



Strength in Unity

Learning Collaborative

Week Two

2/24/2022

Agenda

- Evaluation Team Update
- Project Updates
- Community Updates
- COVID-19 Updates
 - State of Omicron
 - How effective are Rapid tests?
- Health Communication and Health Promotion Updates (Amy)
 - Where and how to order rapid tests
 - Mask Mandate – Lift
 - Infographics - What to do if I am in contact with someone who is positive
 - FAQ
- Roles and Responsibilities
- What is a Community Health Worker?
- Role of a Community Health Worker
- Evaluation



Evaluation Updates

- 33% of the participants responded to the end of the meeting evaluation. We need everyone's collaboration to reach 100% in following assessments.
- Per our funder, we need to collect specific metrics for each LC. They have established very clear indicators they want us to report. This is in response to the evaluation plan we built based on the face-to-face meeting we held.
- Being such a small group, it is required that each participant fill out the evaluation form at the end of each collaborative.
- This is a participatory process; every answer you give helps improve each collaborative.



Rebirth

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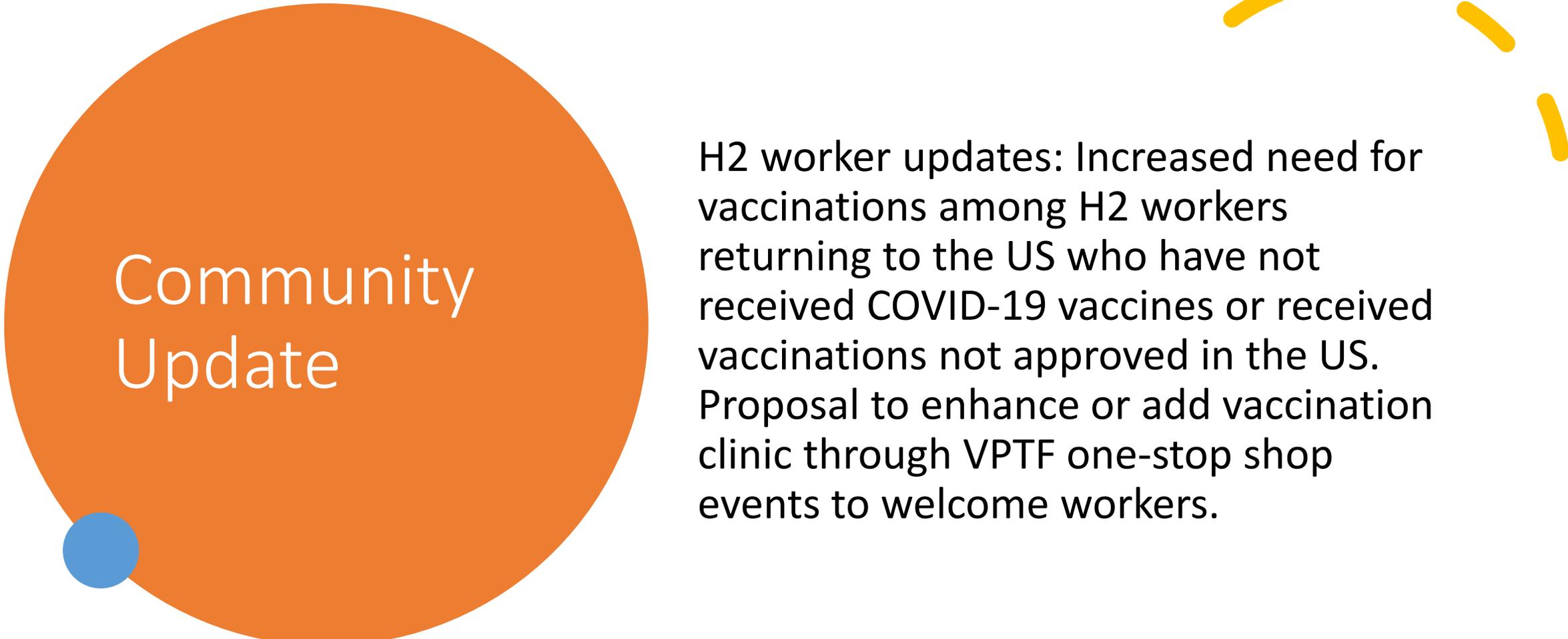
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- Change in Workplan

