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AGENDA ITEM #2B
 September 14, 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, Director, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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 COVID-19 Dr. Crowel, Dr. Bridgers and Dr. Stoddard.

Background Information

State and County Data on September 9, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	506,464	9,900	224
Montgomery County	77,131	1,608	51

On September 9, 2021, the Maryland.gov website reported the State’s positivity rate was 4.69%.

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 1 st Dose	MC Residents Fully Vaccinated
September 9, 2021	762,010 (72.5%)	693,524 (66.1%)

On September 9, the CDC Tracker showed that 87.1% 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 9, there was a **SUBSTANTIAL** level of transmission.

Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9
106.98	100.79	91.46	92.51	87.09	82.52	75.57

Test positivity rate – 7-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive case. As of September 8, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9
3.2	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.6	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 9, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9
14.1	6.0	-11.2	-7.6	-17.3	-21.6	-29.9

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of September 2 (last reported data) 71.7% of beds were occupied which is a **LOW** rate of utilization.

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of September 2 (last reported date) 74% 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 2 (last reported date) 8.8% of beds were occupied with COVID-19 patients which is a **MODERATE** rate of utilization.

The following is a link to the Board of Health regulation that took effect August 7, 2021:

https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccllims/DownloadFilePage?FileName=10186_1_16669_Resolution_19-975_Adopted_20210805.pdf

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