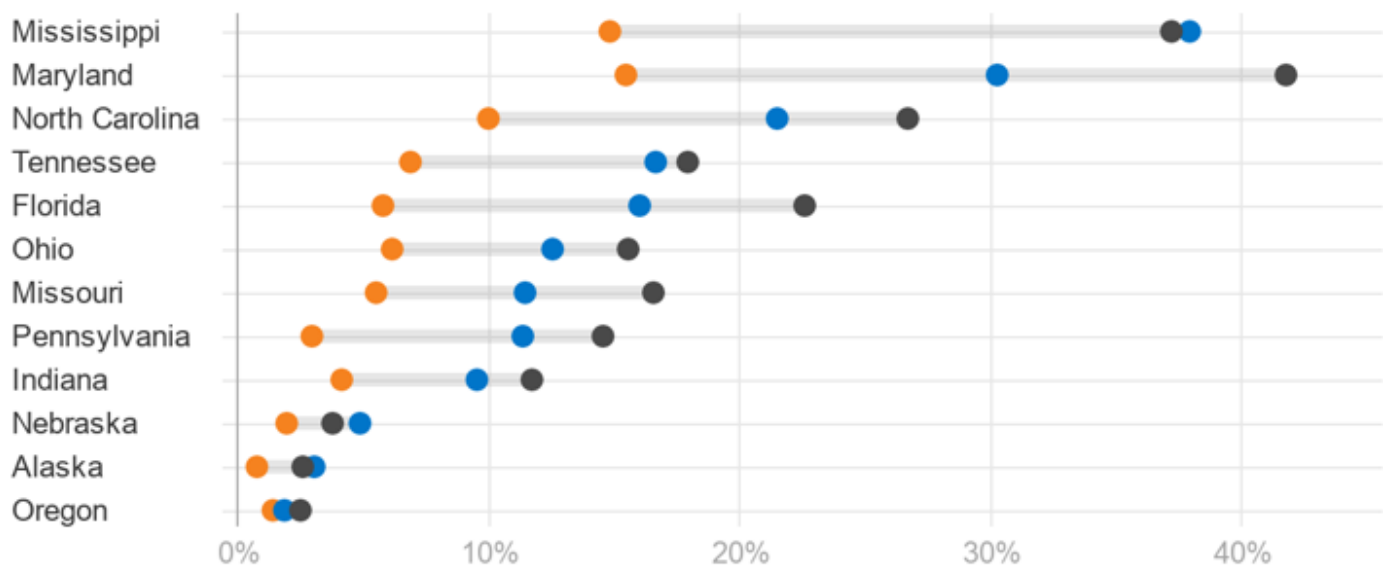


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NEWS: MARYLAND VACCINATION PROCESS AND ITS EFFECTS ON EDUCATION AT THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOOLS

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In mid-December of 2020, following months of clinical trials and preparations, two vaccines for COVID-19 received Emergency Use Authorization from the Food and Drug Administration, which meant they

could be administered. Despite increased precautionary measures such as mandated mask wearing and enforced social distancing throughout Maryland, numbers rose dramatically throughout the summer and fall, making the arrival of a vaccine even more imperative for our state.

Governor Larry Hogan announced a vaccine distribution plan for Maryland citizens that has several elaborate components. It was designed to vaccinate the most vulnerable and exposed first, and then expand to the larger public. Phase 1A of the COVID-19 vaccination program focused on vaccinating healthcare workers, first responders, and nursing homes' residents and staff.

Maryland moved into Phase 1B on January 18. This stage expanded the distribution of the vaccine so that Marylanders over the age of 75, teachers and school staff, residents in living facilities or group homes and childcare providers would be eligible to receive the injection. A week later on January 25th, Phase 1C began, which includes residents over the age of 65, more healthcare workers, and essential workers in food/agriculture production and public safety/transit. As of this writing, Maryland is still in Phase 1C. The state has not yet obtained the number of doses needed to vaccinate all the 1.5 million people that Phase 1 includes. As of February 8th, Maryland had administered 699,733 doses of the vaccine (MarylandGov.com) and ranks 30th on the list of states with the speediest vaccination rates.

Governor Hogan has received criticism regarding Maryland's relatively slow inoculation success. Many healthcare providers have commented on the lack of attention to data when choosing which socioeconomic groups to offer vaccinations to first. They remark on how wealth and connections have enabled some to jump the line and get vaccinated before their turn.

