



## FGCMD COVID 19 Statement

August 2021

Dear Members,

Some of you are planning in-person meetings in the next few months, and we want everyone to feel safe.

Although NGC has not issued a statement on their vaccination position the scheduled in-person meeting of the NGC Board in September has been changed to a Zoom meeting.

On August 7, 2021 Governor Hogan issued the following statement:

*"Here are the facts as we know them. Less than 0.01% of those fully vaccinated in Maryland have been hospitalized. Less than 0.001% of those vaccinated have died. This means 99.99% of those fully vaccinated have remained free of serious illness."*

The decision to get vaccinated is a personal decision. I chose to get the vaccination so that I could resume some semblance of normalcy. Since I'm vaccinated, there is an extremely high probability that I will recover from the illness if I do get sick. However, vaccinated people can still get Covid.

The FDA has approved the vaccine for emergency use only and there are people that do not want to be vaccinated for this reason. Others have survived Covid and have natural immunity; some people are allergic to some of the ingredients and are unable to tolerate it; and some people have religious beliefs that preclude them from being vaccinated.

In summary, if we have been vaccinated, we should feel safe. We can ask members to mask up; we can ask them to sign waivers and have their temperature taken. It should not be a requirement for our members to provide proof of vaccination.

Thank you,

Anna O'Kelly,  
President