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Montgomery County Council

AGENDA ITEM #2A
July 27, 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, Acting Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Dr. James Bridgers, Deputy Health Officer, DHHS Public Health 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. Bridgers.

Background Information

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

	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	465,326	9,582	219
Montgomery County	71,691	1,579	51

On July 23, 2021, the Maryland.gov website reported the State's positivity rate was 1.81%.

Vaccine Allotments and Distribution
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 1st Dose	MC Residents Fully Vaccinated
July 22, 2021	720,976 (68.6%)	658,238 (62.7%)

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.   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 July 22, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul
1.8	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.3

Fourteen-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive test. As of July 21, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul
0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	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 July 22, there was a **VERY HIGH** risk of transmission.

16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul
56.3%	75.6%	95.5%	103.3%	78.6%	87.5%	87.5%

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of July 15, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization.

4-Jul		11-Jul		15-Jul
65.0%		68.6%		77.5%

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of July 15, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization.

4-Jul		11-Jul		15-Jul
49.7%		61.1%		68.3%

Percent of inpatient beds in the community occupied by patients with COVID-19. As of July 15, there was a **VERY LOW** rate of utilization.

4-Jul		11-Jul		15-Jul
0.5%		0.8%		0.9%

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