



## Maryland Community Health System

**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill:** Senate Bill 840 - COVID-19 Response Act of 2022

**Hearing Date:** March 2, 2022

**Position:** Support

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Maryland Community Health System supports *Senate Bill 840 – COVID-19 Response Act of 2022*. The bill provides for a comprehensive framework to guide the State’s ongoing response to COVID-19. As our state returns to “normal”, it is important that we keep our public health infrastructure intact to ensure that we continue to see a decline in our COVID-19 rates. The bill focuses on the multi-prong strategy to ensure Maryland has effective testing, vaccination, and treatment programs. As a network of federally qualified health centers focused on providing services to the underserved, we appreciate the bill’s focus on ensuring the state’s COVID-19 efforts reach every community in our state.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).