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Vaccine Community Outreach Information Session May 6, 2021

The Agenda





- 1. Community Ambassador Role
- 2. What Community Ambassadors Need to Know
- Vaccine Basics!
- 4. Why Equity?
- 5. Covid-19 Vaccine Appointments
- 6. How to Sign Up for an Outreach Event
- 7. Questions

COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach Events



Goals:

- Assist anyone who lives or works in Montgomery County to get a COVID-19 Vaccine via the County Public Health Department
- Share vaccination and testing information and other valuable resources.



Community Ambassador Role



Attend outreach events at high-traffic locations and canvass neighborhoods in targeted areas to:

- Make appointments/share walk-in clinic schedules
- •Offer vaccine information and resources (Multilingual materials available.)
- Answer vaccine-related questions
- Host vaccination information tables
- Distribute COVID kits
- Conduct COVID-safe interactions

What Community Ambassadors Need to Know

FIND LINKS TO INFORMATION AT <u>WWW.MONTGOMERYSERVES.ORG</u>, "VACCINATION", RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

Vaccine Basics





What are the options for getting vaccinated if you live in Montgomery County?



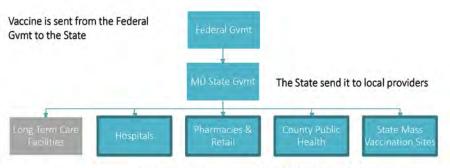




How are Vaccines Primarily Distributed and Where are They Available?







Each group has a separate system for scheduling appointments



- State has 3 large sites.
- Adding a 4th in Charles
- Adding a Preregistration option and Call Center.

Pharmacies (Giant, Safeway, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Sam's Club, Walmart, Wegman's, Weiss, Costco - all at select locations) First come, first-served open appointments; CVS, Walmart, Walgreens allowing walk-ins

Mass Vax Sites (First come, first served open appts., Walk-in Lines*)

- o Six Flags* (PG Co), Baltimore Convention Center, M&T Bank Stadium* (Baltimore), Regency Furniture Stadium* (Waldorf), Wicomico Youth & Civic Center* (Salisbury), Hagerstown Premium Outlets*, Timonium Fairgrounds, Greenbelt Washington Metro Station*, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium*, Frederick Community College, Leidos Field at Ripkin Ironbirds Stadium*, Mall in Columbia *Note: All sites will have walk-in line options at TBD date; vaccine for walk-ins not guaranteed
- o Montgomery College Germantown Campus* in MoCo!!! (Joint initiative among State, MoCo, Adventist, & MC)

Hospitals/Private Medical Practices (By invitation/separate registration) Suburban, Medstar, Adventist, Holy Cross, Kaiser, Johns Hopkins, CCI, select private medical practices

Montgomery County DHHS Clinics (Pre-registration through early May, then first come, first served open appointments and walk-ins)

WHEN CAN I GET THE VACCINE AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

As more of the vaccine supply and vaccination sites become available, you will have more options.

PLEASE BE PATIENTas the available supply of the vaccine in Maryland works to catch up to the demand. The vaccine will eventually be available to all Marylanders who want it.

The COVID-19 vaccine is **FREE**, but some vaccination providers will charge an administration fee for giving the shot. **There will be no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine at County-sponsored clinics**.





Who is Currently Eligible to Get the Vaccine?



As of April 12:

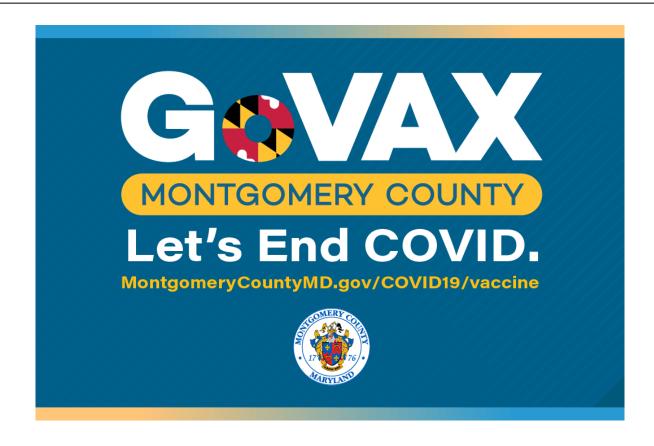
- •Maryland is in Phase 3
- •All Marylanders 16 and older are *eligible* to receive the vaccine from all providers (Likely to include 12 and older before midMay.)
- •Residents in Phases 1 and 2 (55+, essential workers, those with development disabilities, 16+ with underlying medical conditions) will continue to be prioritized for vaccines

