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County Stands Ready for Vaccine Distribution

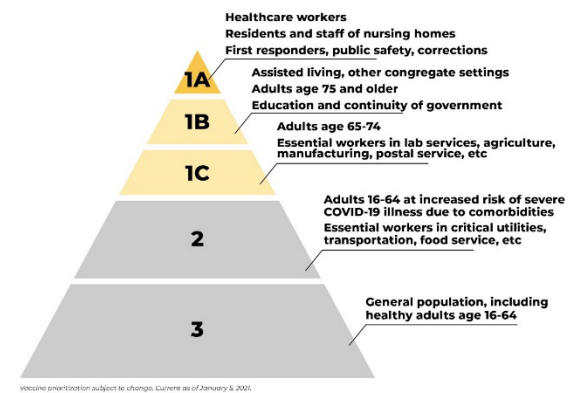
Clinics in Place for When State Moves to Group 1B

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner and Public Health Officer Dr. Barbara Brookmyer outlined Frederick County’s plan to vaccinate residents against COVID-19. Seven vaccination clinics are ready to be stood up once Maryland moves to Group 1B on the statewide priority list. All 5,800 doses received by the Frederick County Health Department to date have been allocated to people in Group 1A and will be distributed by week’s end.

“Frederick County is ready,” Executive Gardner said. “We have a plan, and we are ready to execute it as soon as we have vaccine.”

The County is following a statewide plan, with priority groups identified by the state Department of Health. The supply of vaccine is limited, and there is no regular delivery schedule for its arrival to each county. Currently Maryland is vaccinating Group 1A. Group 1A includes health care providers, emergency responders, and nursing home residents and staff. Once additional doses are available, the next group to be vaccinated will be 1B, which includes people 75 and older, assisted living facilities, continuity of government, and those who work in education from daycare through K-12. When it is time for Group 1B to be vaccinated, members of the group will be required to schedule an appointment. Walk-in appointments cannot be accommodated.

As additional doses are allocated to Frederick County, as many as seven vaccination clinic locations will be ramped up and opened in Frederick County. To receive updates about vaccine registration and other COVID-19 information, text “FredCoVID19” to 888777. Updates are also posted to the Health Department’s [website](#) at health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.



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