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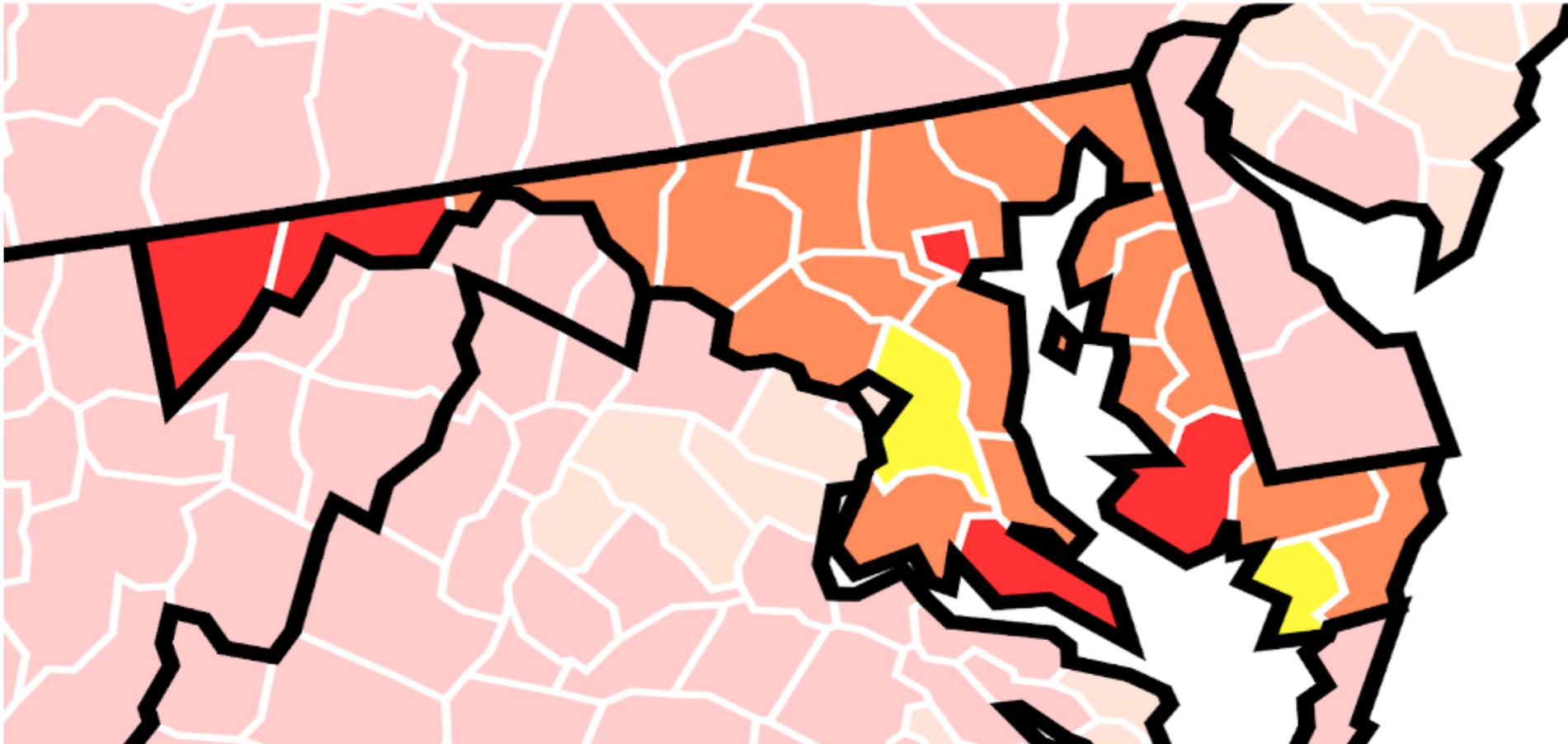


Community Update

H2 worker updates: Increased need for vaccinations among H2 workers returning to the US who have not received COVID-19 vaccines or received vaccinations not approved in the US. Proposal to enhance or add vaccination clinic through VPTF one-stop shop events to welcome workers.