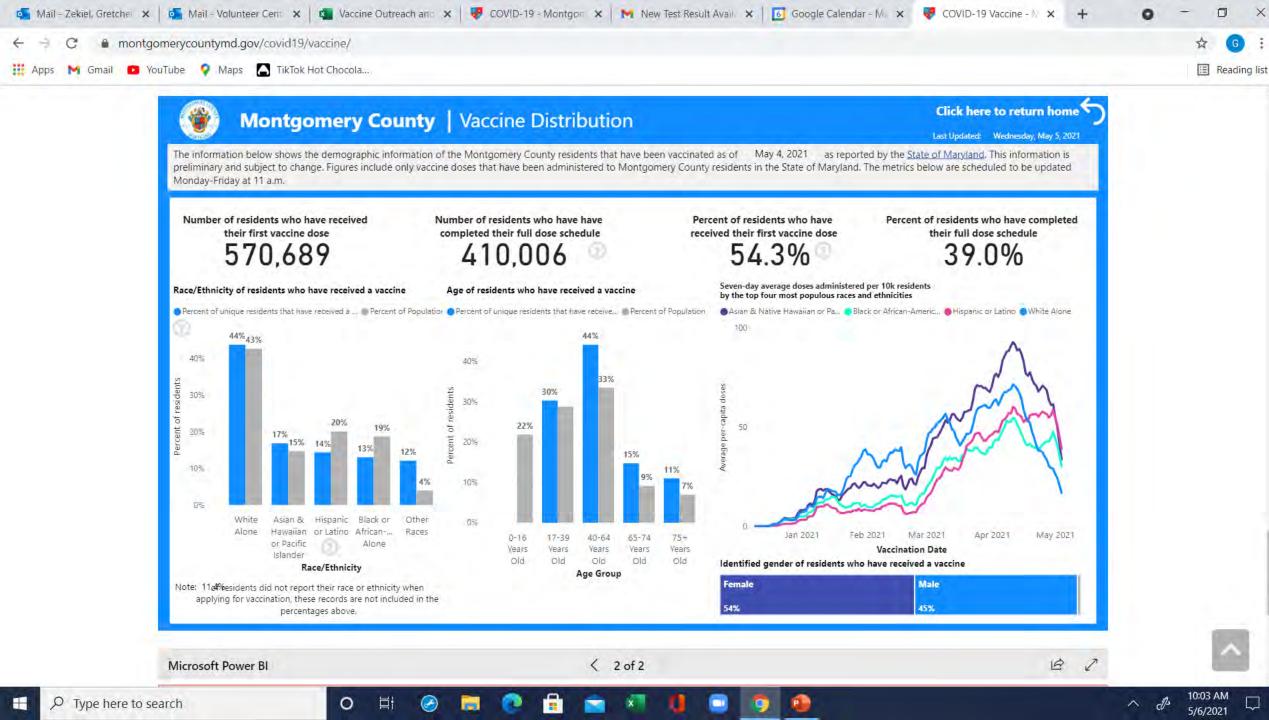
Note: Only Pfizer vaccine approved for 16 and 17-year-olds; FDA likely to approve 12-15 year olds for Pfizer before midMay

