

PROVIDER ALERT

**New Webinar on Increasing Vaccine Outreach, COVID Resources
September 23, 2021**

Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Providers

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) regularly updates resources and information related to COVID-19. Here is the latest information.

In case you missed it, BHA's Clinical Services Division (Adults and Older Adults) is hosting a second webinar on this topic:

**Increasing Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for Service Recipients Within the
PBHS:
Lessons from Montgomery County**

Friday, October 15
1 – 2 p.m.

Montgomery County has the highest vaccination uptake rates in individuals 12 years of age and older served in the Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS) than any jurisdiction in Maryland. Learn how to use communication, education, and technological interventions to close vaccination gaps in your community. Learn more and [share this flyer](#).

Video call: <https://meet.google.com/kuj-ztck-iam>
Or dial: +1 470-285-0037 PIN: 224 851 045#

**BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series:
Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve
(2nd and 4th Thursdays | 5 – 6 p.m.)**

September 23: **Dealing with Compassion Fatigue and Burnout**
Sarah E. Frazell, LCSW-C. Moderator: Daniela Acero, LMSW.
[Register here](#).

October 14: **So Often and So Casually: Recognizing and Responding to LGBTQ Workplace Microaggressions**

Courtney Resnick, EdD. Moderator: Rowan Willis-Powell.

[Register here.](#)

These webinars are for Maryland's health care workers of all disciplines. They are designed to enhance both health care worker self-care and the care they provide, as health care workers combat numerous challenges including the pandemic, social justice issues, and other stressors that can potentially impact delivered care. CMEs will be available at no cost, as will Participant Certificates, which for other disciplines may qualify for CEUs or other continuing education credit, although these are not approved for CEUs by the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners. Participants should check with their certifying organizations to see how these would apply.

Visit the website to [learn more](#) and access archived webinars. Please [access this flyer](#) and share with your networks.

CovidCONNECT Support Groups

Thursday, September 23

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Organized by NAMI Maryland in partnership with Maryland 211 and BHA, this group offers virtual support for those who have had COVID-19. Trained peer facilitators host small groups sessions twice a month to provide support for Marylanders interested in connecting with others to talk about the challenges of recovering from this disease. Hosted the second and fourth Thursday of the month, (6:30 to 8 p.m.), the next support group will be held September 23.

Visit the CovidCONNECT website at covidconnect.health.maryland.gov to learn more and to [register](#). If you have questions or requests about virtual support groups and related resources, please email mdh.covidconnect@maryland.gov. Please [access and share this flyer](#) with your networks.

BHA continues to update behavioral health COVID-19 related resources on the [BHA website](#). Please submit COVID-19 related questions [here](#) or email bha.inquiries@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

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