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AGENDA ITEM #4
 September 15, 2020
Discussion

SUBJECT

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update (County Council sitting as the Board of Health)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Travis Gayles, County Health Officer and Chief of DHHS Public Health Services
 Dr. Earl Stoddard, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
 Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council sitting as Board of Health to receive updates.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive an update on the public health data and emergency response to the COVID-19 public emergency from Dr. Gayles, Dr. Stoddard, and Dr. Crowel.

State and County Data on September 10, 2020

September 10	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	114,078	3,679	145
Montgomery County	20,893	792	40

Montgomery County Metrics

Montgomery County has adopted the following metrics that will be used to determine when it is safe to move to different phases of reopening businesses and other activities. Each metric is measured with a 3-day rolling average. The goal is to meet each metric for 14 of the last 14 days.

1. Goal of continued decline in new cases in an environment of increased testing. County has met this goal for 5 of the last 14 days.

	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep
New Cases	91	118	101	78	140	48	72
New Cases - 3 day average	92	99	103	99	106	89	87

2. Goal of sustained decline in new COVID related deaths. County has met this goal for 7 of the last 14 days. However, the numbers are very low, between 0 and 3 deaths.

	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep
New Deaths	0	0	1	0	2	3	1
New Deaths - 3 day average	0	0	1	1	1	2	2

3. Goal of sustained decrease of COVID-19 related hospitalizations. The County has met this for 11 of the last 14 days. The following shows the change over the most recently reported 7 days.

	Sept 2	Sept 8
3-Day rolling average	74	65

4. Goal of sustained decrease in the number of people going to the emergency room with COVID-related symptoms. County has met this metric for 8 of the last 14 days. Again, the number remains relatively low. On May 3, there were 41 people who went to the ER with COVID symptoms.

	Sept 2	Sept 8
3-Day rolling average	5	6

5. Goal of sustained decrease of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations. The County has met this for 1 of the last 14 days. While the County is not sustaining this metric, on May 9, 2020 there were 151 patients hospitalized in the ICU.

	Sept 2	Sept 8
3-Day rolling average	26	20

6. Goal of sustained utilization of less than 70% of acute care beds. County has met this metric for 8 of the last 14 days.

	Sept 2	Sept 8
3-Day rolling average	69%	67%

7. Goal of sustained utilization of less than 80% of intensive care unit beds. County has met this metric for 14 of the last 14 days and has not exceeded 80% since mid-May.

	Sept 2	Sept 8
3-Day rolling average	67%	60%

8. Goal of sustained utilization of less than 70% of critical care equipment such as ventilators. County has met this metric for 14 of the last 14 days and has not exceeded the goal since the pandemic start.

	Sept 2	Sept 8
3-Day rolling average	26%	27%

9. Goal of sustained flattening or decrease in the test positivity rate. County has met this metric for 5 of the last 14 days. The State's positivity rate on September 10 was 3.71%.

	Sept 2	Sept 8
3-Day rolling average	3.2%	3.7%

10. Goal of increased testing capacity to be able to test 5% of County residents monthly. On September 6, the County reports 3,397 tests compared to 3,303 a week earlier on August 30. August 7 recorded the highest 3-day rolling average of 4,984 tests.

The following is the link to the County's data webpage.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/>

The State and County website include information on cases and deaths by age. The following is a summary of the State information for September 10 and the County for September 9.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
September 10 2020	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	4188	0	3.7%	0.0%
10-19 years	8770	2	7.7%	0.1%
20-29 years	21018	23	18.4%	0.6%
30-39 years	20968	47	18.4%	1.3%
40-49 years	18596	119	16.3%	3.2%
50-59 years	16759	296	14.7%	8.0%
60-69 years	11306	602	9.9%	16.4%
70-79 years	6830	917	6.0%	24.9%
80+ years	5643	1671	4.9%	45.4%
Not available	0	2	0.0%	0.1%
Total	114078	3679	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
September 9 2020	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	811	0	3.9%	0.0%
10-19 years	1564	0	7.5%	0.0%
20-29 years	3338	0	16.1%	0.0%
30-39 years	3804	13	18.3%	1.6%
40-49 years	3539	28	17.0%	3.5%
50-59 years	3076	53	14.8%	6.7%
60-69 years	2025	109	9.8%	13.8%
70-79 years	1125	159	5.4%	20.2%
80+ years	1487	427	7.2%	54.1%
Not available	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total	20769	789	100.0%	100.0%

The State website reports case and death data for race and ethnicity. The County website includes data on deaths by race and ethnicity and also includes a death rate.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Total	% Confirmed
September 10 2020	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
African American (NH)	36636	1507	32.1%	41.0%
Asian (NH)	2180	136	1.9%	3.7%
White (NH)	27439	1555	24.1%	42.3%
Hispanic	25458	428	22.3%	11.6%
Other (NH)	5274	41	4.6%	1.1%
Not available	17091	12	15.0%	0.3%
Total	114078	3679	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	% of Total	
September 9 2020	Deaths	Deaths	Rate
African American (NH)	174	22.1%	90.4
Asian (NH)	71	9.0%	44.0
White (NH)	362	45.9%	80.2
Hispanic	160	20.3%	77.3
Other (NH)	22	2.8%	
Not available	0	0.0%	
Total	789	100.0%	75.9

In addition, the County has stated the following as additional goals that should be achieved:

- Testing networks in place to offer high throughput testing.
- Leverage health care network to provide testing to symptomatic and asymptomatic patients.
- Accessible testing options available across the County utilizing a diverse network of options, including health care providers, alternative test sites, mobile testing units, etc.
- Sustained flattening or decrease in test positivity.
- Continuing current efforts and partnering with the State on a state-driven, large-scale contact tracing effort that will allow for contacting cases within 24 hours upon receipt of results and identified contacts within 48 hours.
- Compiling and using data by race, gender, age, geographic location to inform policy decisions related to health outcomes.
- Ability to disseminate information, programming, and policies that address the impact of social determinants of health on Covid-19 outcomes.

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