Maryland Statewide

Level of Community Transmission in Maryland

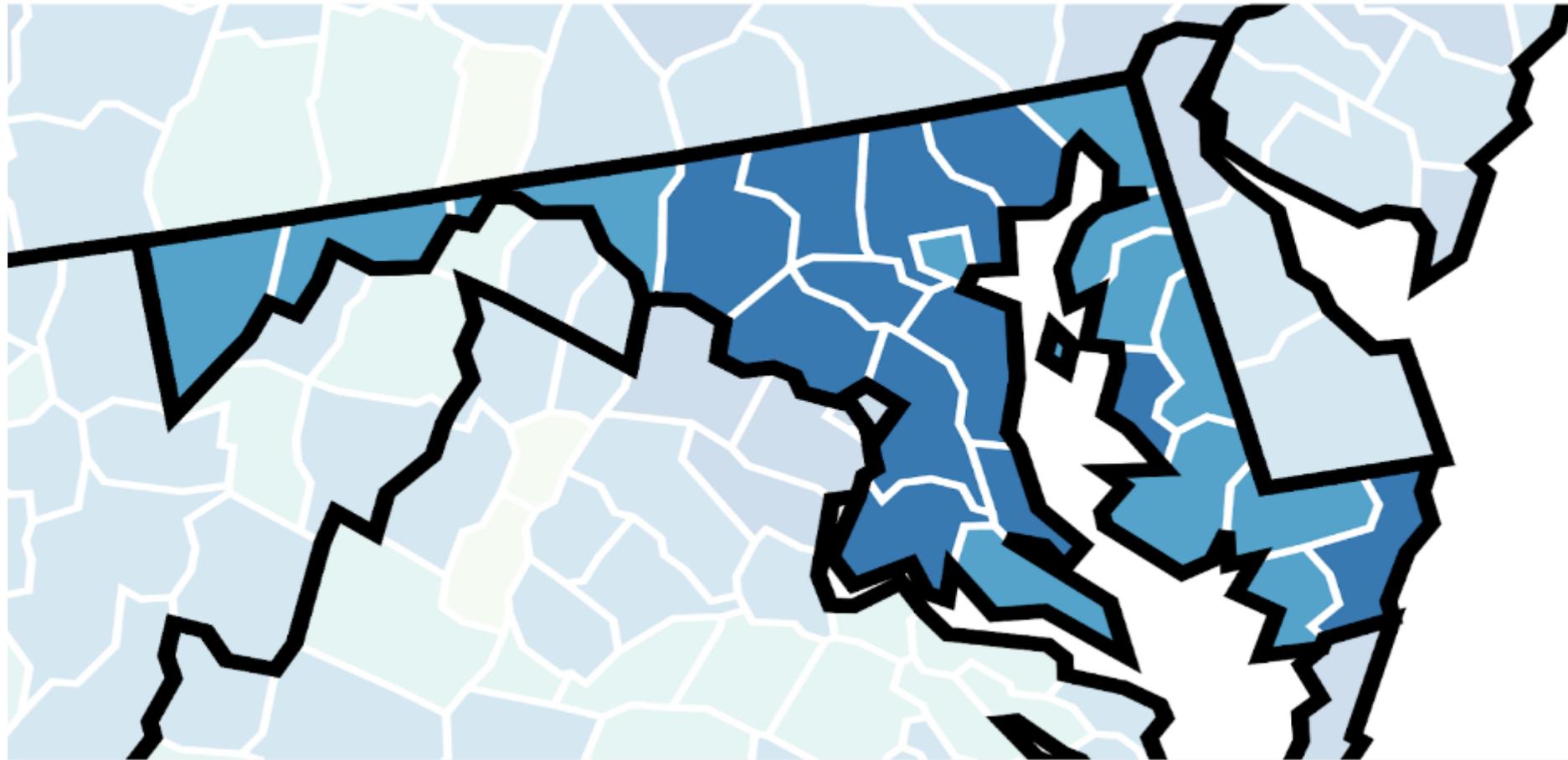


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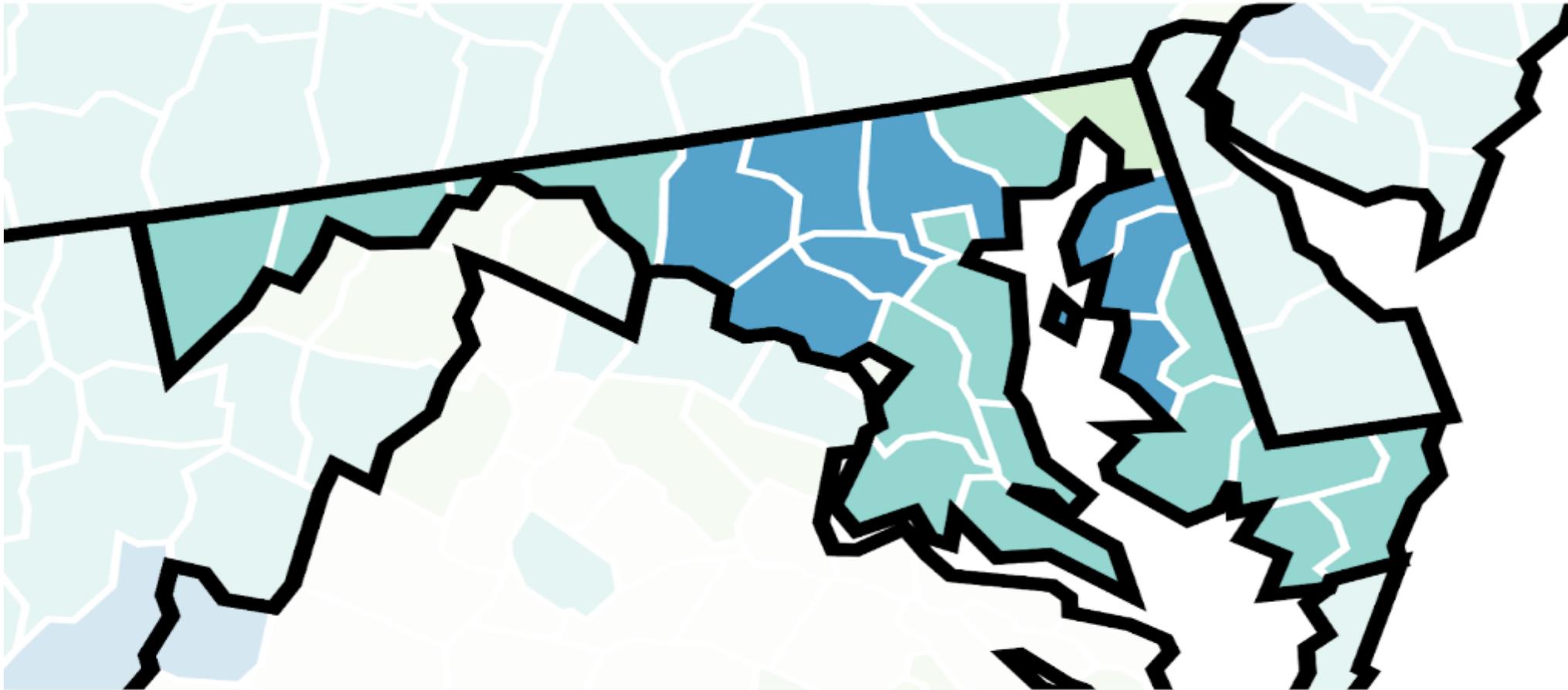
Maryland Statewide

% of population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated in Maryland



Maryland Statewide

% of fully vaccinated population with a booster dose in Maryland



0-29.9% 30-39.9% 40-49.9% 50-69.9% 70%+ No Data

Statewide & County-by-County Comparison

| Jurisdiction | Fully vaxxed, 5 & up | % Fully Vaxxed + Boosted | Case rate per 100K | Deaths reported in last 24 hr. | Hospitalizations (7 day average) |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Maryland | 78.5% (+.4%) | 48.3% | 11 | 38 | 65.86 |
| Wicomico | 58% (+.2%) | 47% | 12 | 0 | 25 |
| Dorchester | 61.2% (+.8%) | 48.8% | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Somerset | 52.1% (+.1%) | 47.9% | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Worcester | 73.3% (+.1%) | 49.2% | 9 | 0 | 2 |

