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AGENDA ITEM #3A
 November 9, 2021
Discussion

SUBJECT

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

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
 Dr. James Bridgers, Acting Health Officer and Chief of Public Health Services, DHHS
 Dr. Earl Stoddard, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
 Sean O’Donnell, Program Administrator, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (DHHS)

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 November 3, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	562,896	10,694	231
Montgomery County	82,696	1,665	51

On November 3, 2021, the Maryland.gov website reported the State’s positivity rate was 3.01%.

Vaccine Allotments and Distribution

The County has created a vaccine dashboard:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/#vaccine>

Montgomery County Residents Vaccinated (only doses administered in the State of Maryland)

Date	MC Residents received 1 st Dose	MC Residents Fully Vaccinated
November 2, 2021	792,233 (75.9%)	720,165 (69.2%)

On November 3, 2021, the **CDC Tracker** showed that 91.4% of Montgomery County’s population aged 12 and older 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 November 3, 2021, there was a **SUBSTANTIAL** level of transmission.

Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
47.78	50.63	53.30	51.78	51.20	51.20	50.82

Test positivity rate – 7-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive case. As of November 2, 2021, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	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 November 3, 2021, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
-4.0	7.5	10.7	8.6	12.1	12.8	13.4

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of October 29 (last reported data) 68.6% of beds were occupied which is a **LOW** rate of utilization.

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of October 29 (last reported date) 70.5% 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 October 29 (last reported date) 5.5% of beds were occupied with COVID-19 patients which is a **MODERATE** rate of utilization.

On November 2, the Board of Health approved an amended Board of Health Regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and indoor mask guidance in Montgomery County which can be found here:

https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccllims/DownloadFilePage?FileName=10246_1_17788_Resolution_19-1043_Adopted_20211102.pdf

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