

# COVIDReady Maryland

## MARYLAND IS A NATIONAL LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Maryland is a national leader in the fight against COVID-19 and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) remains fully prepared to respond as the global pandemic continues to evolve.

Marylanders are one of the most vaccinated populations in the United States, have raised their awareness about COVID, and are using all the tools available to manage their individual risk to learn to live with the virus.

While we are not yet at the end of this pandemic, Maryland is COVIDReady for what's next.

### What is COVIDReady?

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MDH will continue to closely monitor the transmission of COVID-19 and the emergence of new variants in the state and region. MDH remains ready to respond when necessary by implementing data and science driven actions to ensure three key objectives are met:

1. Marylanders have the information needed to stay healthy and safe;
2. The most vulnerable populations are protected; and
3. COVID-19 hospitalizations are mitigated.

### How is MDH COVIDReady?

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MDH is constantly surveilling and assessing any possible impact of emerging COVID-19 variants, COVID community transmission and outbreaks, COVID hospitalizations, and numerous other COVID-related health metrics.

MDH has the plans in place to coordinate the level of response needed during a community, county, or statewide increase in COVID infections, including expanding testing to meet demand, connecting COVID-positive individuals to providers for therapeutic treatments, and supporting the state's hospital system.

MDH will take the appropriate actions per regional indicators for COVID infection and hospitalization to mitigate the effects of emerging variants and communicate these actions with the public.

### How do Marylanders make themselves COVIDReady?

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Millions already are, as Maryland is one of the most vaccinated states in the country, and maintaining that immunity helps you be COVIDReady.

Utilizing the tools available, including rapid antigen COVID tests, therapeutics, and masks, are consistent actions to stay COVIDReady against emerging variants. Arming yourself with the knowledge of how, when, and where to access these tools can help keep you and your family one step ahead of the virus.

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## HOW DO MARYLANDERS MAKE THEMSELVES COVIDReady?



Utilize COVID tests



Know where to access therapeutics



Vaccines

## HOW IS MDH COVIDReady?

Monitor emerging variants



Assess community levels



Manage COVID hospitalizations



Assess COVID-related metrics

