

## COVID-19 Advocacy & Policy Updates Only as of July 8, 2021 at 5:00pm

### State Updates

#### Updates/Resources

- COVID-19 Positivity Rates and Hospitalizations – July 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
<https://governor.maryland.gov/2021/07/02/covid-19-hospitalizations-in-maryland-drop-below-100/>.
- Vaccine Updates – July 3<sup>rd</sup>: <https://governor.maryland.gov/2021/07/03/vaccine-milestone-maryland-vaccinates-75-of-adults-by-fourth-of-july/>.
- Governor Hogan announced the launch of the VaxU Scholarship Program to encourage people ages 12-17 to get vaccinated. Full press release:  
<https://governor.maryland.gov/2021/07/07/governor-hogan-announces-1-million-vaxu-scholarship-promotion/>.

For updates from the Governor's office on the coronavirus:

<https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/> or <https://www.facebook.com/GovLarryHogan/>

MD COVIDlink: <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/>

MD Vaccination Sign-up: <https://www.marylandvax.org/>

### Howard County Updates

#### General Updates/Resources

- The Columbia Mall mass vaccination site has closed as the State has been closing mass vaccination sites. To find a COVID-19 vaccine, visit:  
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19-vaccine>.
- Howard County will offer vaccinations at Merriweather concerts. Full press release:  
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/news062821>.
- NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE - The State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) received \$20 million to share among the counties for nonprofit assistance grants for COVID-19 support. Howard County will be awarded \$1,077,430. The Howard County Economic Development Authority will be disbursing grants; applications are open July 15<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Full press release:  
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/news063021>.

Howard County Vaccination Clinics: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19-vaccine>.

StayCOVIDSafe Howard County Updates: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19>.

## Federal Updates

### General Updates/Resources

- National Council of Nonprofits resources on nonprofits utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) support: <https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/trends-policy-issues/strengthening-state-and-local-economies-partnership-nonprofits>.
- Free child care is available while you get vaccinated through September 6, 2021: <https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/free-child-care-while-getting-vaccinated>.
- Both the CDC and Federal Housing Administration have announced that the federal moratorium on evictions and foreclosures has been extended until July 31, 2021. This is said to be the last extension. Press releases:
  - CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0624-eviction-moratorium.html>.
  - HUD: [https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/HUD\\_No\\_21\\_108](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_21_108).
- Updated workplace safety information from OSHA, focusing on protected workers who are not vaccinated: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/safework>.