Clinical Update



State of Omicron

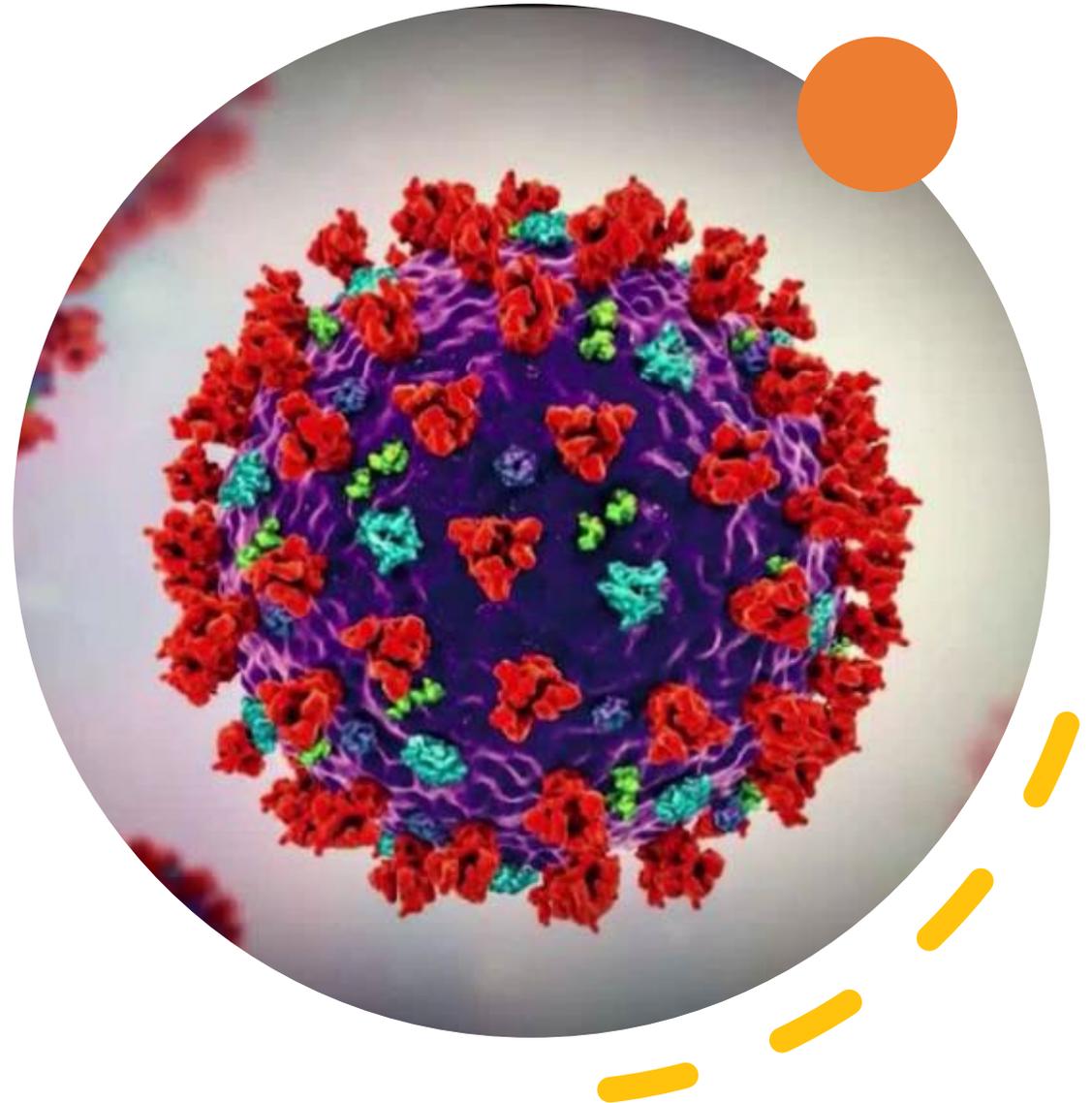
What do we know about the new Omicron sub-variant?

