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## COVID-19 Vaccination Matters

### Notice

On January 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health issued *Amended Directive and Order Regarding Vaccination Matters* ([MDH 2021-01-01-01](#)). This amended directive clarifies that the “COVID-19 vaccine shall be administered to individuals according to the State’s prioritization requirements, as laid out and updated in its vaccine prioritization guidance or bulletins.”

Maryland will distribute the vaccines to five different priority groups based on relative risk of exposure or developing serious illness. The State is currently in Phase 1A, which includes the following priority groups:

- Front line hospital staff and healthcare workers
- Nursing home residents and staff
- Law enforcement and firefighters, EMS
- **All licensed, registered and certified health care providers**
- Correctional health care staff and officers
- Front line judiciary staff

Medical cannabis agents who hold active registrations with the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission pursuant to Health-General Article §13-3306 (grower), 13-3308 (dispensary), 13-3310 (processor) or 13-3311 (independent testing laboratory) constitute registered health care providers in the State of Maryland and are included in Phase 1A.

The administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is subject to (1) the supply of the vaccine and (2) any additional appointment requirements or other restrictions established by a COVID-19 vaccine administration site. For more information please visit the Maryland Department of Health COVID-19 vaccine website [here](#).