Committee: Directly to Council

Committee Review: N/A

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Purpose: Receive briefing and have discussion – no vote expected

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AGENDA ITEM #18

December 7, 2021

Discussion

Montgomery County Council

SUBJECT

Updates from County Government and Montgomery County Public Schools – Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Health Planning

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Dr. James Bridgers, Acting Chief Health Officer, (DHHS)

Dr. Earl Stoddard, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Sean O'Donnell, Program Administrator, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (DHHS)

James D'Andrea, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

Heather Dublinske, Coordinator, Student Welfare and Compliance, (MCPS)

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 December 1, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	587,285	10,987	233
Montgomery County	85,430	1,682	52

On December 1, 2021, the Maryland.gov website reported the State's positivity rate was 5.13%.

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 1st Dose	MC Residents Fully Vaccinated
December 1, 2021	853,621 (81.2%)	733,713 (71.3%))

On December 1, 2021, the CDC Tracker showed that 93% of Montgomery County's population aged 12 and over 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 December 1, 2021, there was a **SUBSTANTIAL** level of transmission.

Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1
73.6	72.4	70.7	70.2	69.2	72.2	76.4

Test positivity rate – 7-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive case. As of November 30, 2021, there was a **LOW** risk of transmission.

Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1
2.2	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	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 December 1, 2021, there was a **SUBSTANTIAL** risk of transmission.

Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1
23.3	14.4	8.5	3.7	-2.2	NA	5.8

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of November 25 (last reported data) 62.6% of beds were occupied which is a **LOW** rate of utilization.

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of November 25 (last reported date) 65.9% 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 November 25 (last reported date) 5.0% of beds were occupied with COVID-19 patients which is a **LOW** rate of utilization.

Montgomery County Public Schools

MCPS has created a COVID-19 Dashboard:
https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coronavirus/dashboard/

The dashboard links to a variety of topics including vaccinations, quarantine, and contact tracing. It also links to case reports and community notification letters by school.

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