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## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WILL ENTER COVID-19 VACCINATION PHASE 1B ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18

**LARGO, MD** – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced that the County is preparing to enter COVID-19 vaccination Phase 1B beginning Monday, January 18. To prepare for this next phase of vaccinations, County residents who are newly eligible in Phase 1B are asked to make an appointment at <u>marylandvax.org</u> and those appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Our seniors are especially vulnerable to this virus, so we are proud to be able to move forward with offering them the opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID-19," said Alsobrooks. "We're asking our seniors and everyone else in Phase 1B to please sign up to get the COVID-19 vaccine and be Proud to be Protected. We're also asking for your patience as we work to quickly vaccinate as many residents as possible with the limited supply of vaccines currently available."

Seniors and others who cannot complete the appointment form on their own are encouraged to have a friend or family member assist them. The County is preparing to launch a hotline in the near future to assist those who have complications accessing the internet.

Based on estimates from the County's Office of Emergency Management, the County has approximately 25,000 people in Phase 1A, 95,000 people in Phase 1B, and 150,000 people in Phase 1C. That is an approximate total of 270,000 people in Phase 1. Due to the current limited supply of vaccines, it will take some time for the County to move through all of Phase 1, and vaccine appointments in the coming weeks will be made available as vaccine supply allows. The County is asking for the patience of residents as it moves through this unprecedented and months-long effort.

Phase 1B includes seniors 75 years and older, individuals in assisted living and other congregate settings, K-12 education, child care workers, and critical government leadership for continuity of operations. Phase 1C is set to begin on Monday, January 25, 2021. Individuals who will become eligible in Phase 1C and future phases can fill out a pre-registration form at <a href="http://bit.ly/PGCVaccineForm">http://bit.ly/PGCVaccineForm</a>. When the County enters future phases of vaccine distribution, those individuals that have pre-registered will receive a notification that they are able to make a vaccine appointment online.

For the latest updates about COVID-19 vaccines in Prince George's County, or to learn more about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, visit <a href="mayer-mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine">mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine</a>.

For the latest County COVID-19 updates, visit <a href="health.mypgc.us/coronavirus">health.mypgc.us/coronavirus</a>.

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