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AGENDA ITEM #3A
February 23, 2021
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

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 18, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

February 18, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	373,966	7,479	182
Montgomery County	62,085	1,348	45

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. The County has created a vaccine dashboard:

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

Montgomery County Health Department (DHHS)*

Date	MC Residents received 1 st Dose	MC Residents Fully Vaccinated
February 18, 2021	115,677 (11.0%)	37,184 (3.5%)

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 18, there is a **HIGH** risk of transmission.

12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb
17.5%	17.4%	15.8%	15.1%	13.6%	12.8%	12.6%

Fourteen-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive test. As of February 17, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb
4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%	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 18, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb
-25.5%	-0.2%	-23.1%	-24.8%	-35.2%	-39.8%	-32.9%

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of February 16, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization.

12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb
76.1%	76.5%	76.1%	73.0%	75.3%	NA	NA

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of February 16, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization for the system. Certain hospitals may be at capacity.

12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb
78.8%	79.8%	75.6%	72.5%	72.0%	NA	NA

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

12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb
12.9%	13.5%	13.4%	13.2%	12.8%	NA	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 18 and County data for February 16.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
February 18, 2021	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	18,510	3	4.9%	0.0%
10-19 years	35,529	6	9.5%	0.1%
20-29 years	67,808	34	18.1%	0.5%
30-39 years	64,379	75	17.2%	1.0%
40-49 years	56,851	202	15.2%	2.7%
50-59 years	56,481	566	15.1%	7.6%
60-69 years	38,191	1,184	10.2%	15.8%
70-79 years	21,758	1,901	5.8%	25.4%
80+ years	14,459	3,504	3.9%	46.9%
Not available	0	4	0.0%	0.1%
Total	373,966	7,479	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
February 16, 2021	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	3,599	0	5.8%	0.0%
10-19 years	6,148	0	9.9%	0.0%
20-29 years	10,679	0	17.3%	0.0%
30-39 years	10,549	20	17.1%	1.5%
40-49 years	10,029	44	16.2%	3.3%
50-59 years	9,004	90	14.6%	6.7%
60-69 years	5,817	179	9.4%	13.4%
70-79 years	2,974	278	4.8%	20.8%
80+ years	3,021	726	4.9%	54.3%
Not available	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	61,820	1,337	100.0%	100.0%

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

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Total	% Confirmed
February 18, 2021	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
African American (NH)	106,711	2,590	28.5%	34.6%
Asian (NH)	8,370	262	2.2%	3.5%
White (NH)	128,821	3,824	34.4%	51.1%
Hispanic	60,548	688	16.2%	9.2%
Other (NH)	17,535	74	4.7%	1.0%
Not available	51,981	41	13.9%	0.5%
Total	373,966	7,479	100.0%	100.0%

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