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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 #3A
January 19, 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 January 14, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

January 14, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	317,815	6,277	172
Montgomery County	52,842	1,167	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 says that as of January 12 (prior to current week allotment), the County had received 12,900 doses and had administered 12,641 (98%). On January 14, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services reported to the Health and Human Services Committee that to date the County had received 19,800 doses and had administered 14,952. Of that amount 6,900 doses were delivered on January 12 and 100 of the doses are for second doses.

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 January 14, there is a **VERY HIGH** risk of transmission.

8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan
42.0%	44.6%	47.5%	46.7%	49.8%	47.6%	48.7%

Fourteen-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive test. As of January 13, there was a **MODERATE** risk of transmission.

8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan
8.0%	7.9%	7.7%	7.7%	7.6%	7.5%	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 January 14, there was a **VERY HIGH** risk of transmission.

8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan
10.4%	14.7%	19.0%	13.1%	21.7%	14.0%	17.3%

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of January 13, there was a **MODERATE** rate of utilization.

8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan
79.6%	77.7%	78.4%	77.6%	79.0%	80.2%	NA

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of January 13, there was a **MODERATE** rate of utilization for the system. Certain hospitals may be at capacity.

8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan
83.5%	83.3%	84.3%	93.4%	81.2%	82.9%	NA

Percent of inpatient beds in the community occupied by patients with COVID-19. As of January 13, there was a **VERY HIGH** rate of utilization.

8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan
23.1%	23.1%	24.9%	24.6%	23.8%	23.3%	NA

The State and County websites include information on cases and deaths by age. The following is a summary of the State and County information for January 14.

Maryland January 14, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	% of Cases By Age	% Confirmed Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	14,892	1	4.7%	0.0%
10-19 years	29,454	5	9.3%	0.1%
20-29 years	58,464	30	18.4%	0.5%
30-39 years	55,448	65	17.4%	1.0%
40-49 years	48,930	183	15.4%	2.9%
50-59 years	47,857	485	15.1%	7.7%
60-69 years	32,074	982	10.1%	15.6%
70-79 years	18,350	1,589	5.8%	25.3%
80+ years	12,346	2,935	3.9%	46.8%
Not available	0	2	0.0%	0.0%
Total	317,815	6,277	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County January 14, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	% of Cases By Age	% Confirmed Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	2,882	0	5.5%	0.0%
10-19 years	5,043	0	9.6%	0.0%
20-29 years	9,104	0	17.4%	0.0%
30-39 years	8,990	17	17.2%	1.5%
40-49 years	8,472	39	16.2%	3.4%
50-59 years	7,597	74	14.5%	6.5%
60-69 years	4,808	152	9.2%	13.3%
70-79 years	2,492	240	4.8%	20.9%
80+ years	2,647	624	5.1%	54.5%
Not available	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	52,035	1,146	99.5%	100.0%

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

Maryland January 14, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	% of Total Cases	% Confirmed Deaths
African American (NH)	90,196	2,253	28.4%	35.9%
Asian (NH)	6,783	210	2.1%	3.3%
White (NH)	106,595	3,082	33.5%	49.1%
Hispanic	53,182	600	16.7%	9.6%
Other (NH)	14,861	64	4.7%	1.0%
Not available	46,198	68	14.5%	1.1%
Total	317,815	6,277	100.0%	100.0%