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### **Maryland Hospitals Urge Marylanders to Get COVID-19 Vaccine**

**Elkridge, Md.** – The leaders of all Maryland hospitals and health systems released a letter today to Marylanders, encouraging everyone to help save lives by getting the COVID-19 vaccine:

Dear Marylanders,

The dedicated caregivers at Maryland’s 60 hospitals and health systems have fought more than 500 straight days to protect all of us from the coronavirus. Having treated and released more than 45,500 COVID patients since the outset of this crisis, while also delivering world class care to everyone else, they are tired.

As leaders of the state’s hospitals and health systems, we urge all Marylanders to step up, to protect your children, yourselves, and your friends and neighbors.

Roll up your sleeves and get vaccinated against COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination is our best hope to stay well and to enjoy a return to normal living. The evidence is clear: the vaccines now in use in the U.S. do shield people’s health.

More than seven in 10 Marylanders aged 12 and up already are fully vaccinated. That’s among the best in the U.S. Yet, more people are being hospitalized daily—almost all unvaccinated. Just 5.3% of all confirmed COVID-19 cases in Maryland since January 2021 and 4.6% of COVID-related deaths have been among fully vaccinated individuals.

And we’re sadly seeing a rise in COVID cases among those not yet eligible for vaccination—children under 12.

In June, Maryland hospitals and health systems collectively issued a first-in-the-nation consensus statement calling for health care workers to be vaccinated. More and more hospitals insist that employees protect themselves, their co-workers, and importantly, their patients. This decision was rooted in science and in our mission to protect the health of our communities.

When everyone who’s eligible is vaccinated, we will prevent needless illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. We will end the pandemic. [Go get vaccinated today.](#)



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