

## **Information for Baltimore City Residents on COVID-19 Vaccines\***

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### **Why should I get the vaccine?**

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, protect you from getting sick with COVID-19, and reduce your chances of developing severe illness.

### **Do the vaccines cost anything?**

- No! They are free, and you don't need health insurance to get vaccinated.

### **HOW DO I FIND AN APPOINTMENT TO GET VACCINATED?**

- Any Baltimore City resident 16 or older can complete a short, online Vaccination Interest Form here: <http://bit.ly/bmorecovaxinterest> (even if you aren't yet eligible) so the Baltimore City Health Department can contact you when vaccination appointments are available.  
If you don't have internet access, you can call here: **1-855-634-6829**.
- Also check the CVS and Walgreens websites if eligible (see link 1 below)

### **What if I need Transportation?**

- If you need a ride or funds for parking or public transportation: Try forwarding appointment confirmation to [MDVaxRides@gmail.com](mailto:MDVaxRides@gmail.com) and include: name, phone number, pickup address, vaccination site address, date + time of appointments.

### **Who should get the vaccine?**

- Everyone. The vaccines are effective for the general public, and are **especially important** for those at high risk, including those over 60 **or** who have: High Blood pressure, Heart conditions, Asthma (moderate-severe), Chronic Kidney Disease, Diabetes, Dementia, or other conditions listed at link 1 below.

### **Is it safe to get the vaccine?**

- YES. And you cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccines.
- The most commonly reported side effects were pain at the injection site, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, and nausea. Most of these occurred within 1-2 days after vaccination, lasted 1-2 days, and were mild to moderate in severity. Some also reported fever, joint pain, and lymph node swelling.

### **Can I stop wearing a mask, washing hands, and social distancing afterwards?**

- No.

**Questions?** Call Balt. Health Dept COVID line: 443-984-8650, M-F 8:30-6:30, Sat 9-1

### **Baltimore City Information Sources on COVID-19 Vaccination:**

1. <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/covid-19-vaccine-information>
2. <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/infographics-0>

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