- At the end of 2021, Omicron slightly mutated into a sub-variant called BA.2.
- BA.2 appears slightly more transmissible than the initial strain of Omicron (BA.1), which was already significantly more transmissible than earlier variants like Delta.



What does the data say about Omicron symptoms?

- Early data suggest that loss of taste and smell – the markers of COVID-19 infection for many – [is less common](#) with the Omicron variant.
- Symptoms similar to the flu and to earlier variants:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle aches
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting



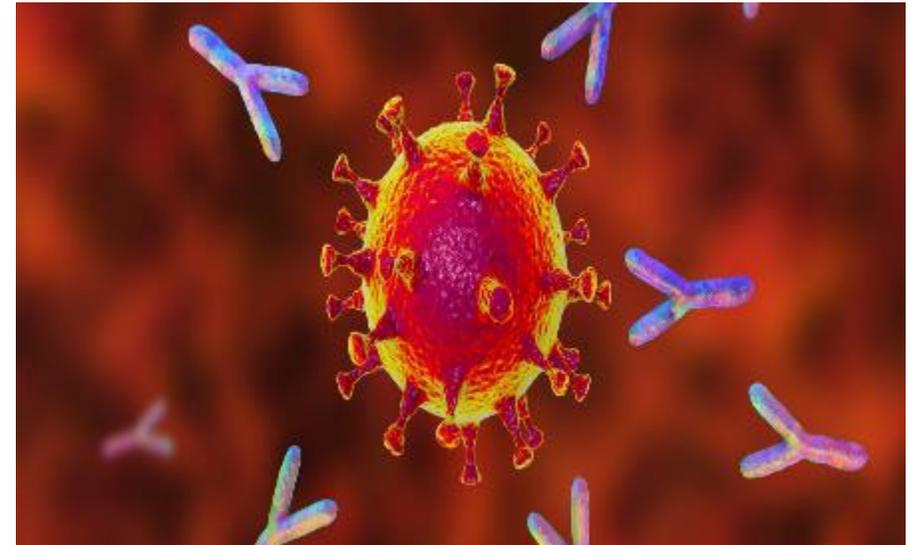
Omicron is less severe than previous waves. Why are the hospitals so full?

- 1) Omicron is incredibly contagious, more people overall are getting infected.
- 2) For the unvaccinated Omicron can still cause severe infection, hospitalizations and death.
 - Those that did not receive a booster of third dose (Moderna/Pfizer); 2nd dose (J&J) are vulnerable
- 3) hospitals are overwhelmed because of staffing issues.



Is there a difference in immunity between someone who gained immunity after COVID-19 infection, versus someone who gained immunity from COVID-19 vaccines.

- Immunity after vaccination well studied and is very high. Immunity after infection varies greatly.
- Patients recovered from COVID-19 should not rely on immunity after infection.
- [CDC study](#): Those infected with COVID-19 but not immunized, twice as likely to contract COVID-19 again. Vaccination ensures robust immunity after infection.
- Unvaccinated remain vulnerable to COVID-19.



Cardiovascular Disease Linked to COVID-19

- COVID-19 can increase a person's risk of cardiovascular problems for at least a year after diagnosis, even in mild cases ([Nature 2022](#)).
- Many conditions substantially higher in people who had recovered from COVID-19
 - heart failure and stroke
- Higher risk for individual under 65 years of age and lacked risk factors, such as [obesity](#) or diabetes.



How Effective Are Rapid Tests?

- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are usually performed in a lab and involve making many copies of the virus' genetic material. That process helps PCR tests to detect even minute traces of the virus.
- Rapid antigen tests, which do not amplify the virus, are less sensitive than PCR tests. Which would mean that if you take one during the earliest phase of an infection, before the virus has replicated widely, the test could return a false negative.





When To Take an At-Home COVID-19 Test

| Test Yourself If... | Timing |
|---|---|
| You have any COVID-19 symptoms | Immediately |
| You were exposed to someone with COVID-19 | At least 5 days after your exposure If you test negative for COVID-19, consider testing again 1 to 2 days after your first test |
| You are going to an indoor event or a gathering | Immediately before the gathering, or as close to the time of the event as possible This is especially important before gathering with individuals at risk of severe disease , older adults , those who are immunocompromised , or people who are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines , including children who cannot get vaccinated yet. |

» [Learn what to do if you test positive or test negative](#)

Health Communication Updates



What is a Self-Test or At-Home Test?

- **Self-tests** for COVID-19 give rapid results and **can be taken anywhere**, regardless of your vaccination status or whether or not you have symptoms.
- They detect **current** infection and are sometimes also called “home tests,” “at-home tests,” or “over-the-counter (OTC) tests.”
- They give your **result in a few minutes** and are different from laboratory-based tests that may take days to return your result.



Where to Order COVID-19 Test Kits

Order free COVID-19 test kits by visiting covidtests.gov

For assistance in more than 150 languages, call 1-800-232-0233.



Mask Mandate Maryland

- **Updated Masking Guidance for State Buildings.** Effective Feb. 22, masks and face coverings will no longer be required for employees and visitors in all state buildings and leased space in all public or shared spaces. Masks will continue to be strongly recommended for employees and visitors who are unvaccinated.
- *Updated guidance will be issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and implemented by the Department of General Services.*



The CDC guidelines on what a patient should do when she has had close contact with someone who tested positive are confusing. What do you recommend?

- MCN flow-chart resources, in English and Spanish, to help you communicate the process.
 - What to do if exposed to COVID-19
 - What to do if positive
 - Spanish: [He dado positivo a COVID-19. ¿Y ahora qué?](#)
 - English: [Testing Positive for COVID-19. Now what?](#)
 - Haitian Creole: To be posted today.



An illustration of seven diverse community health workers standing in a row. They are wearing white face masks and holding various items like papers, a tablet, and a clipboard. The background is a solid light blue color. The text 'Community Health Workers Roles and Responsibilities' is centered over the group in a white box with a thin black border.

Community Health Workers Roles and Responsibilities

What is a Community Health Worker (CHW)?

Community health worker (CHW) is not a new concept. It has its roots in several elements and the concept varies from country to country.

CHW programs first used in US in 1988 by organizations working in AIDS/HIV prevention.

Today CHW programs are created by many organizations to promote health education.

What is a Community Health Worker (CHW)?

Community health workers (CHWs, also called *promotores de salud* or *Ajan Santé Kominotè*) and outreach workers are part of a health center's enabling services, with diverse day-to-day duties; some go to the community to provide basic health education and screening, others provide transportation to clinics, others interpret, and still others provide social support.

CHWs are an important part of the public health system. They are a proven mechanism to implement health promotion interventions and convey education.

CHW Role

| Assigned Roles | Faced Roles |
|-------------------------|--|
| Lay Health Advisors | Opinion Leaders |
| Change Agents | Knowledge Brokers |
| Health Educators | Gate Keepers |
| Outreach Workers | Cultural translators / Interpreters |
| Part of the Health Team | Care Navigators |
| Health Promoters | Cultural Brokers |

CHW Responsibilities

- Engage in the community through outreach efforts via phone calls, door to door health promotion, home visits and visits to other settings where members can be reached.
- Assist the community with accessing community-based resources.
- Build individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as community education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy.



CHW Responsibilities



Assist patient in securing transportation to medical and social service appointments.



Assist patient in obtaining necessary medications through patient assistance programs and other reduced cost programs.



