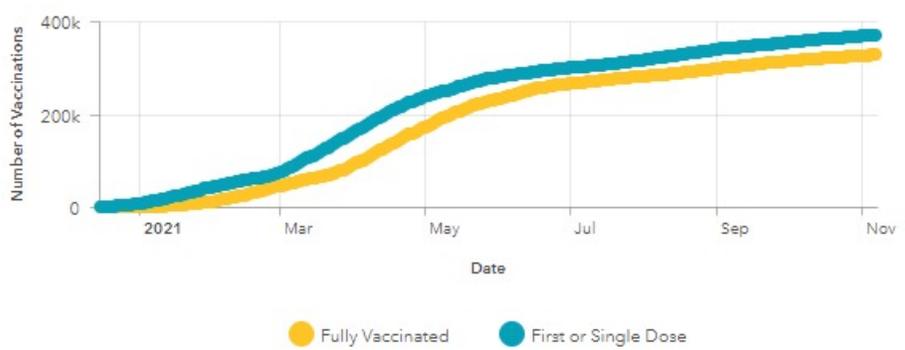
Percent of Baltimore City Residents Vaccinated (first or single dose) (ages 18+)



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First or Single Dose (ages 18+)

Cumulative Number of Baltimore City Residents COVID-19 Vaccinated (all ages) by Date

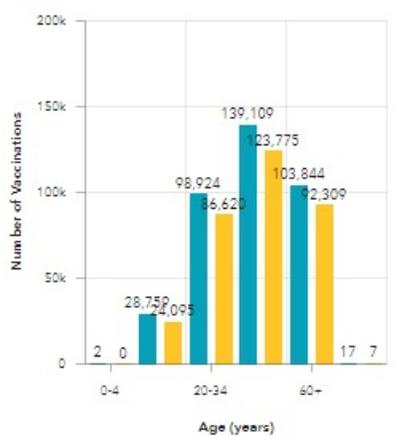


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Cumulative Number of Vaccinations by Date

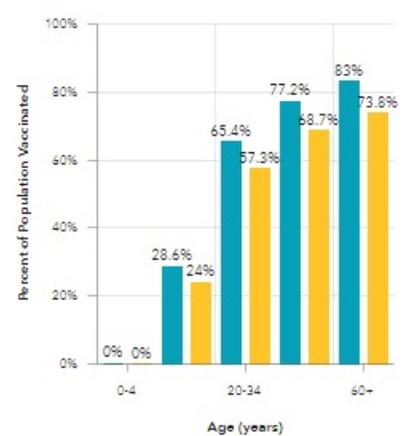
Number of Baltimore City COVID-19 Vaccinations by Age



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Age Gender Race

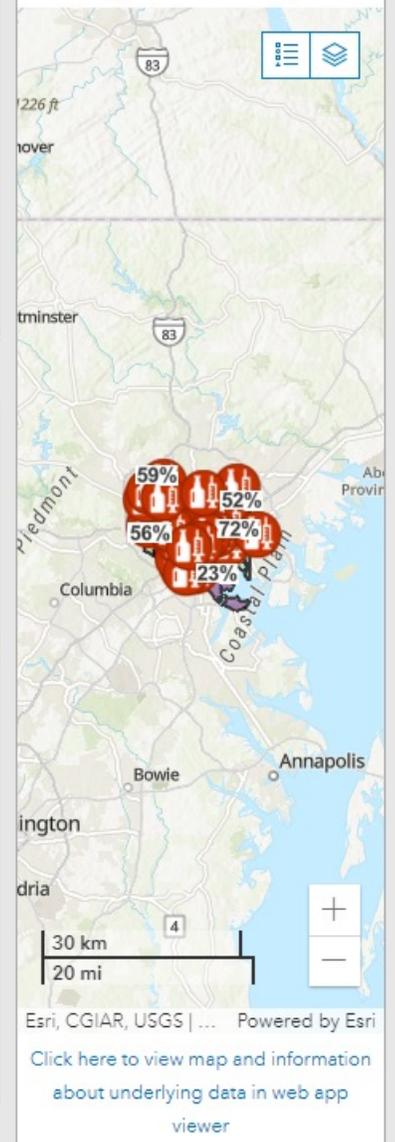
Percent of Baltimore City Population COVID-19 Vaccinated by Age



