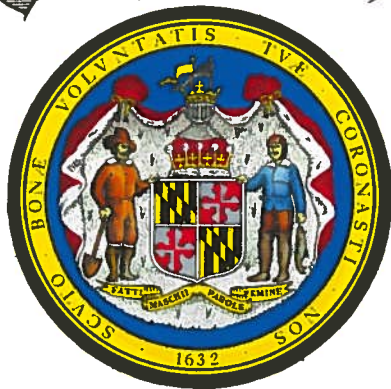


# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH AUGUST 2021**

- WHEREAS,** *The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ranks vaccination among the most significant public health achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and*
- WHEREAS,** *According to the CDC, efforts to reduce transmission of COVID-19, such as stay-at-home orders, have led many to miss their doctor's visits where they would receive their scheduled immunizations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is essential that routine vaccinations be maintained or reinitiated during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland strives to protect all its residents, both young and old, from preventable diseases. It is necessary to increased public knowledge, acceptance, and use of vaccines as an effective means of infectious disease prevention; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Additional work is being done to increase influenza and pneumonia vaccination rates in order to ease unnecessary burdens on healthcare systems and comorbidities during the upcoming fall and winter flu and pneumonia season; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland supports a strong and vital immunization program that promotes a strong vaccinator neighborhood and includes pharmacists, nurses and physicians.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2021 as IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and commend this observance to all our citizens.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of August  
Two Thousand and twenty-one



*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Byrd K. Lutherford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Woburn*  
Secretary of State