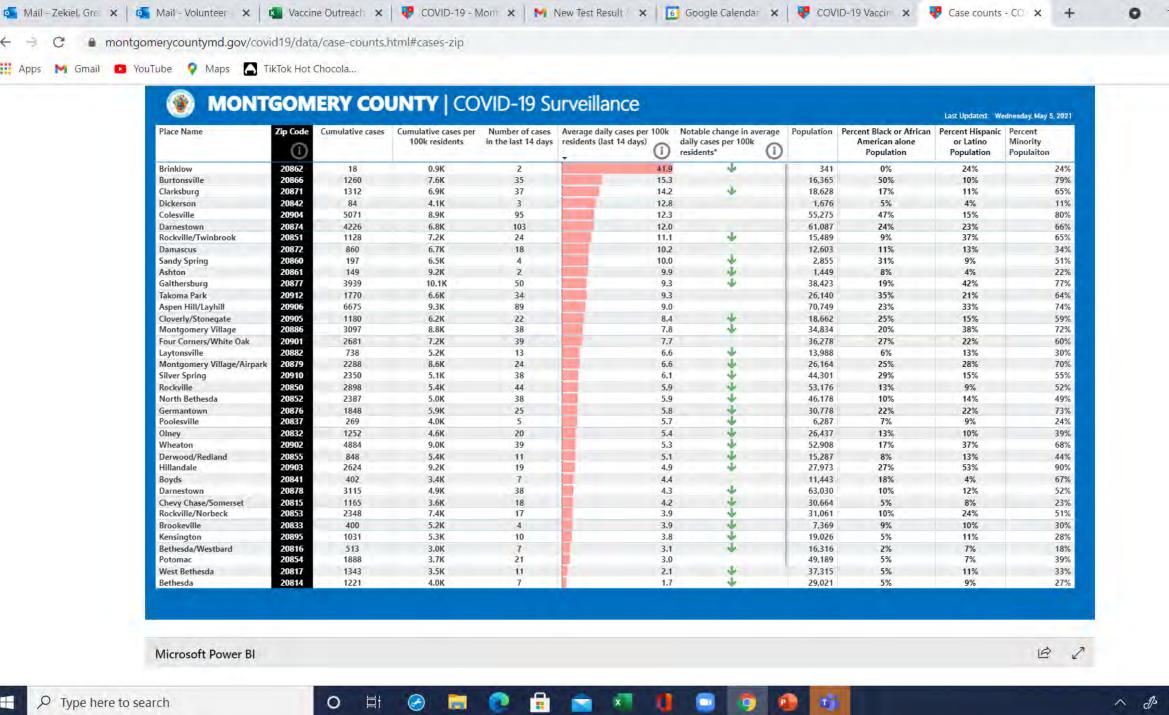
Eligibility Does Not Equal Availability (or Accessibility)!



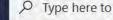
Why Equity?















