



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

April 30, 2021



Agenda



- Opening Remarks
- Deputy Secretary Update
- COVID-19 Regional Update
- Kenneth A Feder, PhD, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Maryland Department of Health Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau
- Questions

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- The DDA is committed to transparency with all of our stakeholders to ensure we are all working with the same information to support our shared missions
- Thank you for your continued support in joining me during these webcast so that we can stay in-touch and be able to provide you with the most current information

Deputy Secretary's Update

- Governor Larry Hogan lifted the outdoor mask mandate and all restrictions for outdoor dining. He also announced that the State has entered a new phase of its vaccination campaign, moving to direct scheduling at mass vaccination sites and continuing to expand points of distribution
- **DIRECT SCHEDULING AT MASS VACCINATION SITES**-Beginning Saturday, all eligible Marylanders can immediately book an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine by visiting covidvax.maryland.gov or by calling Maryland's COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829)

Deputy Secretary's Update

- **MASS VACCINATION SITES-** 12 mass vaccination sites are open and fully operational across the state. The 13th and final site is opening in Howard County this Friday, April 30, at the Mall in Columbia and is anticipating a record opening day of 1,000 vaccinations
- **NO ARM LEFT BEHIND-**Individuals in need of additional assistance to get vaccinated including homebound and those in need of transportation can call Maryland's COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829). The call center is available seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m

Deputy Secretary's Update

- [Governor Hogan's Order regarding Certain Businesses and Facilities and Generally Requiring Use of Face Coverings](#)
 - Effective immediately, face coverings are no longer mandated when individuals are outdoors except for outdoor venues
- [Directive and Order Regulating Certain Businesses and Facilities & General Directives Concerning Limiting The Spread of COVID-19](#)
 - As of 12:01 am, May 1, 2021 all restrictions related to outdoor dining will be lifted
- [MDH Amended Various Healthcare Matters](#)
 - Extends hospital surge/patient transfer section until June 30, 2021

Deputy Secretary's Update- SB496

Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act

- During our last webinar we shared that the DDA and the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) announce the Emergency Relief Call for Proposals for Title 7 Developmental Disabilities Administration Providers. Last Friday, we shared the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- The grant funds are to support one-time only uses to ensure service delivery, in accordance with the provision of the Relief Act focused on **re-opening, transformation, or revenue loss**
- Applications are due to the CHRC no later than **May 10, 2021**
 - [CHRC Emergency Relief Proposal Announcement](#)
 - [RFP Application Form](#)
 - [Grant Obligations & Assurances](#)
 - [Budget Form Template](#)
 - [Budget Narrative Template](#)

Deputy Secretary's Update

DDA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Provider Retainer Payment were posted on April 28, 2021 to the DDA website. Table of Contents links to topic specific categories for easy access



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Provider Retainer Payment

These Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are specific to the Retainer Payments associated with Public Health Emergency (PHE) and available through the DDA's Appendix K approval. These include previously issued FAQs on 3.04.21 and 3.15.21 as well as additional responses from questions received through the end of April 2021. They have been organized into topic specific categories to help you find those questions and responses most relevant to you. To go directly to a specific section, you can click on the link in the Table of Contents below.

This is a live document and will be updated as additional categories and questions are added and updated. Questions received that are similar in nature were consolidated to best summarize the answers and resources.

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Deputy Secretary's Update

The Developmental Disabilities Administration is seeking to fill membership seats on the Mortality Review Committee. The membership seats are the following:

- Nurse
- Physician
- DDA Specialist (CCS or CCS Agency)
- DDA Licensed Provider



For more information, email [Nicole C. Smith](mailto:nicolec.smith@maryland.gov), DDA Coordinator of Special Programs, at nicolec.smith@maryland.gov



