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AGENDA ITEM #6A
 October 20, 2020
Discussion

SUBJECT

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update (County Council sitting as the Board of Health)

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.

State and County Data on October 14, 2020 (Maryland.gov website)

October 14, 2020	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	132,918	3,877	145
Montgomery County	23,926	819	40

Montgomery County Metrics (from Montgomery County website)

Montgomery County has adopted the following metrics that will be used to determine when it is safe to move to different phases of reopening businesses and other activities. Each metric is measured with a 3-day rolling average. The goal is to meet each metric for 14 of the last 14 days.

1. Goal of continued decline in new cases in an environment of increased testing. County has met this goal for 1 of the last 14 days.

	8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct
New Cases	99	110	102	96	95	121	109
New Cases - 3 day average	71	89	104	103	98	104	108

2. Goal of sustained decline in new COVID-19 related deaths. County has met this goal for 9 of the last 14 days. However, in the past week there has been between 0 and 3 deaths each day.

	8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct
New Deaths	1	2	1	0	1	1	3
New Deaths - 3 day average	0.7	1.3	1.3	1	0.3	0.3	1.3

3. Goal of sustained decrease of COVID-19 related hospitalizations. The County has met this for 7 of the last 14 days.

	Sept 14	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 12
3-Day rolling average	63	71	61	71	87

4. Goal of sustained decrease in the number of people going to the emergency room with COVID-19 related symptoms. County has met this metric for 4 of the last 14 days. The number remains relatively low. On May 3, there were 41 people who went to the ER with COVID symptoms.

	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 13
3-Day rolling average	3	3	5	6	4

5. Goal of sustained decrease of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations. The County has met this for 8 of the last 14 days. Current numbers are well below the 151 patients hospitalized in the ICU on May 9, 2020.

	Sept 14	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 12
3-Day rolling average	24	16	17	16	16

6. Goal of sustained utilization of less than 70% of acute care beds. County has met this metric for 4 of the last 14 days.

	Sept 14	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 12
3-Day rolling average	71%	70%	70%	69%	74%

7. Goal of sustained utilization of less than 80% of intensive care unit beds. County has met this metric for 14 of the last 14 days and has not exceeded 80% since mid-May.

	Sept 14	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 12
3-Day rolling average	61%	59%	63%	62%	65%

8. Goal of sustained utilization of less than 70% of critical care equipment such as ventilators. County has met this metric for 14 of the last 14 days and has not exceeded the goal since reporting data on April 2, 2020.

	Sept 14	Sept 22	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 12
3-Day rolling average	22%	29%	26%	22%	24%

9. Goal of sustained flattening or decrease in the test positivity rate. County has met this metric for 4 of the last 14 days. The State's positivity rate on October 7 was 2.9%.

	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27	Oct 4	Oct 11
3-Day rolling average	3.1%	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	2.8%

10. Goal of increased testing capacity to be able to test 5% of County residents monthly. On October 11, 2020, the County reports a 3-day rolling average of 4,198 tests administered. This compares to 3,369 a week earlier on October 4. Current rolling average capacity is 11.3% of population monthly.

The State and County websites include information on cases and deaths by age. The following is a summary of the State information for October 14 and the County for October 13.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
October 14, 2020	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	5,072	0	3.8%	0.0%
10-19 years	11,596	2	8.7%	0.1%
20-29 years	25,174	24	18.9%	0.6%
30-39 years	23,855	48	17.9%	1.2%
40-49 years	21,074	124	15.9%	3.2%
50-59 years	19,373	321	14.6%	8.3%
60-69 years	13,005	639	9.8%	16.5%
70-79 years	7,695	964	5.8%	24.9%
80+ years	6,074	1,753	4.6%	45.2%
Not available	0	2	0.0%	0.1%
Total	132,918	3,877	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
October 13, 2020	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	989	0	4.2%	0.0%
10-19 years	2,057	0	8.6%	0.0%
20-29 years	4,026	0	16.9%	0.0%
30-39 years	4,288	14	18.0%	1.7%
40-49 years	3,960	28	16.6%	3.4%
50-59 years	3,455	55	14.5%	6.7%
60-69 years	2,250	115	9.4%	14.1%
70-79 years	1,233	166	5.2%	20.3%
80+ years	1,559	438	6.5%	53.7%
Not available	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	23,817	816	100.0%	100.0%

The State website reports case and death data for race and ethnicity. The County website includes data on deaths by race and ethnicity and also includes a death rate.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Total	% Confirmed
October 14, 2020	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
African American (NH)	41,603	1,585	31.3%	40.9%
Asian (NH)	2,536	144	1.9%	3.7%
White (NH)	34,416	1,645	25.9%	42.4%
Hispanic	28,317	448	21.3%	11.6%
Other (NH)	6,154	42	4.6%	1.1%
Not available	19,892	13	15.0%	0.3%
Total	132,918	3,877	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	% of Total	
October 13, 2020	Deaths	Deaths	Rate
African American (NH)	178	21.8%	92.5
Asian (NH)	71	8.7%	44.0
White (NH)	377	46.2%	83.5
Hispanic	168	20.6%	81.2
Other (NH)	22	2.7%	0.0
Not available	0	0.0%	0.0
Total	816	100.0%	

The following are links to the County's data webpages.

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

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/case-counts.html#rt>

In addition, the County has stated the following as additional goals that should be achieved:

- Testing networks in place to offer high throughput testing.
- Leverage health care network to provide testing to symptomatic and asymptomatic patients.
- Accessible testing options available across the County utilizing a diverse network of options, including health care providers, alternative test sites, mobile testing units, etc.
- Sustained flattening or decrease in test positivity.
- Continuing current efforts and partnering with the State on a state-driven, large-scale contact tracing effort that will allow for contacting cases within 24 hours upon receipt of results and identified contacts within 48 hours.
- Compiling and using data by race, gender, age, geographic location to inform policy decisions related to health outcomes.
- Ability to disseminate information, programming, and policies that address the impact of social determinants of health on Covid-19 outcomes.

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