

Provider Alert

Congregate Living and Residential Substance Use Treatment Programs

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Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Providers

On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Dennis R. Schrader, issued the [Revised Vaccination Matters Order](#). This order states that the following facilities, or their COVID-19 vaccination clinical partner (if the facility is incapable of administering COVID-19 vaccines), shall offer the opportunity to each resident to receive an additional dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or the first or single shot of a COVID-19 vaccine if the resident has not previously received a COVID-19 vaccine. This order covers the following facilities and clinical partners:

- a. “Assisted Living Programs” licensed under Title 19, Subtitle 18 of the Health-General Article and COMAR 10.07.14;
- b. “Developmental Disabilities Group Homes” as defined under Title 7, Subtitle 1 of the Health General Article and COMAR 10.22.01.01B(25); and
- c. “Residential Drug Treatment Centers” licensed under COMAR 10.63.03.11, COMAR 10.63.03.12, COMAR 10.63.03.13 and COMAR 10.63.03.14 (ASAM Levels 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, and 3.7).

MDH has resources available to assist programs with order compliance. You may consider:

1. **Hosting COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics On-Site** with a Pharmacy or Mobile Clinic Partner, including for Residential and Congregate Living Facilities
 - o You can request a GoVAX Mobile clinic by visiting governor.maryland.gov/govaxmobile or by calling 1-855-MD-GoVAX (1-855-634-6829).

- This is beneficial for those who would prefer that the vaccine and the vaccinators come to them

2. Becoming a Vaccinator through ImmuNet:

- You may register to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider, by using the ImmuNet Quick Reference Guides:
https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/IMMUN/Pages/quick_ref_guide_s.asp.
- This option is beneficial for facilities with nursing staff, especially for those who have previously provided the flu vaccine

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