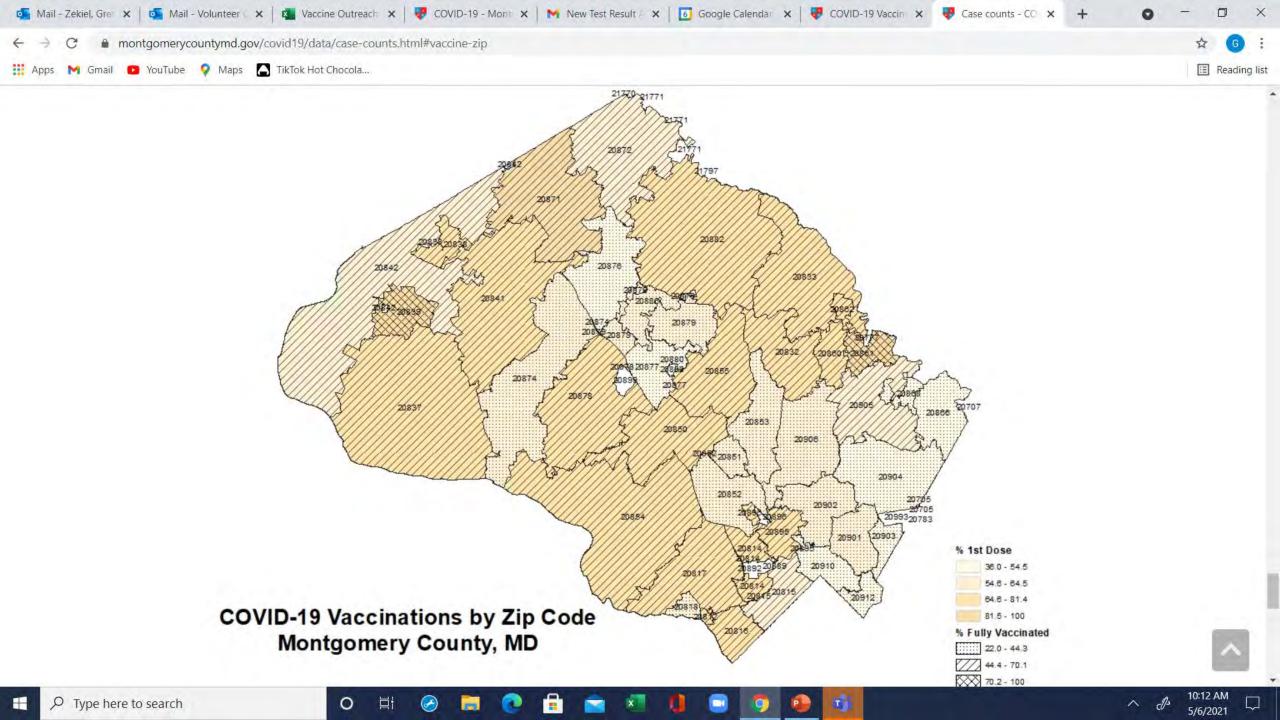




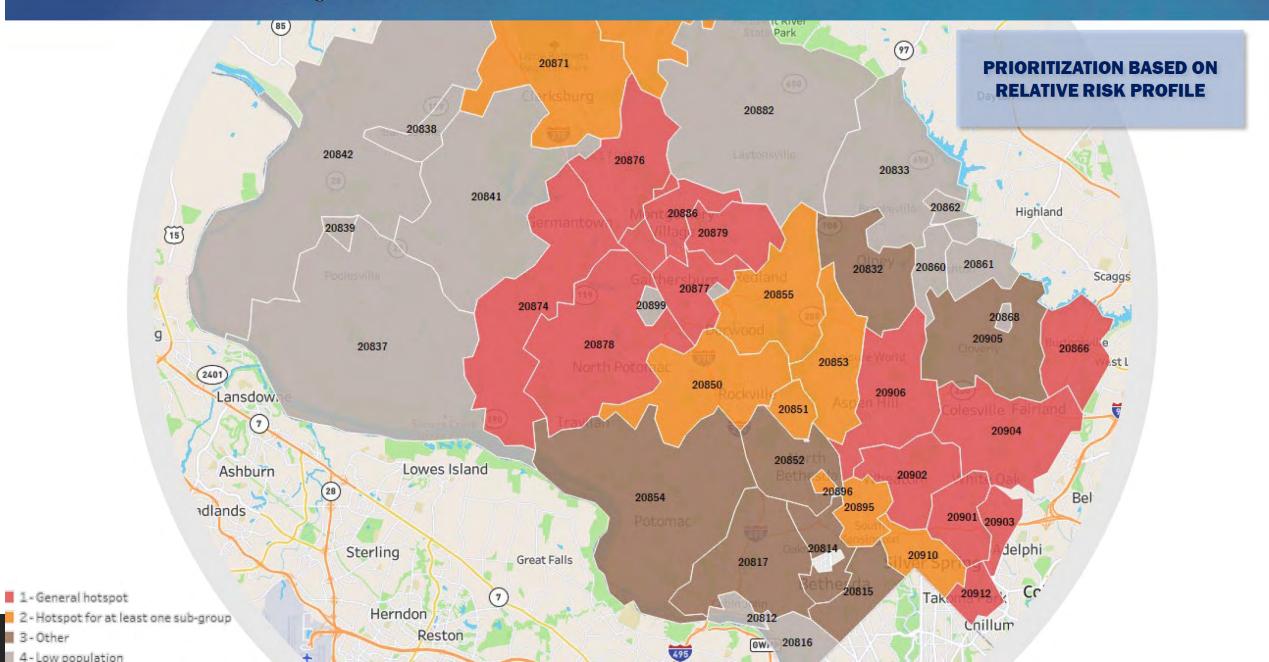




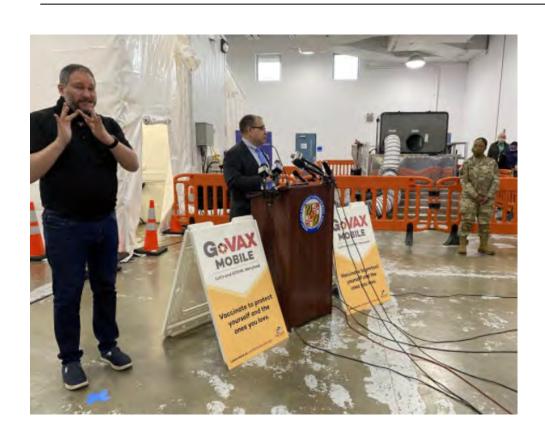
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EQUITY FRAMEWORK—PRIORITY ZIP CODES



Montgomery County Vaccination Strategy



