

In times of fear and uncertainty, policy and decision makers have a heightened responsibility to lead from a position of data and sound scientific analysis. In the absence of this, decision-making can quickly succumb to emotion, or worse political ideology.

Once aware of the proposed orders contained in Executive Order No 122-20 I have sought to find the data and analysis that was used as its foundation. My searches have turned up empty. I do not want to assume that the County Council would proceed with these changes without data, but given recent history, I have my doubts. I am soliciting the Council to 1)make publicly available the data and analysis used to inform the language in the executive order, and 2)postpone decision making on the Executive Order till a point at which the public can reasonably review the data and hold a well-informed discussion with the Council.

Below I have outlined questions pertaining to the policy changes for Child Care that are in need of data:

1. Since re-opening daycares in Montgomery County, what is the total number of positive cases of children under the age of 9 who are enrolled at a daycare facility in Montgomery County?
2. Since re-opening daycares, what is the total number of positive cases of day care workers employed at a daycare facility in Montgomery County?
3. How many children who tested positive and attend a daycare have traced their source of exposure to a positive case within the daycare they attend?
4. How many day care workers who tested positive have traced their source of exposure to a positive case within the daycare they are employed at?
5. Across Montgomery County, how many positive cases (child or adult) have been traced to a child that goes to daycare or to an individual employed by a daycare?
6. What is the current number of adults, across Montgomery County, that can identify their source of exposure to someone under the age of 9 years old?
7. Across Montgomery County, how many positive cases exist in which a person traces their source of exposure to an asymptomatic individual? How many involve an asymptomatic child under the age of 9?
8. What is the anticipated number of new unemployment claims filed by Maryland County residents if this order is in effect for 60 days? How about for 90 days?
9. What is the anticipated number of daycare business within Montgomery County that will shutdown if this order is in effect for 60 days? How about 90 days?
10. What do you anticipate/forecast to be the reduction in number of cases for children under the age of 9 across Montgomery County by reducing capacity to 50%?
11. What do you anticipate/forecast to be the reduction in number of hospitalizations for children under the age of 9 across Montgomery County by reducing capacity to 50%?
12. What do you anticipate/forecast to be the reduction in TOTAL number of cases across Montgomery County by reducing capacity to 50%?
13. What do you anticipate/forecast to be the reduction in TOTAL number of hospitalizations across Montgomery County by reducing capacity to 50%

Kindly

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