

MEMBER ACTION ALERT

March 17, 2021

HCLHC members are asked to engage in coordinated communication and public health efforts with the following actions:

1. **FACILITATE ACCESS** to COVID-19 Vaccine:

The Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force (VETF), established through the State of Maryland seeks to make COVID-19 vaccine accessible to all Maryland residents. The VETF is currently seeking interest from community organizations within local jurisdictions that are uniquely poised and able to help serve communities and address gaps in vaccine accessibility. Visit the VETF website at <https://governor.maryland.gov/VETF/> to learn more about the task force. Read the full plan at <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Vaccine-Equity-Task-Force-Operations-Plan.pdf>.

ACTIONS REQUESTED –

- Interested Community Organizations are asked to submit the attached Request for Community-Sponsored COVID-19 Vaccine Events Interest Form (Appendix 1 Community Request) and VETF Privacy Act Statement and submit to ng.md.mdarng.list.vetdistro@mail.mil. Please copy Kelly Kesler, the VETF representative locally, on your submission at kkesler@howardcountymd.gov.

2. **COMMUNICATE** key COVID-19 messages:

On March 8, 2021 the [CDC issued Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#). HCLHC members are asked to share and promote key messages and responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's found at <http://bit.ly/hchdvaxfaqs>):

KEY MESSAGES -

- If you would like to receive COVID-19 information and updates from the Health Department click [HERE](#) to sign up.
- According to the CDC, fully vaccinated people should continue to:
 - Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
 - Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
 - Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
 - Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings

- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

ACTIONS REQUESTED – SHARE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hocohealth/posts/10159408807278960>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CMfc83vppSS/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HoCoHealth/status/1371906439879528459>

3. **COLLABORATE** through upcoming LHIC Partner Events:

Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition members have joined together to collaborate on the following programs:

ACTIONS REQUESTED – SHARE HCLHIC PARTNER COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS:



Maryland Highway Safety Office: Be the Driver Who Saves Lives Series

Maryland's Highway Safety Office is proud to partner with the Howard County Health Department and the Local Health Improvement Coalition to bring you a series of webinars that focus on safe driving behaviors as we work toward our goal of reaching zero deaths. Join each of these sessions for revealing discussions about how drivers and pedestrians can make decisions that save lives on Howard County's roadways.

Speeding and Aggressive Driving

Wednesday, April 21, 2021; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

This presentation will cover some of the science behind speed as well as provide some data and facts about speed, its causes, and how society views it.

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/3t6vaI9>

For questions or more information, email LHIC@howardcountymd.gov



Front Line Tools to Protect Your Health and Fight Off Chronic Disease

Join Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition members, Giant Food, Howard County Library System, and the Howard County Health Department, Bureau of Health Promotion, in this nutrition webinar series that will help you identify lifestyle strategies to help you meet your personal health goals.

Aging Gracefully

Wednesday, April 28, 2021; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

This class will help you identify gradual and straightforward lifestyle strategies that will help you meet your personal health goals and keep your brain healthy for aging gracefully.

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/3pbrBz5>

For questions or more information, email askhcls@hclibrary.org



CAREAPP

CAREAPP – Connecting People and Programs in Howard County

CAREAPP is a Howard County Health Department sponsored website that connects people to community programs and services. Search over 1,700 programs serving Howard County. Learn more at FindHCResources.org

For questions or more information, email askhealth@howardcountymd.gov

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