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Age Gender Race Ethnicity

Baltimore City Resident COVID-19 First or Single Dose Vaccination Coverage by Community Statistical Area (CSA) (all ages) (updated 11/08/2021)

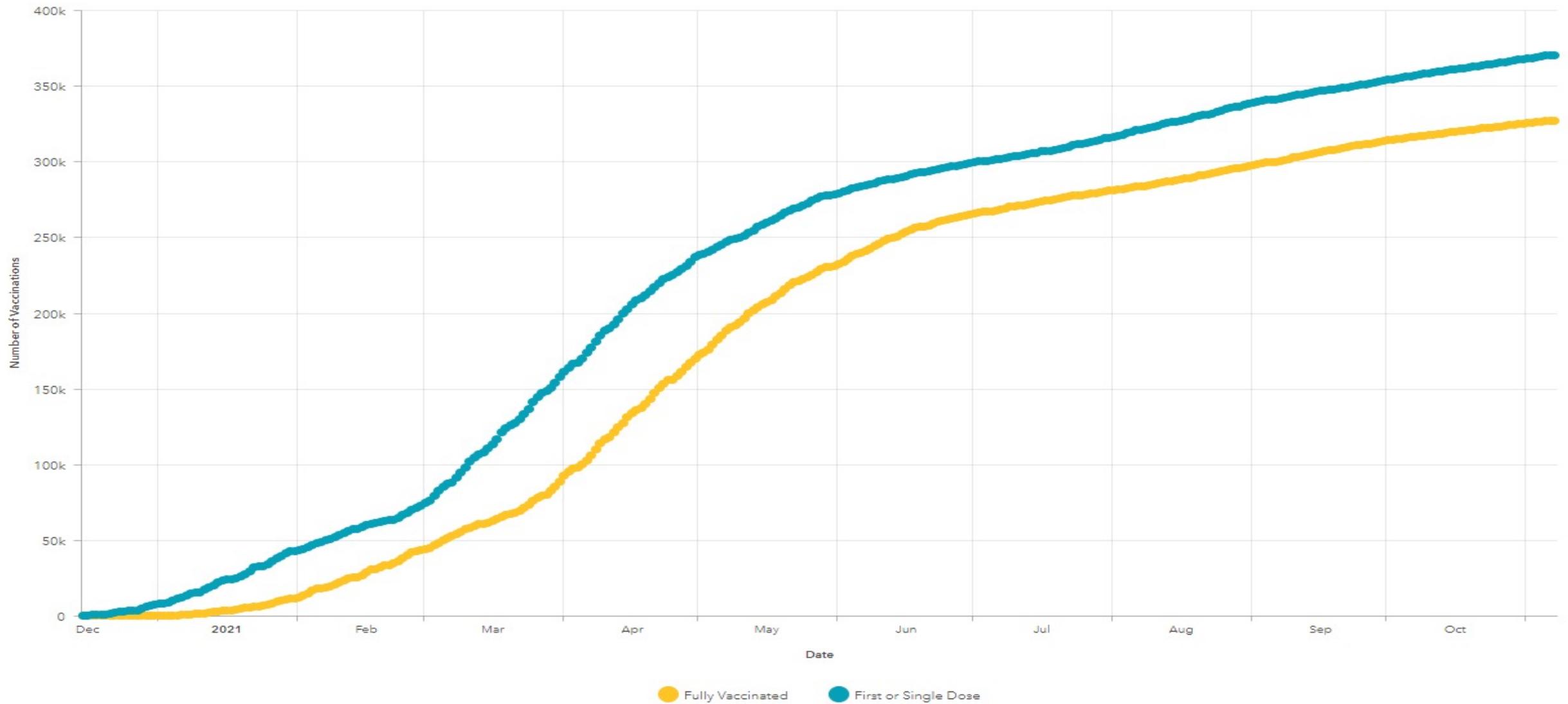


First/Single dose

- 18+ **73.7%**
- 12+ **70.1%**
- All ages **62.4%**

# Baltimore City COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard Updated 11/08/2021 to display data through 11/07/2021