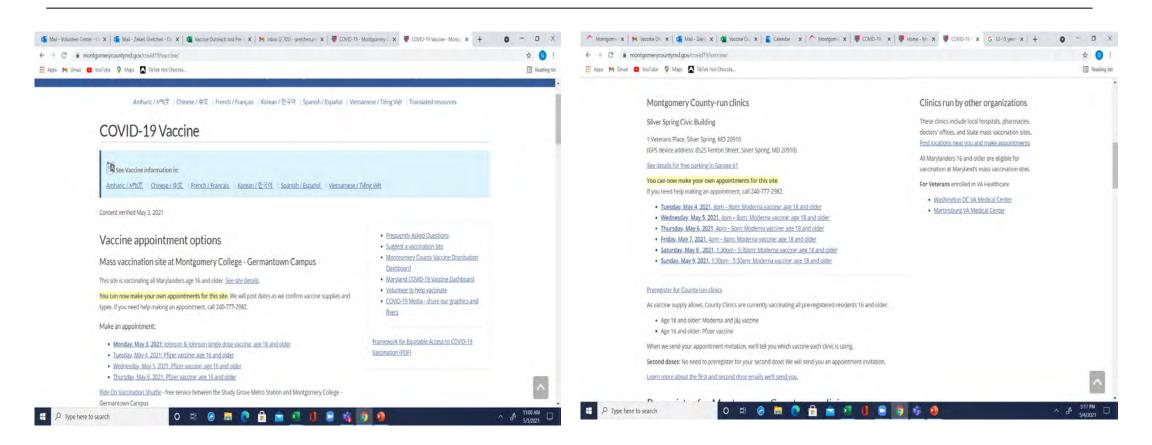
- Turning to opening clinics closer to where people live
- Targeting low-vaccination areas
- Operating clinics during hours that are more convenient for local residents
- •Walk-up vaccinations will be readily available

