

MIMA's Monthly COVID-19 Update

BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

As MIMA continues to support the City's COVID-19 response, we are providing monthly updates related to public services and resources for our communities.

HAPPY IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH AND PRIDE MONTH!

June is Immigrant Heritage Month! During the pandemic, our immigrant and refugee communities have played crucial roles in keeping Baltimore safe. Join us on Facebook and Instagram this Immigrant Heritage Month as we highlight some individuals and organizations who have gone the extra mile to keep our communities strong, resilient, and healthy.

With this month also being Pride Month, we also celebrate our LGBTQ+ immigrant communities, who have made countless contributions to our history, whether in Baltimore or beyond.

Know someone who deserves to be celebrated this month? Give them a shoutout on social media using the hashtag #BmoreWelcoming and tagging @mimabaltimore.



UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

MIMA is seeking members for our **Community Advisory Board** and **Language Access Oversight Committee**.

Community Advisory Board

MIMA is seeking to fill several vacancies on its Community Advisory Board (CAB). One of these vacancies is reserved for a member of the "receiving community," or someone who does not identify as a New American but wants to work to integrate immigrant and refugee communities and strengthen connections between receiving and New American communities in Baltimore. The CAB is a group of New American (immigrant & refugee) community members who oversee MIMA's work.

The [application for new CAB members](#) is currently open and will close on **July 8 at 5pm**.

Language Access Oversight Committee

MIMA oversees the City's language access program to ensure that agencies have the capacity to serve limited English proficient (LEP) constituents in multiple languages. To ensure that the needs of LEP constituents are addressed, MIMA is creating the Language Access Oversight Committee whose mission is to provide accountability and oversight to the implementation of Baltimore City's Language Access program. MIMA is seeking community members interested in serving in the committee. For more information, see the [Language Access Oversight Committee web page](#). The [application is currently open](#) until **July 14 at 5 pm**.

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

On May 21, 2022, President Biden signed the [Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act \(AUSAA\)](#), making **all Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees eligible for mainstream federal benefits and resettlement**

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services funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), as further described in [Policy Letter 22-13](#). This includes Ukrainians paroled between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2023 through the [Uniting for Ukraine \(U4U\)](#) program or previously on the Southern Border, who will have a new date of eligibility for services of May 21, 2022, the date that the bill became law. For more information, including next steps for Ukrainian nationals seeking refuge and how to help refugees, see this [fact sheet for Ukrainian refugees](#) from the Maryland Department of Human Services.

COVID-19 UPDATES

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Baltimore City's COVID-19 Community Level is **high** as of June 15, 2022. The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) continues to encourage people to **wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public**.

Booster doses for children aged 5-11 and other booster dose updates

Everyone **5 years of age and older** can now receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. CDC now recommends that **children ages 5 through 11 years should receive a booster shot** 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

In addition, CDC has strengthened its recommendation that those 12 and older who are immunocompromised and those 50 and older should receive a second booster dose at least 4 months after their first.

Whether it is your first booster, or your second, if you haven't had a vaccine dose since the beginning of December 2021 and you are eligible, now is the time to get one. Read the [CDC's statement on booster dose updates](#) for more information. BCHD also publishes a [weekly schedule of vaccination clinics](#) on its website.

Reporting positive at-home test results

If you take an at-home test and your results are positive, you should communicate your results to your healthcare provider and let your close contacts know they were exposed to COVID-19. You can report your positive test results either through the mobile app associated with your at-home test, or through the [Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal](#). Log in on the portal's home page to submit a report. If you do not have login information, you may register to create an account.

COVID-19 VACCINES

All Baltimore City residents age 5 and above are eligible for vaccination! To register for the vaccine, visit the [Baltimore City Health Department's vaccination registration web page](#), available in English and Spanish. Spanish speakers can call and/or leave a voicemail with the Esperanza Center (667-600-2314) to sign up for a vaccine appointment. If you leave a voicemail, you will get a call back within 24-48 hours.

Everyone **5 years and older** can get a booster 5 months after their second dose.

Everyone **50 years and older** and individuals 12 years and older with moderate to severe **immunocompromising conditions** are eligible for a **second booster!**

Testing sites are open across the City; call to find one near you!

How to find a COVID-19 testing site or sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine



If you speak Spanish:

Call the Esperanza Center
667.600.2314

M-F 9am - 5pm
*option to leave a voicemail & get a call back within 24-48 hours

OR

Visit
covax.baltimorecity.gov/es-ES

If you speak English or any other language:

Visit
covax.baltimorecity.gov

OR

Call 443.984.8650

M-F 8:30am - 6:30pm
Sat 9am - 1pm

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Upcoming Community Vaccination Clinics

Clinic	Date	Day	Time	Address	Vaccine
Megamart	5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18	Saturdays	10am-2pm	3400 Annapolis Rd	Pfizer
Breath of God	6/4, 6/11	Saturdays	11:30am-2pm	141 S Clinton St	Pfizer
CASA Maryland	Bi-weekly Thursdays: 6/2, 6/16, 6/30 Saturdays: 6/11	Thursdays: Saturdays:	4-7pm 2-4pm	2706 Pulaski Hwy.	All vaccines
Baybrook Elementary	6/2	Thursdays	3-5pm	4301 10th St	Pfizer
Lakeland Steam	6/17	Fridays	9am-12pm	2921 Stranden Road	Pfizer
Maree G Farring School	5/24, 6/14	Tuesdays	3-4pm	300 Pontiac Ave	Pfizer
John Ruhrah Elementary School	6/2	Thursdays	3:30-6pm	701 Rapolla St	Pfizer
Digital Harbor High School	5/25	Wednesdays	10am-1pm	1100 Covington St	All vaccines
Dickey Hill Elementary	5/25 [tentative]	Wednesdays	3-5pm	5025 Dickey Hill Road	All vaccines

TESTING

Check [MIMA's Facebook page](#) every Monday for the upcoming week's testing schedule.