Deputy Secretary's Update

Reopening

- Our providers are leading discussions for the **'how and when'** to reopen and resume in-person community services. Their careful planning is guided by a number of factors including individual and family interests and readiness, program and staffing capacity, transportation, and early provider experiences with scaled back openings this spring
- To shape these plans and timelines, **please consider participation in a brief survey**. The DDA recognizes that with the passing of time and with the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, individual and family preferences may have changed. Thank you for your participation in this reopening survey which can be accessed [here](#). The survey will be open until May 15, 2021

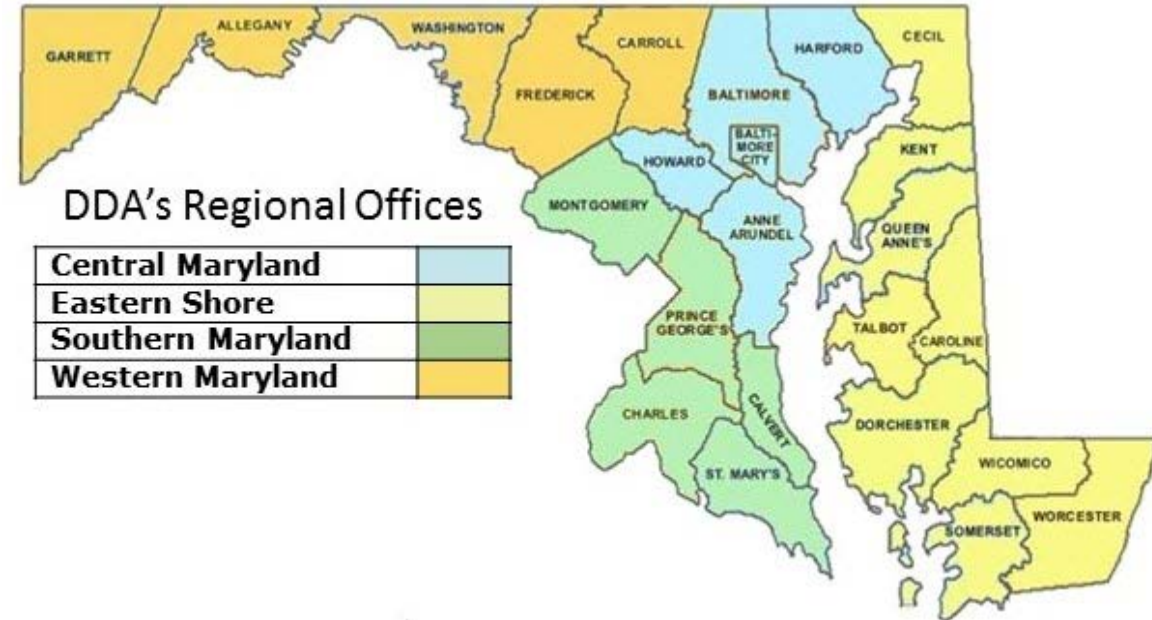
Deputy Secretary's Update

- The DDA continues to work with the Department's Public Health Services to coordinate disability specific clinics
- Opportunity Builders Inc., will be opening a vaccine clinic to all affiliates 16 and older on May 1 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. [VACCINE REGISTRATION](#)
- Kennedy Krieger Institute, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Medicine, will be hosting a series of COVID-19 drive-through vaccination clinics at our Broadway Campus, beginning Saturday, May 1 from 9 am to noon. These clinics are for individuals with disabilities, and their family members/caregivers, who are 16 years of age or older [VACCINE REGISTRATION](#)

