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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 #2A  
 September 28, 2021  
**Discussion**

**SUBJECT**

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

**EXPECTED ATTENDEES**

- Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. James Bridgers, Acting Chief Health Officer
- Dr. Earl Stoddard, Acting Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
- James D’Andrea, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)
- Heather Dublinske, Coordinator, Student Welfare and Compliance, MCPS

**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 response to COVID-19.

**Background Information**

**State and County Data on September 23, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)**

	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	523,760	10,120	228
Montgomery County	78,980	1,621	51

On September 23, 2021, the Maryland.gov website reported the State’s positivity rate was 4.38%.

**Vaccine Allotments and Distribution**

The County has created a vaccine dashboard:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/#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
September 20, 2021	768,386 (73.1%)	700,476 (66.8%)

On September 23, the CDC Tracker showed that 88.4% of Montgomery County’s eligible population is fully vaccinated.

**Montgomery County Case Metrics (from Montgomery County website)**

Montgomery County continues to monitor metrics regarding the spread and prevalence of COVID-19 in the community. The primary indicators follow the CDC Tracker which classifies metrics by Low, Moderate, Substantial, and High. The secondary metrics are classified as the county as 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**

Number of cases per 100,000 residents in the past 7 days. As of September 23, there was a **SUBSTANTIAL** level of transmission.

Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23
97.36	97.27	95.94	89.37	84.23	84.23	80.9

Test positivity rate – 7-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive case. As of September 22, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23
2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	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 September 23, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23
31.3	28.6	23.4	8.6	-5.5	-6.0	-14.9

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of September 16 (last reported data) 73.8% of beds were occupied which is a **LOW** rate of utilization.

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of September 16 (last reported date) 72.3% of ICU beds were in use which is a **LOW** rate of utilization.

Percent of inpatient beds in the community occupied by patients with COVID-19. As of September 16 (last reported date) 8.8% of beds were occupied with COVID-19 patients which is a **MODERATE** rate of utilization.

**Montgomery County Public Schools has created a COVID-19 Dashboard which can be found at:**

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coronavirus/dashboard/>

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