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AGENDA ITEM #2A  
 April 13, 2021  
**Discussion**

**SUBJECT**

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update and County Health Planning

**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.

**Background Information**

**State and County Data on April 7, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)**

| April 7, 2021     | Confirmed Cases | Confirmed Deaths | Probable Deaths |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Maryland          | 420,526         | 8,203            | 186             |
| Montgomery County | 67,505          | 1,438            | 46              |

**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 Residents Vaccinated (all doses administered in the State of Maryland)**

| Date          | MC Residents received 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose | MC Residents Fully Vaccinated |
|---------------|--|-------------------------------|
| April 7, 2021 | 388,163 (36.9%)                            | 219,411 (20.9%)               |

The County website also has information on alerts, preregistration, and links to other vaccination sites.

## 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 April 7, there is a **HIGH** risk of transmission.

| 1-Apr | 2-Apr | 3-Apr | 4-Apr | 5-Apr | 6-Apr | 7-Apr |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 11.5% | 11.4% | 11.0% | 11.1% | 11.0% | 10.6% | 10.9% |

Fourteen-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive test. As of April 6, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

| 1-Apr | 2-Apr | 3-Apr | 4-Apr | 5-Apr | 6-Apr | 7-Apr |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3.2%  | 3.2%  | 3.3%  | 3.3%  | 3.3%  | 3.2%  | 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 April 7, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

| 1-Apr | 2-Apr | 3-Apr | 4-Apr | 5-Apr | 6-Apr  | 7-Apr |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1.9%  | 1.7%  | -3.7% | -7.6% | -9.3% | -13.0% | -8.9% |

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of March 31, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization.

| 1-Apr | 2-Apr | 3-Apr | 4-Apr | 5-Apr | 6-Apr | 7-Apr |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 71.7% | 73.2% | 68.5% | 70.6% | 72.7% | 76.4% | NA    |

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of April 6, there was a **MODERATE** rate of utilization for the system. Certain hospitals may be at capacity.

| 1-Apr | 2-Apr | 3-Apr | 4-Apr | 5-Apr | 6-Apr | 7-Apr |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 71.8% | 67.2% | 62.1% | 75.1% | 79.0% | 81.4% | NA    |

Percent of inpatient beds in the community occupied by patients with COVID-19. As of April 1, there was a **MODERATE** rate of utilization.

| 1-Apr | 2-Apr | 3-Apr | 4-Apr | 5-Apr | 6-Apr | 7-Apr |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 7.3%  | 6.9%  | 6.9%  | 8.6%  | 8.6%  | 8.8%  | NA    |

The State and County websites include information on cases and deaths by age. The following is a summary of the State data for April 7 and County data for April 2.

| Maryland      | Confirmed | Confirmed | % of Cases | % Confirmed   |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| April 7, 2021 | Cases     | Deaths    | By Age     | Deaths by Age |
| Age:          |           |           |            |               |
| 0-9 years     | 21,960    | 3         | 5.2%       | 0.0%          |
| 10-19 years   | 41,570    | 6         | 9.9%       | 0.1%          |
| 20-29 years   | 77,042    | 35        | 18.3%      | 0.4%          |
| 30-39 years   | 72,026    | 81        | 17.1%      | 1.0%          |
| 40-49 years   | 63,237    | 228       | 15.0%      | 2.8%          |
| 50-59 years   | 63,205    | 647       | 15.0%      | 7.9%          |
| 60-69 years   | 42,511    | 1,333     | 10.1%      | 16.3%         |
| 70-79 years   | 23,688    | 2,096     | 5.6%       | 25.6%         |
| 80+ years     | 15,287    | 3,772     | 3.6%       | 46.0%         |
| Not available | 0         | 2         | 0.0%       | 0.0%          |
| Total         | 420,526   | 8,203     | 100.0%     | 100.0%        |

| Montgomery County | Confirmed | Confirmed | % of Cases | % Confirmed   |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| April 2, 2021     | Cases     | Deaths    | By Age     | Deaths by Age |
| Age:              |           |           |            |               |
| 0-9 years         | 3,968     | 0         | 5.9%       | 0.0%          |
| 10-19 years       | 6,923     | 0         | 10.3%      | 0.0%          |
| 20-29 years       | 11,621    | 1         | 17.4%      | 0.1%          |
| 30-39 years       | 11,358    | 21        | 17.0%      | 1.5%          |
| 40-49 years       | 10,793    | 44        | 16.1%      | 3.1%          |
| 50-59 years       | 9,730     | 98        | 14.5%      | 6.9%          |
| 60-69 years       | 6,275     | 198       | 9.4%       | 13.8%         |
| 70-79 years       | 3,147     | 302       | 4.7%       | 21.1%         |
| 80+ years         | 3,131     | 766       | 4.7%       | 53.6%         |
| Not available     | 4         | -         | 0.0%       | 0.0%          |
| Total             | 66,950    | 1,430     | 100.0%     | 100.0%        |

The following is from the State and County websites on case and death data for race and ethnicity.

| Maryland              | Confirmed | Confirmed | % of Total | % Confirmed |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| April 7, 2021         | Cases     | Deaths    | Cases      | Deaths      |
| African American (NH) | 125,178   | 2,833     | 29.8%      | 34.5%       |
| Asian (NH)            | 9,979     | 289       | 2.4%       | 3.5%        |
| White (NH)            | 147,687   | 4,192     | 35.1%      | 51.1%       |
| Hispanic              | 65,385    | 741       | 15.5%      | 9.0%        |
| Other (NH)            | 19,775    | 83        | 4.7%       | 1.0%        |
| Not available         | 52,522    | 65        | 12.5%      | 0.8%        |
| Total                 | 420,526   | 8,203     | 100.0%     | 100.0%      |

  

| Montgomery County     | Confirmed | Confirmed | % of Total | % Confirmed |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| April 2, 2021         | Cases     | Deaths    | Cases      | Deaths      |
| African American (NH) | 10,382    | 256       | 15.5%      | 17.9%       |
| Asian (NH)            | 2,547     | 145       | 3.8%       | 10.1%       |
| White (NH)            | 13,228    | 687       | 19.8%      | 48.0%       |
| Hispanic              | 20,170    | 298       | 30.1%      | 20.8%       |
| Other (NH)            | 5,588     | 42        | 8.3%       | 2.9%        |
| Not available         | 15,035    | 2         | 22.5%      | 0.1%        |
| Total                 | 66,950    | 1,430     | 100.0%     | 100.0%      |

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