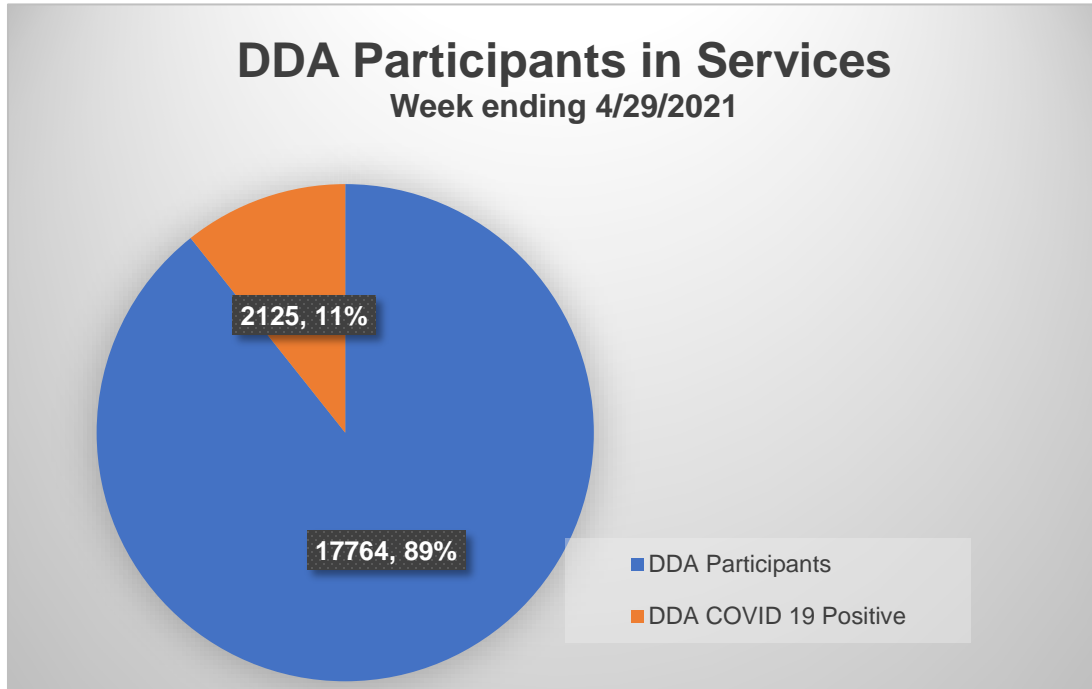


COVID-19 Regional Updates

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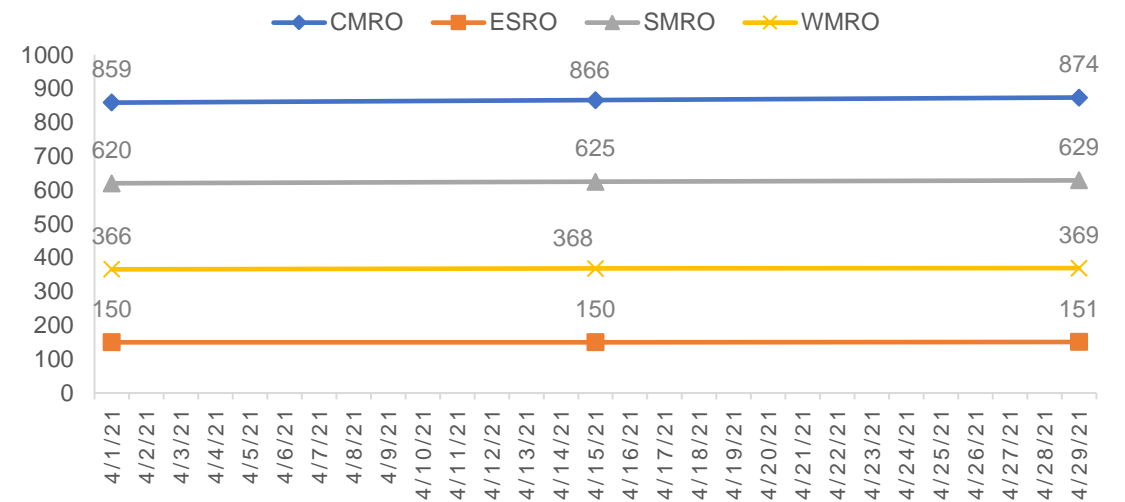


DDA Tracking



There are 17,764 people supported in services by the DDA of which 11% (2,125) have tested positive for COVID-19.

