

Date: September 13, 2021

From: Tequila Terry, Director, Payment Reform and Stakeholder Alignment

To: COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program Hospital Participants

Re: Booster Shot Reporting and Credit towards Projected Doses

Administered

This memo is intended to provide guidance on the administration of booster vaccinations under the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program.

Hospitals may use program funding to support efforts to administer booster vaccinations to vulnerable populations. HSCRC staff have updated the monthly reporting template and added a column on Tab 2 for booster dose counts. Hospitals should report booster doses administered at community events *separately* from first and second vaccination doses. Staff will monitor booster shot counts as part of the monthly reporting review.

Booster doses **will** be credited towards the original vaccination dose projections provided by hospitals in initial applications for funding. Consistent with the original intent of the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program, in addition to administering booster doses, hospitals should continue efforts to administer first and second doses to vulnerable and hard-to-reach unvaccinated individuals.

HSCRC staff recognize the changing landscape that hospitals are facing as they work to implement their vaccination strategies and that projections made in Spring 2021 were based on assumptions that are continuously evolving.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program. Please reach out to staff at <a href="mailto:hscrc.grants@maryland.gov">hscrc.grants@maryland.gov</a> with any questions or comments.

Adam Kane, Esq Chairman

Joseph Antos, PhD Vice-Chairman

Victoria W. Bayless

Stacia Cohen, RN, MBA

James N. Elliott, MD

Maulik Joshi, DrPH

Sam Malhotra

Katie Wunderlich

Executive Director

Allan Pack

Director

Population-Based Methodologies

**Tequila Terry** 

Director

Payment Reform & Stakeholder Alignment

Gerard J. Schmith

Director

Revenue & Regulation Compliance

William Henderson

Director

Medical Economics & Data Analytics