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TO: Howard County Employees

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SUBJECT: Howard County Government COVID-19 Vaccine Survey Interest

DATE: January 4, 2021

This communication was sent via global email to Howard County employees on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 4:18 p.m.

Dear Employees,

The purpose of this email is to provide some clarifying information regarding COVID-19 Vaccine distribution planning efforts in Howard County and to inform all staff of next steps.

The Howard County Health Department (HCHD) has received a limited supply of (Moderna) vaccine and is actively working to vaccinate those in priority group 1A - healthcare workers, detention center staff and inmates, EMS, and other first responders. These prioritizations are consistent with all local health departments across the state of Maryland. The Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) is currently assisting with medical standby and Howard County School System nurses will be assisting with clinics beginning next week following training.

The timeline for additional vaccine receipt and distribution is highly variable. Local Health Departments have been notified that they will receive the vaccine when it becomes available to the State. The timeframe for that is unknown and *HCHD does not know at this time which vaccine they will receive nor how much they will receive*. Howard County General Hospital has received vaccine directly from the Maryland Department of Health and assisted living facilities have signed up for vaccine distribution from CVS/Walgreens in line with federal guidelines.

This makes planning challenging, but it is also why we're reaching out to you with as much notice as possible so that we have the information ready for HCHD as soon as vaccine is available.

If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to Howard County Government employees, please fill out the survey below. This survey does not guarantee you a vaccine, nor does it tie you to receiving one. Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine, when available, is voluntary for Howard County Government employees.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HoCoGOVCovid19>

When vaccine is available, HCHD will notify the head of your department and provide them with a link to register for appointment slots. The head of your department will then disseminate the link for you to

register. Timeslots may be limited, and you may only receive notification one day prior to available timeslots.

Please note that you must register via the link provided to receive a vaccine. Additional details regarding vaccine clinic timeslots, location, and any other relevant information will be provided to you upon receiving the link to register. A County ID will be required at the time of your appointment. At the time of your appointment, you will register for your second injection. The second injection will be given 3-4 weeks from your initial appointment depending upon the manufacturer. (The Pfizer vaccine is 3 weeks apart and Moderna is 4 weeks). Both injections are necessary to see the full benefits from the vaccine.

While the timeline is variable, we will provide information to staff as we receive it. If you have any questions regarding this email, please reach out to Patty Walcott with the Howard County Health Department: pwalcott@howardcountymd.gov.

Thank you.

