DHHS PULSE REPORT

COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY

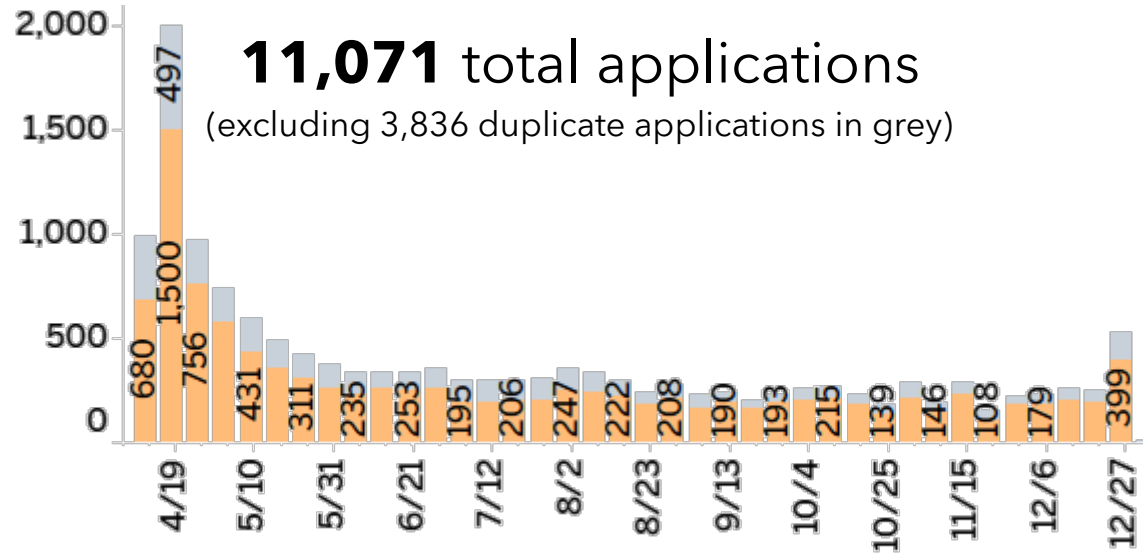### March 9, 2022

RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND

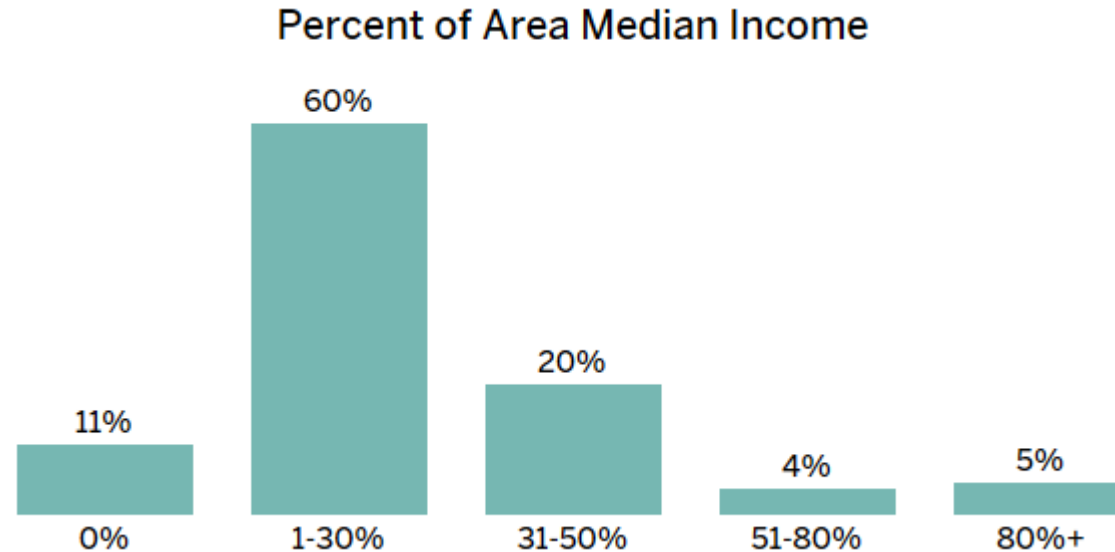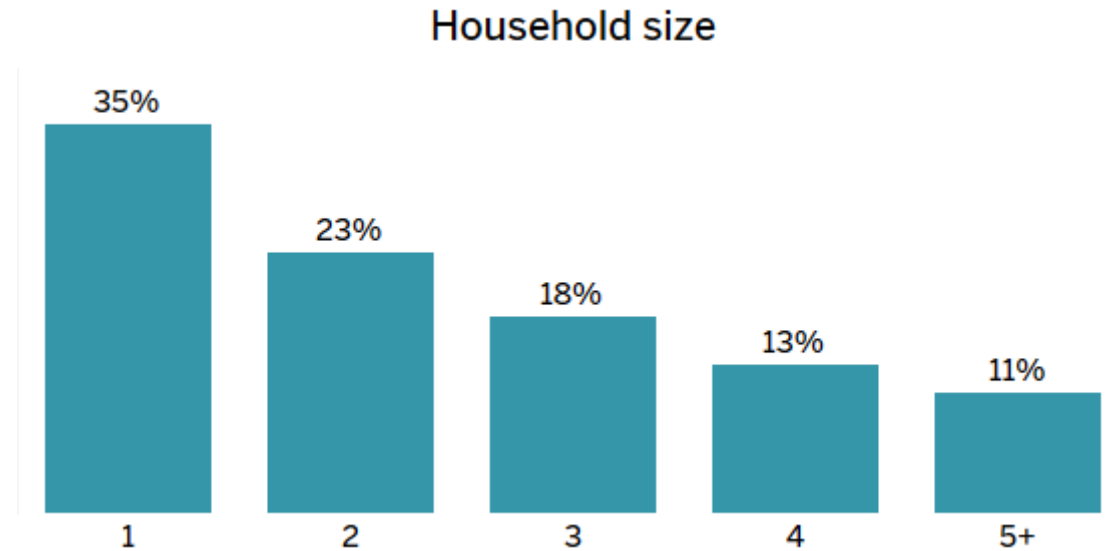# COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF FEB 28– MAR 6

APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)

