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Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: Receive briefing and have discussion – no vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #2B
February 9, 2021
Discussion

Montgomery County Council

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

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 February 4, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

February 4, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	359,037	7,074	177
Montgomery County	59,782	1,280	44

Vaccine Allotments and Distribution

On December 23, 2020, the Montgomery County Health Department received its first allotment of vaccine to be distributed in accordance with the Maryland State vaccination plan. Vaccine allotted to the County Health Department does not include vaccine directly distributed to hospitals or administered to long-term care and other facilities that are being vaccinated through contracts with private pharmacies. The County website reports:

Montgomery County Health Department (DHHS)*

Date	Total Doses Received	1st Doses Administered	% Administered
February 4, 2021	37,900	29,632	78.2%

*Does not include doses given to hospitals, CVS/Walgreens or other direct State distribution.

The County has posted a vaccine information website that allows people to sign up for updates: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/

Montgomery County Case Metrics (from Montgomery County website)

Montgomery County has updated its metrics that are used for determining when it is safe to move to different phases of reopening businesses and other activities.   Each indicator also has a metric for Very High, High, Moderate, Low, or Very Low risk of transmission/utilization. Indicators can be viewed at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/

Primary Indicators
Seven-day average number of new confirmed cases per 100,000 population. As of February 3, there is a **VERY HIGH** risk of transmission.

28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	Feb 2	3-Feb
38.5%	32.0%	32.4%	30.4%	27.5%	27.5%	23.8%

Fourteen-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive test. As of February 2, there was a **MODERATE** risk of transmission.

28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	Feb 2	3-Feb
5.9%	5.9%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	NA

Secondary Indicators

Percent change in new cases per 100,000 population during the last seven days compared to the previous seven days. As of February 3, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	Feb 2	3-Feb
-19.1%	-11.7%	-4.6%	-10.1%	-22.2%	-21.1%	-29.3%

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of February 2, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization.

28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	Feb 2	3-Feb
78.7%	79.2%	78.5%	74.6%	72.8%	77.3%	NA

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of February 2, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization for the system. Certain hospitals may be at capacity.

28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	Feb 2	3-Feb
74.6%	78.7%	76.1%	78.3%	73.1%	75.9%	NA

Percent of inpatient beds in the community occupied by patients with COVID-19. As of February 2, there was a **VERY HIGH** rate of utilization.

28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	Feb 2	3-Feb
19.4%	17.8%	17.9%	17.5%	18.1%	17.9%	NA

The State and County websites include information on cases and deaths by age. The following is a summary of the State data for February 4 and County data for February 3.

Maryland February 4, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	% of Cases By Age	% Confirmed Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	17,553	3	4.9%	0.0%
10-19 years	33,768	6	9.4%	0.1%
20-29 years	65,286	34	18.2%	0.5%
30-39 years	62,056	73	17.3%	1.0%
40-49 years	54,841	198	15.3%	2.8%
50-59 years	54,236	536	15.1%	7.6%
60-69 years	36,585	1,112	10.2%	15.7%
70-79 years	20,839	1,790	5.8%	25.3%
80+ years	13,873	3,318	3.9%	46.9%
Not available	0	4	0.0%	0.1%
Total	359,037	7,074	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County February 3, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	% of Cases By Age	% Confirmed Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	3,412	0	5.8%	0.0%
10-19 years	5,836	0	9.8%	0.0%
20-29 years	10,258	0	17.3%	0.0%
30-39 years	10,133	19	17.1%	1.5%
40-49 years	9,621	42	16.2%	3.3%
50-59 years	8,670	85	14.6%	6.7%
60-69 years	5,576	170	9.4%	13.4%
70-79 years	2,846	263	4.8%	20.7%
80+ years	2,925	690	4.9%	54.4%
Not available	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	59,277	1,269	100.0%	100.0%

The following is the State website report on statewide case and death data for race and ethnicity.

Maryland February 4, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	% of Total Cases	% Confirmed Deaths
African American (NH)	101,954	2,452	28.4%	34.7%
Asian (NH)	7,911	247	2.2%	3.5%
White (NH)	122,857	3,591	34.2%	50.8%
Hispanic	58,655	664	16.3%	9.4%
Other (NH)	16,849	70	4.7%	1.0%
Not available	50,811	50	14.2%	0.7%
Total	359,037	7,074	100.0%	100.0%