Cumulative Number of Baltimore City Residents COVID-19 Vaccinated (all ages) by Date



Click points on graph to display cumulative vaccination count (numbers displayed are rounded to the nearest hundred)

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Cumulative Number of Vaccinations by Date



# Progress towards current benchmark: vaccinate 80% of Baltimore City residents against COVID-19 by February 2022

Population	Current status for 80%	Additional first/single doses needed weekly to reach 80%
Overall (12 + years of age)	On TRACK to meet	<b>N/A because on track</b>
Ages 5-11	N/A	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Ages 12 -17</b>	<b>Lagging</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Ages 18-34</b>	<b>Lagging</b>	<b>734</b>
Ages 35-59	On TRACK to meet	<b>N/A because on track</b>
Older adults (60+ years)	TARGET MET	N/A because target met
<b>Black or African-American (12+)</b>	<b>Lagging</b>	<b>2,816</b>

Data for all vaccinations through October 24, 2021; data from Maryland Department of Health ImmuNet for Baltimore City residents



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# Booster Vaccination Updates



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# Booster vaccination update

- **Booster doses are now available for select populations**
- **Booster dose: another dose of a vaccine given to someone who has built protection from disease after vaccination, however the protection decreased over time.**
- **Decrease protection over time against mild and moderate COVID-19 infections**
- FDA and CDC recommend a *Pfizer or Moderna* booster dose at least 6 months from completion of the primary series.
- FDA and CDC recommend a *J&J* booster dose at least 2 months after completion of the primary series
- Mix and Match dosing can be considered for the booster doses only

# Who is eligible for a Moderna/Pfizer booster dose?

- **SHOULD** receive the booster
  - **Adults 65+ and residents of long term care settings**
  - **Adults 50 – 64 year with certain underlying medical conditions**
    - **Cancer; chronic kidney disease; chronic lung disease; dementia/neurologic conditions; diabetes; down syndrome; heart conditions; hypertension; HIV; weakened immune system\*\*;**  
**liver disease; overweight/obese; pregnancy; sickle cell; smoker;**  
**organ or blood transplant; stroke; substance use**
- **MAY** receive the booster
  - **Adults 18-49 with certain underlying medical conditions**
  - **Adults 18-49 working or living in settings that increase risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission**
    - **First responders; education staff; food and agricultural workers;**  
**manufacturing workers; correction workers; US Postal Service; public transit, grocery store workers**

# Who is eligible for a J&J/Janseen booster dose?

- Any adult (18+) vaccinated with the J&J vaccine should receive a booster
- Booster can be one of any of the approved vaccines given the US: Moderna, Pfizer, or J & J

# Where are booster doses available?

- Booster doses are available at many of the BCHD involved community vaccination clinics and City employee vaccination clinics
- Additionally, BCHD has surveyed senior housing sites and upon request are returning to senior housing sites to administer booster doses and primary series vaccination
  - Some clinics will be offering flu vaccine

# Pediatric Vaccination Updates



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# COVID disease burden in children

- **Since September 2021, for the first time ever during the pandemic, children under 10 years old made up ~ 20% of Baltimore City's new cases.**
- COVID-19 has shifted to a younger, unvaccinated population
- Children can get COVID-19 – 6.4 million children have tested positive throughout the pandemic
- Children can die from COVID-19 – 176 children between 5-11 years old have died from COVID. This is one too many.
- Children have be hospitalized and have severe outcomes like long COVID and Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children

