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AGENDA ITEM #2A
 April 6, 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 1, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

April 1, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	412,928	8,118	185
Montgomery County	66,831	1,430	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 st Dose	MC Residents Fully Vaccinated
April 1, 2021	341,758 (32.5%)	185,768 (17.5%)

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

26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr
11.2%	11.4%	12.1%	12.2%	12.3%	12.0%	11.5%

Fourteen-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive test. As of March 31, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr
2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	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 1, there was a **HIGH** risk of transmission.

26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr
6.3%	10.6%	21.2%	21.1%	20.1%	13.9%	1.9%

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

26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr
78.3%	73.7%	71.8%	72.4%	74.7%	76.7%	NA

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of March 31, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization for the system. Certain hospitals may be at capacity.

26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr
72.9%	74.6%	70.6%	69.5%	71.2%	75.1%	NA

Percent of inpatient beds in the community occupied by patients with COVID-19. As of March 31, there was a **MODERATE** rate of utilization.

26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr
8.0%	7.4%	7.5%	7.5%	7.9%	8.0%	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 1 and County data for March 26.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
April 1, 2021	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	21,364	3	5.2%	0.0%
10-19 years	40,644	6	9.8%	0.1%
20-29 years	75,502	35	18.3%	0.4%
30-39 years	70,723	79	17.1%	1.0%
40-49 years	62,171	226	15.1%	2.8%
50-59 years	62,091	639	15.0%	7.9%
60-69 years	41,857	1,314	10.1%	16.2%
70-79 years	23,393	2,072	5.7%	25.5%
80+ years	15,183	3,742	3.7%	46.1%
Not available	0	2	0.0%	0.0%
Total	412,928	8,118	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
March 26, 2021	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	3,920	0	5.9%	0.0%
10-19 years	6,791	0	10.3%	0.0%
20-29 years	11,447	1	17.3%	0.1%
30-39 years	11,219	20	17.0%	1.4%
40-49 years	10,672	44	16.1%	3.1%
50-59 years	9,612	96	14.5%	6.8%
60-69 years	6,204	196	9.4%	13.8%
70-79 years	3,127	301	4.7%	21.2%
80+ years	3,116	764	4.7%	53.7%
Not available	4	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	66,112	1,422	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 1, 2021	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
African American (NH)	122,009	2,806	29.5%	34.6%
Asian (NH)	9,755	284	2.4%	3.5%
White (NH)	144,746	4,154	35.1%	51.2%
Hispanic	64,722	737	15.7%	9.1%
Other (NH)	19,441	83	4.7%	1.0%
Not available	52,255	54	12.7%	0.7%
Total	412,928	8,118	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Total	% Confirmed
March 26, 2021	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
African American (NH)	10,178	254	15.4%	17.9%
Asian (NH)	2,497	144	3.8%	10.1%
White (NH)	12,942	686	19.6%	48.2%
Hispanic	19,927	294	30.1%	20.7%
Other (NH)	5,488	42	8.3%	3.0%
Not available	15,080	2	22.8%	0.1%
Total	66,112	1,422	100.0%	100.0%

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