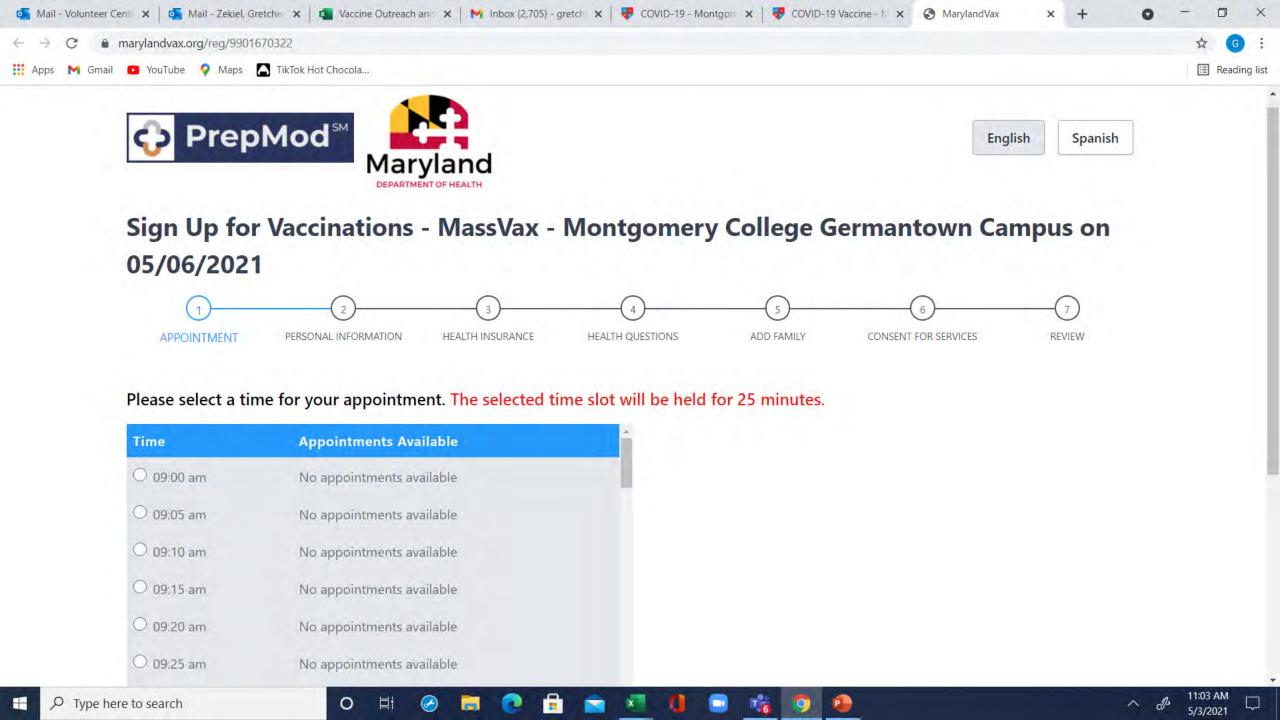
Why We NEED Community Ambassadors!

- •Attend appointment scheduling and clinic promotion events in priority Zip Code areas where COVID rates are high, vaccination rates are low, vaccine barriers are extensive. BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS – PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO SPEAK ENGLISH and SPANISH as well as FRENCH, VIETNAMESE, AMHARIC needed!
- Assist vulnerable residents in making appointments at Montgomery County DHHS Health Clinics (Note: Event sites may host future DHHS vaccine clinics or be close to regular clinics!)
- •Promote and share information about County Clinics (including walk-in options) and other sites; overcome barriers such as access to technology, English proficiency, and misinformation/conflicting messaging.
- •Address ongoing issue of equity!

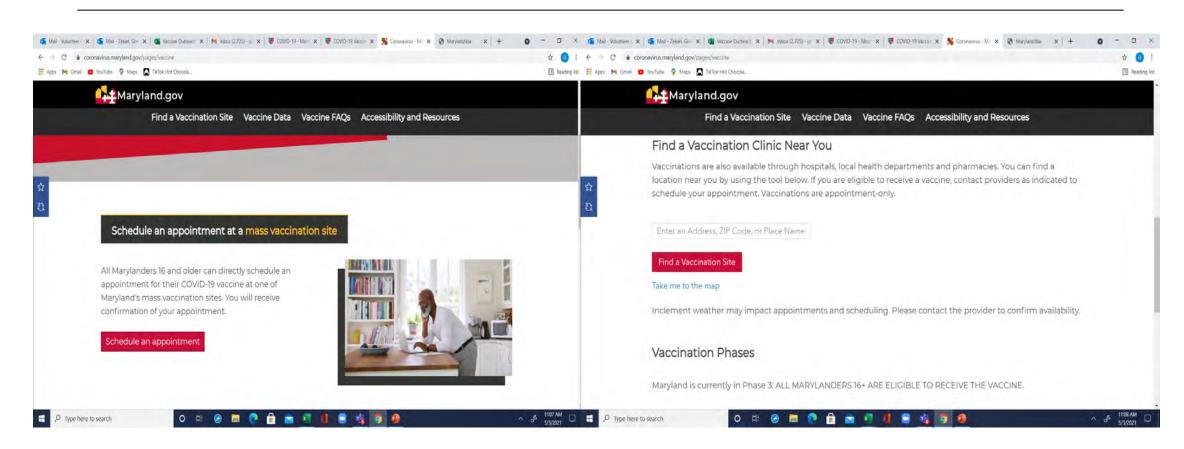


The MoCo COVID-19 Vaccine Portal: montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/