# Pediatric COVID vaccination

- Pfizer vaccine authorized for children 5 – 11 years old
- 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5-11 years old
- 2 doses, given 3 weeks apart
- Children may experience side effects similar to adults after vaccination – fever, pain/swelling/redness at injection site, muscle aches, joint aches, fatigue and lymph node swelling. Side effects usually last 2-3 days.
- Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscles) is a rare, uncommon adverse event after vaccination with Moderna or Pfizer – seen mainly in adolescent boys and young men 12-30 years old. No pediatric study participants developed myocarditis
- Parents and caregivers should talk with their child’s clinician about the vaccine

# Why children should get vaccinated

- Pediatric vaccination will:
  - **Protect children from COVID-19 disease and reduce chances of children developing long term effects from COVID-19**
  - **Allow kids to stay in school**
  - **Vaccinated children reduce spread of COVID-19 at schools, amongst their family and in the community**

# BCHD pediatric vaccine access strategy

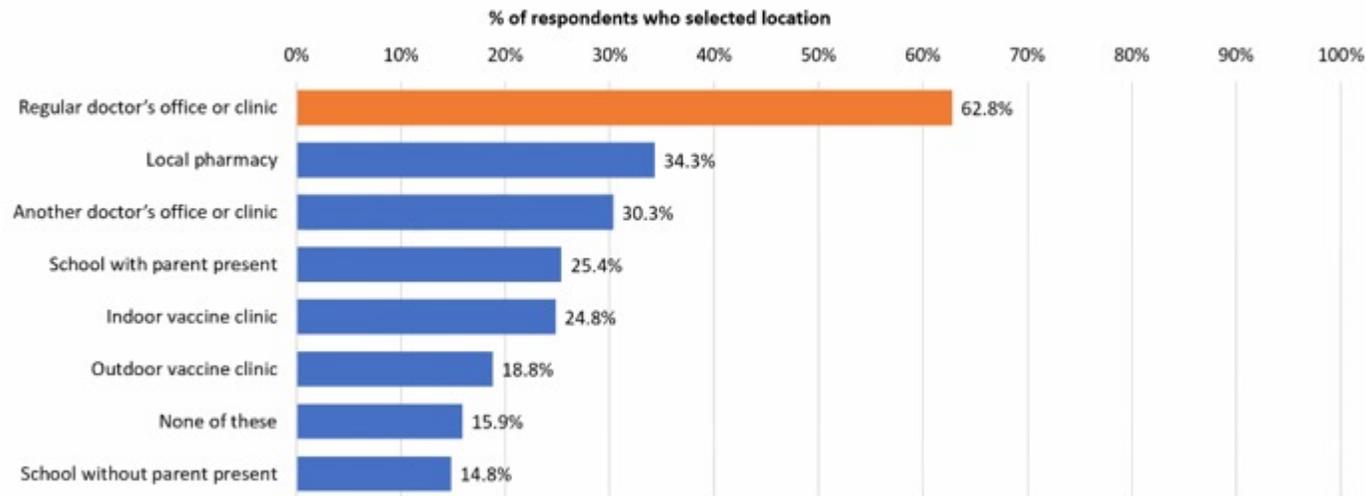
- Builds upon BCHD's adolescent vaccination strategy
  - From May 14 to Nov 2 BCHD and partners have held 140 clinics at 51 City School locations
- **Goal is to vaccinate 80% of 5-11 year old children by September 30, 2022.**
- BCHD set up clinics with City Schools, community partners and clinical partners to offer vaccine in City Schools focused on low vaccination coverage neighborhoods.
- BCHD aims to ensure vaccine is available where families are normally vaccinated – provider offices – through our provider outreach work and vaccine transfer program.
- BCHD ensures families know where all vaccination venues are located through pharmacies and public map of existing city-wide clinics.
- BCHD is providing pediatric vaccines through the Vax @ Home program for children and caregivers who are mobility limited
- **BCHD's first pediatric vaccination clinic was held on Saturday, 11/6 in partnership with the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital – 200 children were vaccinated**
- **Week of November 8, BCHD has 9 pediatric specific vaccination clinics throughout the City – pediatric vaccine clinics will expand with increasing vaccine supply availability**

# BCHD pediatric vaccine demand strategy

- As with teen and adolescent vaccination we understand that vaccine hesitancy in this group will be a barrier
- BCHD pediatric communication strategy to reach this population includes: 1) mobilizing city schools and partners working with adolescents to educate staff, parents and students about COVID and vaccination and 2) working with pediatric and family practice providers to ensure consistent streamlined messaging to parents and caregivers
- Family League has been recruited as a partner to mobilize vaccination efforts at community schools
- 18 youth ambassadors are mobilized in City Schools and neighborhoods to encourage teen vaccination
- In the upcoming months we are holding parent listening sessions and recruiting parent ambassadors

# Most parents trust their regular clinical provider to get their child vaccinated

## Locations Parents Trust to Vaccinate Their 5–11-Year-Old Children\*



\*Unpublished CDC/RAND/University of Iowa data. 1,028 parents surveyed in late September/early October

Knowing that the majority of parents and caregivers want to get vaccinated through their regular provider – BCHD has implemented a provider outreach strategy and pediatric/family practice vaccine transfer program



# Pediatric provider vaccine transfer program

- In August and September BCHD identified pediatric and family practice providers that might be interested in providing pediatric Pfizer vaccine – providers in 70 clinics identified
- Of these 70 clinics, 36 providers plan to become Pfizer pediatric vaccine providers.
- BCHD is currently transferring vaccine to 11 pediatric and family practice providers who are unable to get vaccine directly from MDH – as vaccine demand and supply increases we expect increase provider participation



# Provider Outreach



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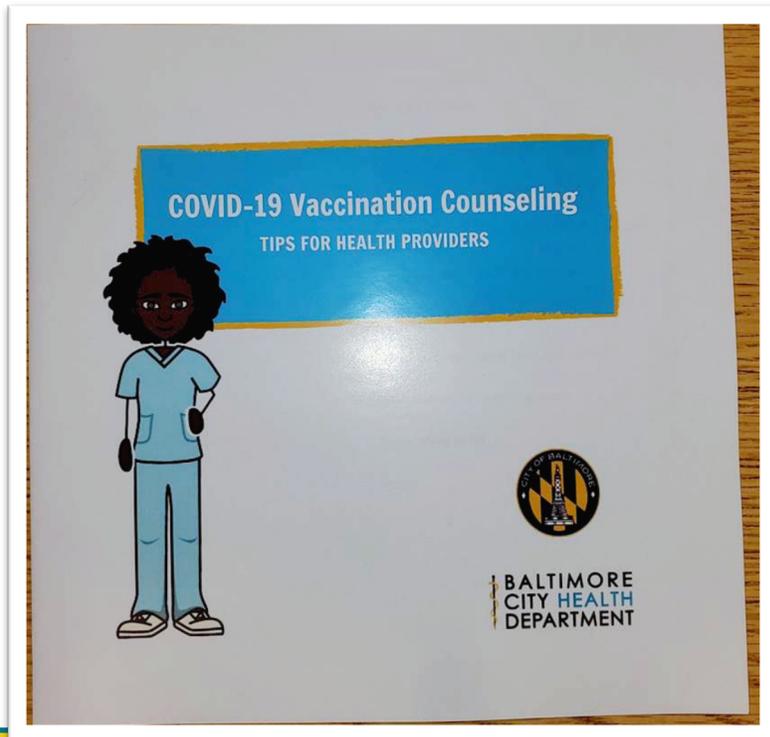
# Provider COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkits

## Tools for Providers

- Promotion to join digital Provider Newsletter (*newsletter currently reaches 1700 + providers*)
- Information about training and education opportunities – BCHD conducts outreach calls to provider offices to understand barriers to vaccine administration and education and training on COVID-19
- Provider comics and vaccine toolkits

# Tools for Providers – Comics developed to assist providers in addressing vaccine hesitancy

## How to communicate effectively about the Covid-19 vaccine





# Homebound Vaccinations



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# Homebound Vaccination Program