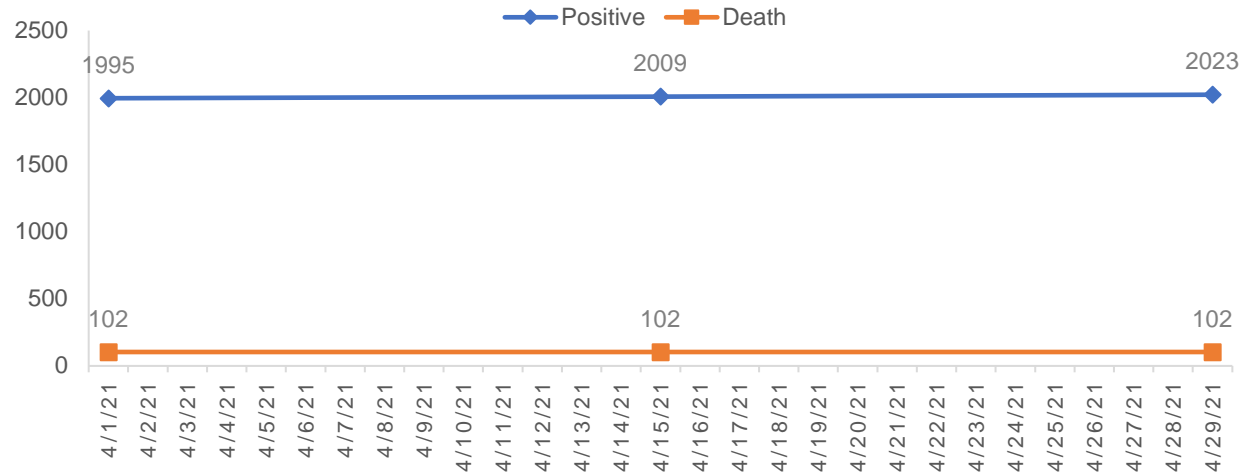
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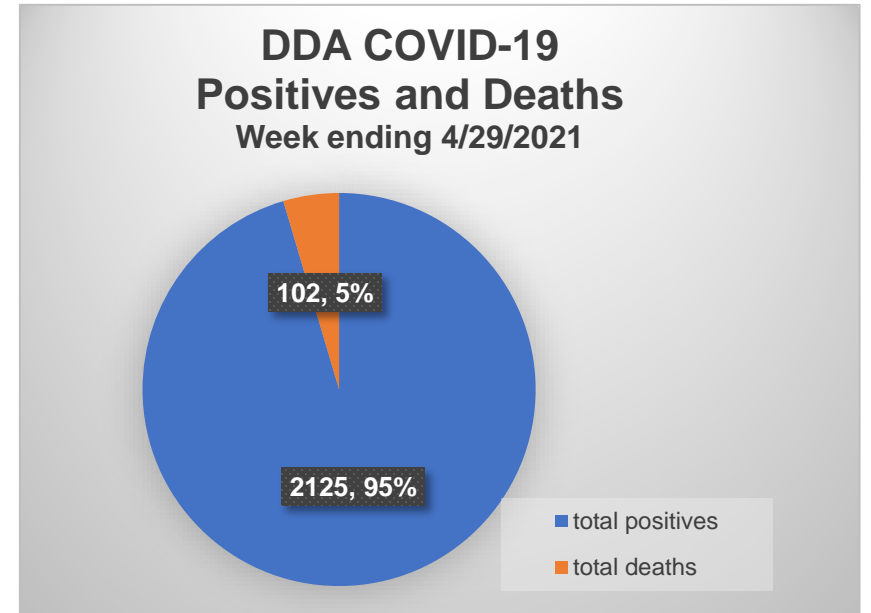
CMRO 874 Positive; Increase of 8
 ESRO 151 Positive; Increase of 1
 SMRO 629 Positive; Increase of 4
 WMRO 369 Positive; Increase of 1