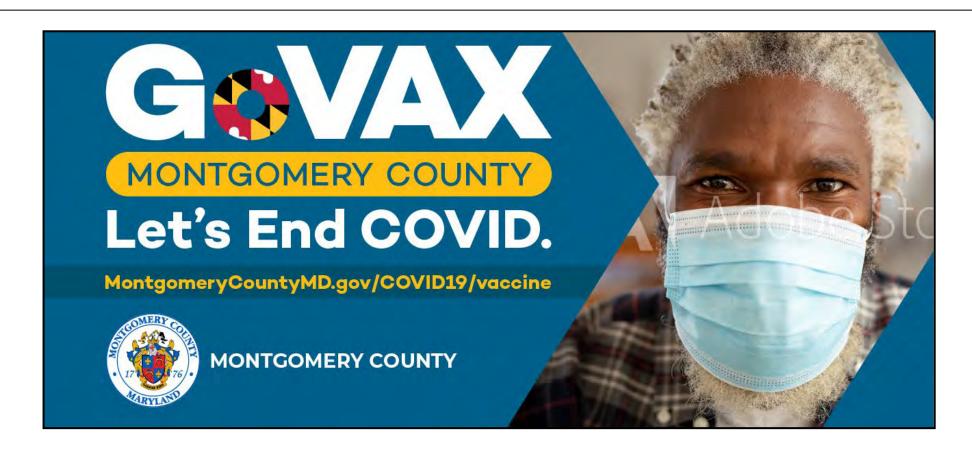




Maryland State COVID-19 Portal coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine



Details for Community Ambassadors



How to Sign Up For Community Ambassador Outreach Events

- 1. Follow steps sent in email also available under "Resources for Community Ambassadors" explaining how to update "Qualifications" (Information Session Date, County Risk Management and Confidentiality Forms, Languages spoken other than English, Confidentiality video watch date); receive autogenerated "qualifications" approval emails
- 2. After "Qualifications" approved, go to <u>www.montgomeryserves.org</u> and search organizations for "COVID Community Outreach Montgomery County" (or go to "Resources for Community Ambassadors" for link); click on blue "Become a Fan" button for automatic notification
- 3. Click on event opportunity, hit "Respond", see red box that thanks you for volunteering, receive autogenerated email "Thanking you for your interest" that confirms registration
- 4. Receive personalized email with details two days before event
- 5. Return to "COVID Community Outreach Montgomery County" and sign up for your next event events added frequently!

How Do I Know ... Recap

My Qualifications have been approved:

Receive autogenerated emails (3):

- •From: Montgomery County Volunteer Center
- Subject: Your Qualification Response
- Message: Your response resulted in a Qualified status

I have successfully registered for an event:

- After respond, see red box "Thank you for volunteering"
- •Immediately receive autogenerated email:
 - From: Montgomery County Volunteer Center
 - Subject: Thank you for your interest in volunteering
 - Message: Sites opportunity at bottom
 - Confusing but cannot change message

Event Email with Details & Instructions



Where: Event Address

When: Date and Time for Event

Volunteer arrival time: When you should arrive

<u>Point of Contact</u>: Person to call day of event! <u>Please sign-in</u> with this person upon arrival to receive role assignments, a walk-through, equipment, and a T-shirt (if not already provided). <u>Please sign out and note your volunteer hours.</u>

<u>Volunteer Parking</u>: When applicable, where volunteers should park at an outreach event.

<u>What you will need</u>: weather appropriate clothing, community ambassador T-shirt, & a smile. We will have face masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant



QUESTIONS???





Resources to Remember:

Community Ambassador Resources: www.montgomeryserves.org, click on

"Vaccination" page, scroll to bottom

To sign-up for an Event:

www.montgomeryserves.org, "COVID Community

Outreach" organization page

Websites:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/ https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine