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Dear Veteran:

The VA Maryland Health Care System is currently offering the COVID-19 vaccine at each of our locations to the following groups under the SAVE LIVES Act:

- All Veterans, regardless of character of discharge (including bad conduct and dishonorable)
- Veterans who previously applied for VA health care, but were ineligible
- All National Guardsmen and Reservists from all branches of service
- Spouses and surviving spouses of Veterans
- Caregivers of Veterans - defined as a family member or friend who provides care to a Veteran. Caregivers may be those who help with personal needs and tasks like:
  - Feeding
  - Bathing
  - Dressing
  - Shopping
  - Transportation
- Recipients of **CHAMPVA** benefits

This expanded authority depends on the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine supply and requires us to continue to prioritize vaccinations and health care delivery for Veterans enrolled for VA care.

Those who fall under the SAVE LIVES Act should visit [www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/sign-up/introduction](http://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/sign-up/introduction) to register. This method is the fastest way to register in our system and schedule an appointment. Once the registration is processed, interested individuals will receive information on how to schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine.

Enrolled Veteran patients can call our COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Line Monday – Friday at (410) 605-7740 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to schedule an appointment to receive a vaccination.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan R. Eckman, P.E.  
Director, VA Maryland Health Care System

# Important Information About the SAVE LIVES Act and the COVID-19 Vaccination Inside

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