

## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **Covid Resources and Webinars**

#### **August 6, 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:

New BHA Webinar

**Increasing Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for Service Recipients Within the PBHS:**

**Lessons from Montgomery County**

(Friday, August 20, 3 – 4 p.m.)

Montgomery County has the highest vaccination uptake rate among public behavioral health system (PBHS) service recipients of any jurisdiction in Maryland. Learn how to use communication, education and technological interventions to close the vaccine gap in your community. [Learn more.](#)

Google Meet joining info:

Video call: <https://meet.google.com/ype-iyppg-ptq>

Or dial: (US) +1 301-857-3249 PIN: 159 099 461#

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**CovidCONNECT Support Groups**

(August 12, 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 every other Thursday, (6:30 to 8 p.m.), the next support group will be held August 12.

Visit the CovidCONNECT website at [covidconnect.health.maryland.gov](https://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](mailto:mdh.covidconnect@maryland.gov). Please [access and share this flyer](#) with your networks.

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

August 12: **Moral Distress Experienced in Health Care**  
Suzanne J. Best, BSN, MS, RN. Moderator: Chaplain Dennis Dupont.  
[Register here.](#)

August 26: **Effective Self-Help Strategies and When Therapy is Still Needed**  
Alexander Chan, PhD, LMFT. Moderator: TBD.  
[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.

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*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](mailto:bha.inquiries@maryland.gov).*

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