DDA Tracking

POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS STATEWIDE
WEEK ENDING 04/29/2021



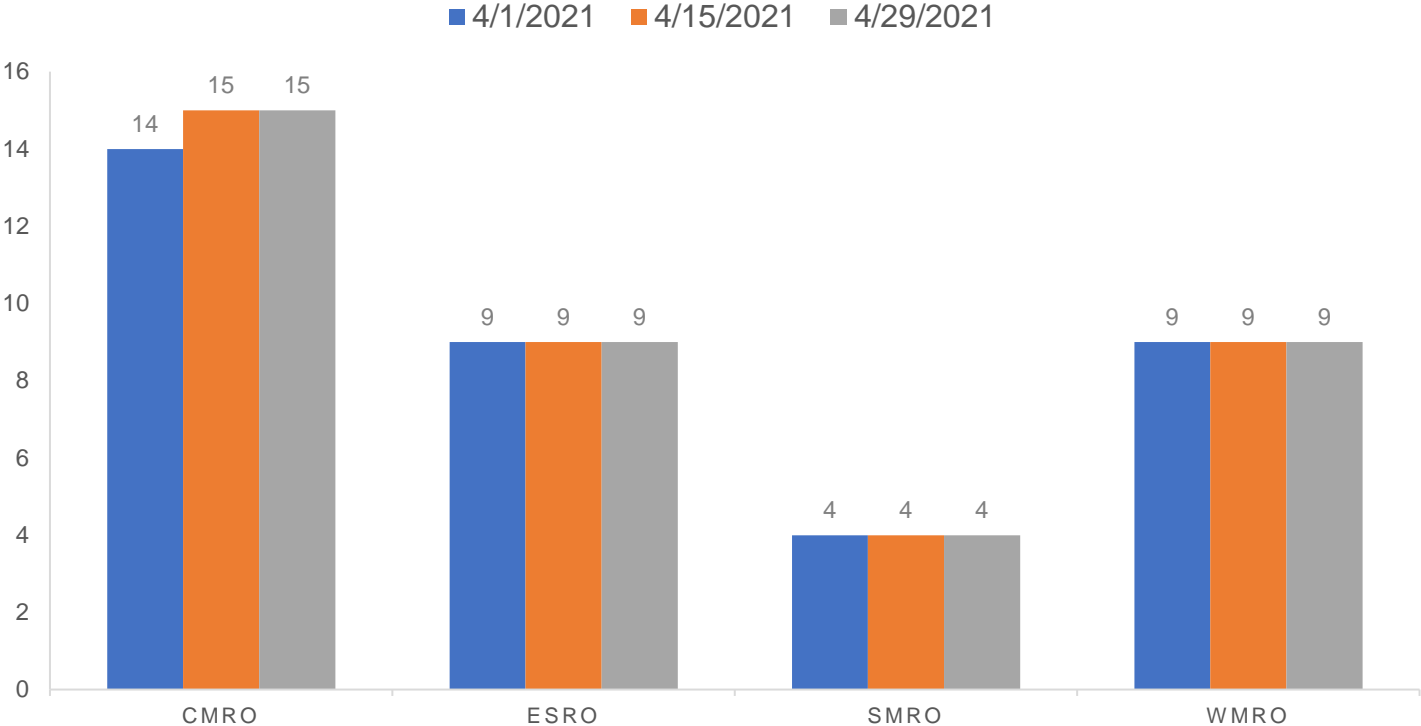
There have been 2,023 participants reported as having tested positive for COVID-19 of which there have been 102 deaths.



The 102 deaths represents approximately 5% of all (2125) participants that tested positive.

