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The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Honorable Governor Hogan,

As you know, I talk daily with the Baltimore City Health Commissioner to receive updates on the city's response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are continuing to plan and implement our citywide vaccination efforts, and remain committed to a coherent, collaborative, and equitable approach to the vaccination process. We know that this pandemic has disproportionately affected different communities throughout our City, making existing inequities worse. We also know that equitably distributing the vaccine is a key step in bringing the pandemic to an end.

I understand that later this week, the State will launch its first mass vaccination site in Baltimore, a month after the City activated its mass vaccination site. Based on challenges we have observed and heard about from residents, and to ensure an equitable vaccination process, I am writing to respectfully request that the Maryland Department of Health reserve slots on a daily basis for:

- The more than 15,000 older adults, age 65+, who have called our MAP call center for assistance scheduling an appointment through the State's online-only PrepMod portal;
- Teachers at schools in Baltimore City;
- Judges and staff from our courts; and
- Eligible Baltimore residents in Phase 1A, 1B and 1C who faced challenges obtaining first dose appointments.

I am also writing to request visibility on the percentage of City residents that have accessed the regional mass vaccination state sites in Baltimore City, to ensure equitable administration of vaccination and plan more effective outreach and education efforts for Baltimore City residents.

As always, we appreciate the partnership that we have developed with the State to ensure an equitable and efficient distribution of vaccine to Baltimore City residents. I appreciate your consideration of these requests and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor, City of Baltimore