



Remarks – Governor Hogan Press Conference at FutureCare Northpoint

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Governor Hogan, Secretary Schrader, distinguished members of the General Assembly and other elected leaders, thank you so much for all you are doing in our fight against COVID-19.

And, welcome to you and our assembled friends to Futurecare Northpoint! **I'd like to begin today by thanking:**

- Lenny and Gary Attman
- Administrator Ryan Barret
- Director of Nursing Pam Gaul
- Futurecare COO, John Spadaro

And all of the healthcare heroes here today . . .

. . . Thank you all so very much for providing quality care to Marylanders in need, and for saving lives in the worst pandemic in over 100 years.

I also want to especially thank my colleagues, trusted partners and friends:

- Kevin Heffner from the LifeSpan Network
- Allison Ciborowski from LeadingAge Maryland
- And our frontline heroes: Leslie Ray and Edwina Bell

Governor Hogan, together you and I watched as the first vaccines, these little vials of hope, were given to Marylanders in need last December.

And Governor, under your leadership, the majority of residents, patients, and staff in Maryland skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers have been vaccinated – over fifty-five thousand people since December 2020.

Governor, millions of Marylanders have been vaccinated since that day we stood together in December.

In this vaccination work, I also want to especially thank Secretary Schrader and his team.

Today, we join again with you, Governor Hogan, to double our efforts to encourage vaccine uptake among healthcare heroes.

While we have done well on this front, together we must do better to increase the vaccination of team members in skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers and on assisted living campuses.

To this critical and lifesaving work, we are fully committed.

Thank you, and I'd like to hand it back to Secretary Schrader.

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