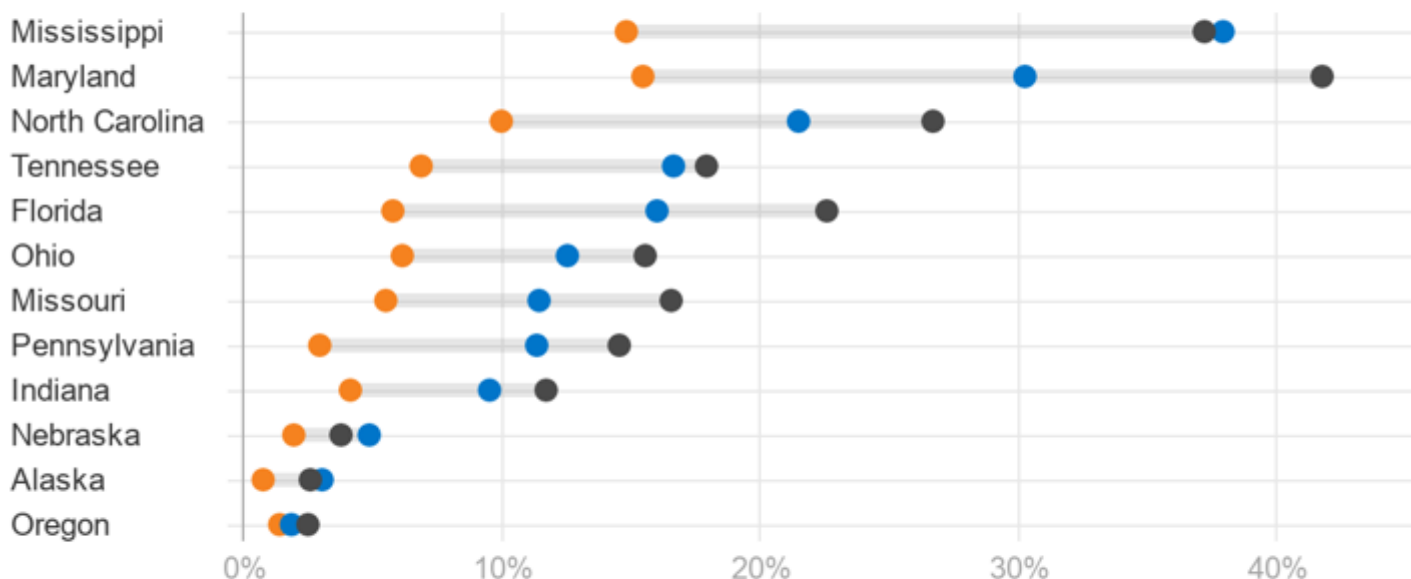
After many workers refused a shot, likely due to anxieties about possible side-effects, Hogan moved quicker through the phases and offered the vaccine to more people than there were vaccines available. With this change, he opened up next tiers while the previous tiers still had many unvaccinated members, thus creating problems for county officials and jurisdictions when deciding what groups get priority. Many had to choose between offering the vaccine to hospital workers or the elderly – a difficult choice that no one wants to have. Although some blame has been placed on Hogan, many hospitals have concluded that the problems have resulted from a lack of federal coordination in creating a smooth transition to vaccinations.

The decentralized administration of the vaccine has led to disorganization in prioritization, specifically with socioeconomic groups.

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This study highlights twelve states, including Maryland, and compares their vaccinations to the percentage of Black residents in the state. It shows a clear correlation between race and vaccine distribution. A prime example of a Maryland county that suffers from ineffective vaccine distribution is Prince George's, which borders eastern Washington, D.C. Although Prince George's has been the county most severely affected by the virus, with almost 70,000 cases in total and about 4,000 in the past week, they are the least vaccinated county, with fewer than 8,000 people having their required second dose. 63% percent of Prince George's population is black, but only about 4% of the black population has been vaccinated. In contrast, more than 10% of Baltimore County's population, which is 60% white, is vaccinated. This pattern between race and vaccine distribution has become another major point of criticism when examining the efficiency and fairness of the inoculation process.

Through phase 1B of Hogan's plan, Mr. Louzan and Mrs. Knipp, SPSG faculty members received their first shot of the vaccine on January 22. Below, they answer questions pertaining to their experiences receiving this injection.

1. How did you find out that you could sign up for the vaccine?

Mr. Louzan: I received an email along with the other faculty and staff members and thankfully was able to find an available appointment pretty quickly.

Mrs. Knipp: I was fortunate to receive my vaccine at Mercy Hospital this Wednesday. I received a text from Ms. Duckett late Friday afternoon that 30 doses were available to older members of the St. Paul's community on a first come first served basis and I immediately replied yes.

2. Did you have any hesitation to sign up for the vaccine?

Mr. Louzan: Yes, a bit since it is a pretty serious thing with very serious consequences. You just let your brain override those small misgivings.

Mrs. Knipp: I was not apprehensive about the vaccine at all.

3. When arriving at the vaccine distribution place, was it organized?

Mr. Louzan: Seems like it was as well-organized as it possibly could be, it was well-marked with plenty of people fulfilling all the necessary roles.

Mrs. Knipp: The vaccination operation was easy to locate and extremely well organized. There were pleasant people everywhere in the event that one had a question

4. How many other people were at the place would you estimate? Did you see any teachers?

Mr. Louzan: I'd guess perhaps 200 getting the vaccine, I could be wrong. I saw and said hello to Mr. Keenan, Mr. Jensen and Ms. Hassan.

Mrs. Knipp: The wait time was short and I ran into two SP colleagues. The conversations around me during this time suggested that many independent school teachers from the Baltimore area were there.

5. Do you feel any less concerned about being in a public/busy environment now or after your second shot? (This could apply to school or not).

Mr. Louzan: I'm sure I'll feel more protected especially after the second dose. Of course even then, I'll still take every reasonable precaution I can. It's foolish to gamble with your own health, let alone the health of others.

Based on these accounts, the vaccination procedure seems to be easy and efficient, at least for our faculty. Although these are two cases of many, the positive feedback reinforces the state's mission to make

the experience as pleasant as possible. Thousands of Marylanders are currently undergoing the vaccination process and an increasing number will be granted access in the months to come. About three weeks after receiving this first vaccine injection, The St. Paul's Schools faculty received their second shot, thus completing the vaccination process. After this significant step of teacher vaccination, The St. Paul's Schools is making headway towards fully returning to campus and the pre-COVID-19 educational experience. The St. Paul's Schools will be gradually increasing the number of in-person school days in an effort to return to five days of in-person education by the end of the school year, which should help the school's educational experience to feel more "normal." However, a state-wide sense of normalcy will likely begin a few months into Phase 3, in which the majority of the general population becomes vaccinated. Many health experts say restrictions should loosen in the summer of 2021, and this optimistic projection gives The St. Paul's Schools strong hope for an even more normal Fall.

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