- Administered 1,096 total doses (primary series and booster doses) to homebound individuals and their caregivers, to date
- Individuals self-refer through BCHD call center, registering on-line or state's No Arm Left Behind Program; partnering with Civic Works to locate homebound individuals not connected to services
- Multi-partner effort – Baltimore City Fire Department, Bikur Cholim, Lifebridge, Lutherville Pharmacy, National Guard, UMMS



# Vaccination Clinics



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# Where to get vaccinated in Baltimore City

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## GET VAXXED

**WALK UP THIS WEEK: NOV 8-NOV 14**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>JAI MEDICAL</b> 4340 Park Heights Ave <b>9A-6P</b> Pfizer 12+; Moderna 18+	<b>PARK WEST</b> 4120 Patterson Ave <b>8:45A-10:30A</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>COPPIN STATE</b> 2601 W North Ave <b>10A-12P</b> Pfizer 12+; Moderna 18+	<b>JAI MEDICAL</b> 4340 Park Heights Ave <b>9A-6P</b> Pfizer 12+; Moderna 18+	<b>PARK WEST</b> 3319 W Belvedere Ave <b>8:45A-10:30A</b> Moderna 18+	<b>MEGA MART</b> 3400 Annapolis Rd <b>10A-2P</b> Pfizer 12+
<b>MONDAWMIN MALL</b> 2401 Liberty Heights Ave <b>11A-5P</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>JAI MEDICAL</b> 4340 Park Heights Ave <b>9A-6P</b> Pfizer 12+; Moderna 18+	<b>SHEPPARD PRATT</b> <b>SSVF*</b> 234 S Broadway <b>10A-1P</b> Moderna 18+	<b>MONDAWMIN MALL</b> 2401 Liberty Heights Ave <b>11A-5:45P</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>JAI MEDICAL</b> 4340 Park Heights Ave <b>9A-6P</b> Pfizer 12+; Moderna 18+	<b>DELTA LAMBA</b> 1501 N Dukeland St <b>10A-2P</b> Pfizer 12+; Moderna/J&J 18+
<b>AT WAVERLY*</b> 900 E 33rd St <b>10A-12P</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>YMCA WEINBERG</b> <b>AT WAVERLY*</b> 900 E 33rd St <b>10A-12P</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>DIGITAL HARBOR HIGH</b> 1100 Covington St <b>10A-12:30P</b> Pfizer 5+; Moderna/J&J 18+	<b>CHILDHOOD JCC*</b> 5750 Park Heights Ave <b>11A-3P</b> Pfizer 5+; Moderna/J&J 18+	<b>AND STEAM*</b> 2921 Stranden Rd <b>9A-3P</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>NAACP*</b> 4805 ML Hope Dr <b>10A-3P</b> Pfizer 5+
<b>ERDMAN SHOPPING CENTER*</b> 3833 Erdman Ave <b>11A-2P</b> Pfizer 12+; J&J 18+	<b>ERDMAN SHOPPING CENTER*</b> 3833 Erdman Ave <b>11A-2P</b> Pfizer 12+; J&J 18+	<b>MONDAWMIN MALL</b> 2401 Liberty Heights Ave <b>11A-5P</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>NE MARKET</b> 2101 E Monument St <b>11:30A-4P</b> Pfizer 12+	<b>FAYETTE STREET*</b> 29 N Smallwood St <b>10A-12P</b> Pfizer 5+; Moderna/J&J 18+	<b>JAI MEDICAL</b> 5010 York Rd <b>9A-1P</b> Pfizer 12+; Moderna 18+
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👤 = CLINIC WILL OFFER VACCINES FOR AGES 5-11

**\*REGISTRATION PREFERRED:**  
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 443.984.8650

This week BCHD is holding 9 pediatric vaccination clinics throughout the City.

We will continue to expand pediatric vaccination clinics as vaccine supply increases across the nation.

The child icon indicates 5-11 yo vaccine is available at a particular clinic

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