DDA Tracking

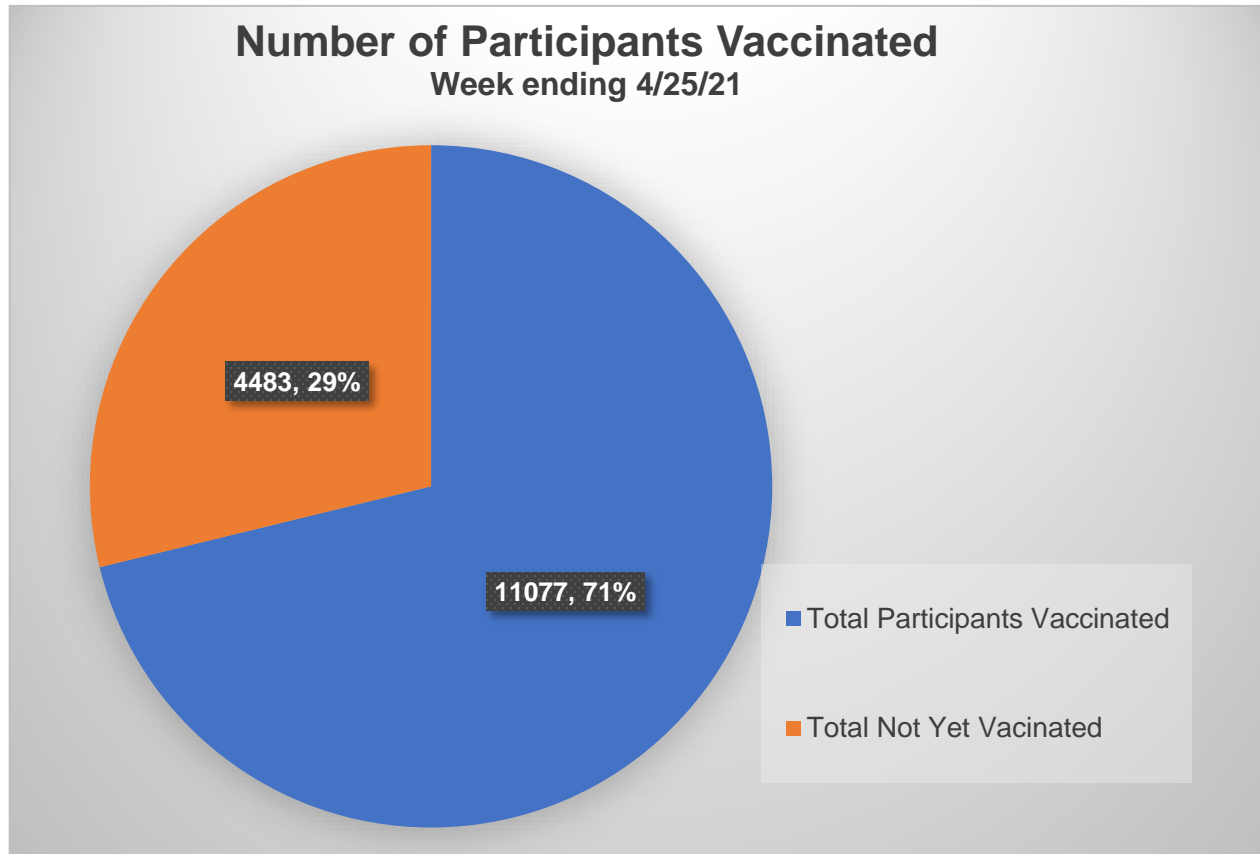
PARTICIPANTS IN SELF-DIRECTION
WEEK ENDING 04/29/2021