* At some locations, individuals who have health insurance will be asked to provide their insurance information. There should be no copays charged. Individuals without insurance will continue to receive free testing.
Due to demand for test kits, we are adjusting the distribution of rapid test kits and will no longer have test kits available at testing sites.

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CITY SERVICES UPDATES

To view the current status of city services, visit [the city's service status page](#).

WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH?

New American Cities Program (NAC)

Are you a refugee or immigrant who has been in the US for up to 20 years, is authorized to work, and is ready for career advancement? You are eligible for NAC, a free program that includes employment services, direct training services, career navigation services, and pathway building services. To learn more, please contact Hadeel Aljuboori (phone: 443-470-9884, email: haljuboori@lirs.org) or Stephanie Starr (phone: 443-470-5127, email: sstarr@lirs.org) or use the link bit.ly/NACProgram22. [NAC flyers](#) to share are available in English, Spanish, and Arabic.

Make the right call for help

Do you know the difference between 211, 311, and 911? [Shareable graphics about which number to call](#) for help are available in Arabic, English, French, Korean, Simplified Chinese, and Spanish.

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore (SVDP) Head Start Program

SVDP's tuition free Head Start program is now open for enrollment for Baltimore families at various locations, including Patterson Park. In addition to free tuition, SVDP offers bilingual teaching, free tablets for each student to use and job search assistance & continuing education for parents and guardians. For more information, visit the [SVDP Head Start Program web page](#).

Summer Information Hub

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success (MOCFS) partnered with Baltimore's Promise, Baltimore City Public Schools, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks, and other government agencies, nonprofit organizations and philanthropic leaders to organize the city's summer resources for young people and their families in one location! With just a few clicks you can access information to help you plan your summer fun. Use the searchable map to find programs, activities and events near you or visit the teen zone to find out what's happening in the city just for teens. The site will be updated throughout the summer with new exciting events and resources for young people and their families, so check back often to keep track of all of the summer fun happening in Baltimore City! [Visit the Summer Information Hub](#) to see what's happening near you!

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) Vaccine Hesitancy Grant deadline extended

BCF is still accepting applications for its COVID-19 vaccine equity grant. This funding opportunity supports community organization interventions aimed at increasing vaccination coverage among Latino and Hispanic adults from Baltimore City and County.

The deadline to apply is June 30, 2022, with project execution to be completed by November 30, 2022.

Submissions will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. BCF will review grant proposals of any dollar amount that are appropriately justified. The organizations that are eligible for the grants can be state, tribal, local, and/or community organizations. This funding opportunity does not grant to individuals, and cannot be used for partisan efforts, or be sub-awarded. If you are interested in applying for the grant or have any further inquiries, please visit the [BCF Vaccine Hesitancy Grant web page](#) or contact Kiara Mayhand at kmayhand@bcf.org

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Driving Small Business Forward Grant Program

The Driving Small Business Forward Grant Program will award recipients a \$25,000 grant for use toward the purchase of a commercial vehicle specifically used for business. Eligible businesses must be majority Hispanic-owned, have 10 or fewer employees, earn less than \$5M in annual revenue, and have a demonstrated need for a commercial vehicle to grow. For more information and to apply, visit the [Driving Small Business Forward web page](#). The deadline to apply is June 17, 2022, at 6 p.m. ET.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE 18-19 — AFRAM Festival

Join Mayor Brandon M. Scott and Baltimore Recnparks in-person for AFRAM 2022 on June 18 and 19 in Druid Hill Park from 12-8PM (both days). Enjoy the sounds of Ne-Yo, Yung Bleu, Inayah Lamis, D.j. Tanz, DJ QuickSilva, Bmore Lil Key, Roddy Rackzz, The O'Jays, El DeBarge, Le'Andria Johnson, and Rotimi! See the [AFRAM Festival website](#) for more information.

JULY 9 — Tianquitzli: Free Latin American Artisan Market & Festival

Join Creative Alliance for an afternoon of performances, vendors and food to celebrate the diversity of Latin American fruits! See the [Tianquitzli Facebook page](#) for more information

JULY 9-10 — Baltimore Washington Caribbean Carnival

Carnival is back! Enjoy two entire days of authentic Caribbean food, live music and entertainment at the family-friendly, Caribbean-style festival in Lake Clifton Park and Parade of Bands on Saturday. See the [Baltimore Washington Caribbean Carnival web page](#) for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] [Scheduling Coordinator II - Bilingual Spanish/English](#), Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Kennedy Krieger Institute

[Housing Education Coordinator](#), LEDC

[Bilingual Housing Counselor, Maryland](#), LEDC

[Bilingual Housing Counselor, Baltimore](#), LEDC

[YouthWorks Unit Supervisor - Bilingual Spanish/English](#), MOED

[Public Relations Officer](#), MOED

[Therapist Case Manager \(Bilingual- English/Spanish\)](#), Healthcare for the Homeless

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City's COVID-19 response?

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