Assist in accessing and understanding necessary health and wellness information





Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

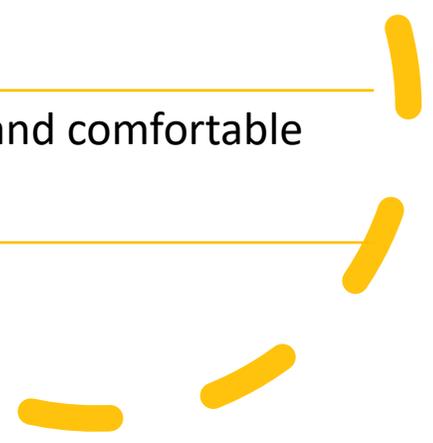
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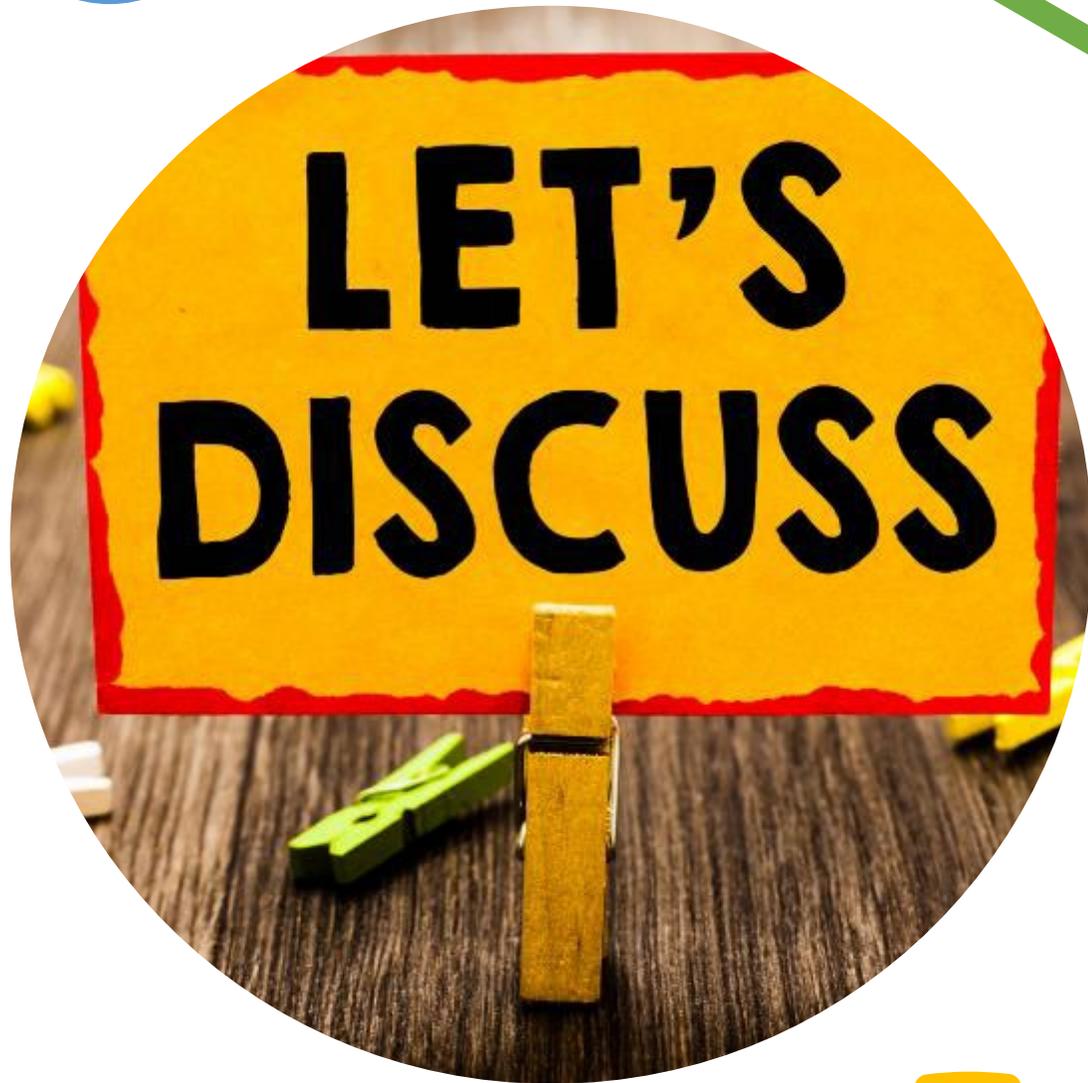
Professional demeanor and excellent judgment

Detail-oriented

Ability to follow oral and written instructions

Ability to create a trustworthy and comfortable environment for people





Discussion

What are some additional must-have skills you think a great CHW should possess?

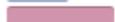
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