

# Maryland to Open COVID-19 Vaccination Center in Waldorf with FEMA Support

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**PHILADELPHIA** – Marylanders in and around Charles County will soon have a community vaccination center in Waldorf where they can receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

With support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Maryland will open a COVID-19 vaccination site at the Regency Furniture Stadium, a minor-league baseball stadium. Located at 11765 St. Linus Dr., Waldorf, Md., 20602, the center is expected to open for operation in early March. As more vaccine doses become available over time, state officials expect to increase the center's capacity from a few hundred shots per day to a few thousand daily doses by the end of the month.

Charles County lies south of Prince George's County and is home to more than 163,000 people. Nearly 60 percent identify as African American, Latino, Asian or Native American, according to census data. As of Feb. 16, less than eight percent of county residents had received the first dose of the vaccine, and 2.3 percent had received the second of the two-shot dose.

"Ensuring that all Marylanders have access to COVID-19 vaccines is our priority," said Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Director Russ Strickland. "We are committed to helping vulnerable and historically underserved populations, and this site will make sure our residents in Charles County and the surrounding area have access to vaccinations."

"Maryland has worked hard to make sure that all of its residents, regardless of race, age and economic status, will be able to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they choose," said FEMA Region 3 Acting Regional Administrator Janice Barlow. "The selection of this site ties in with FEMA's core values of compassion, fairness, integrity and respect. We are proud to support our state partners as they work to serve vulnerable residents throughout the state."



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Marylanders interested in receiving a vaccination at any state-run site should click [covidlink.maryland.gov](https://covidlink.maryland.gov) for more information.

“We appreciate the help of our federal partners to provide vaccinations to Marylanders who need them,” Strickland said. “We’re committed to keeping our residents safe and healthy, and we’re thankful to have the help of FEMA and the federal government.”

Early in the unprecedented global emergency, FEMA engaged with its government and private sector partners to help facilitate this vaccine mission.

“The safety of the American people is our priority in any disaster, including this one,” Barlow said. “We’ll be here in Maryland, and across the nation, until our mission is complete.”

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