37 COVID-19 Positive
0 Deaths



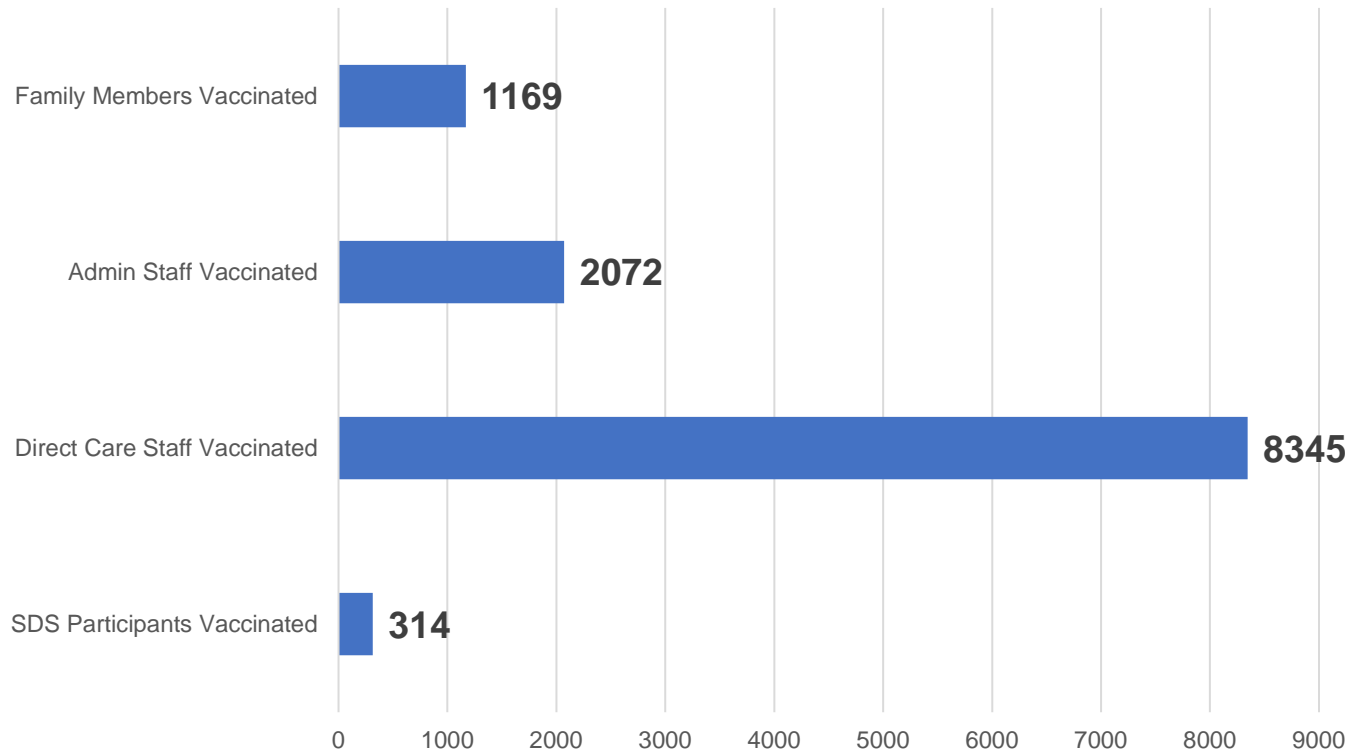
Vaccination Tracking



- Of the 15,560 participants that the agencies reported intending to have vaccinated, 11,077 (71%) have been vaccinated, 4,483 (29%) have not received a vaccine
- There have been 124 vaccination clinics held by the provider agencies with 3 currently scheduled for May 1-May 7

Vaccination Tracking

Others Vaccinated
Week ending 4/25/2021



Others vaccinated include:

- 1,169 Family Members
- 2,072 Administrative staff
- 8,346 Direct Support Staff
- 314 Self Directed Participants



Updates and Clarifications COVID-19

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Control and Prevention**

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Resources

Center for Disease Control and Prevention Resources- COVID-19

- [Overview](#)
- [Guiding Principles for Fully Vaccinated People](#)
- [Recommendations for Visiting with Others in Indoor Private Settings](#)
- [Recommendations for Large Gatherings](#)
- [Recommendations for Other Personal or Social Activities Outside the Home](#)
- [Recommendations for Travel](#)
- [Recommendations for Isolation, Quarantine and Testing](#)

Questions



Please join us for our 2021
Webinar Series:

- May 14 at 1pm
- May 28 at 1pm

Stay tune for the spring and
summer webinar series dates