11,071 total applications

(excluding 3,836 duplicate applications in grey)

Bar chart values: 680, 497, 1,500, 756, 431, 311, 235, 253, 195, 206, 247, 222, 208, 190, 193, 215, 139, 146, 108, 179, 399

X-axis: 4/19, 5/10, 5/31, 6/21, 7/12, 8/2, 8/23, 9/13, 10/4, 10/25, 11/15, 12/6, 12/27

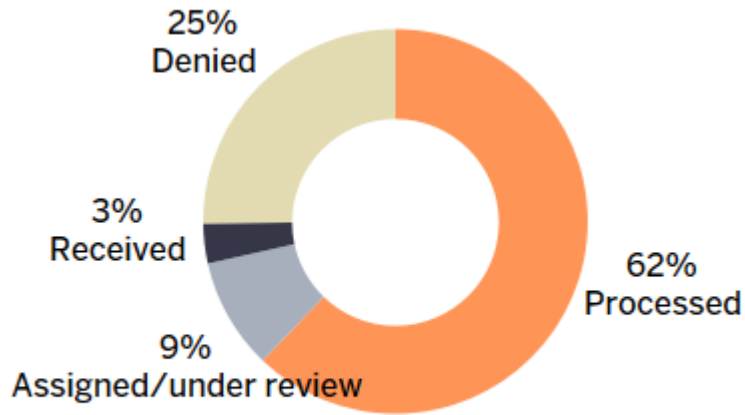Application portal closed on 12/31/21.

APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **52%** matched with landlord application
- **53%** unemployed past 90 days
- **29%** needed to care for self/others
- **23%** self-reported receiving an eviction notice
- Median household income: **$20,987**

APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Household size

1	2	3	4	5+
35%	23%	18%	13%	11%

Percent of Area Median Income

0%	1-30%	31-50%	51-80%	80%+
11%	60%	20%	4%	5%

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF FEB 28– MAR 6

APPLICATION PROCESSING

25% Denied
3% Received
9% Assigned/under review
62% Processed

May not add to 100% due to rounding.

Denials are primarily due to applicants not having arrears/mortgage assistance requests, exceeding income requirements, not demonstrating county residency, and include non-responsive and fraudulent requests.
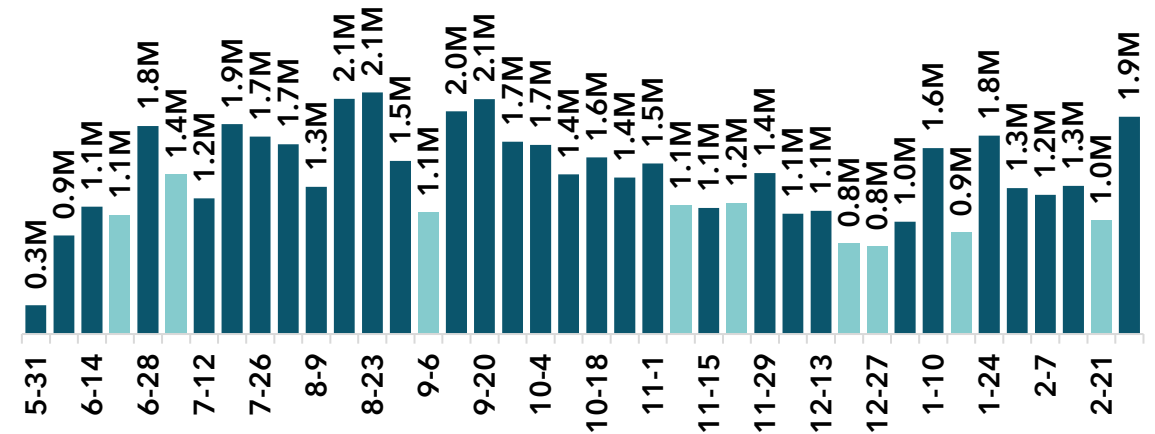
ALL-TIME TOTALS

The current round of funding adds to two previous rounds of COVID-19 assistance. In total, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program has approved:

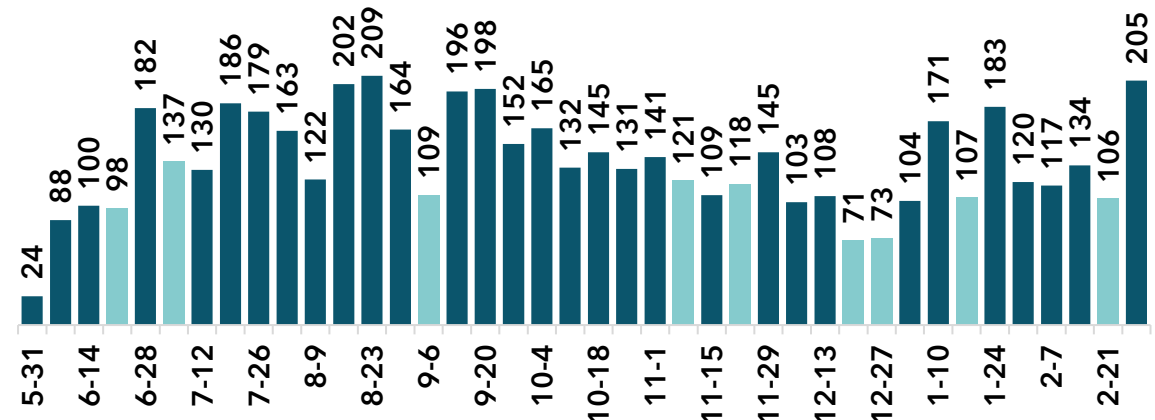- **$72.9M** in payments
- **9,944** households

APPROVALS

Total Approved Payments: $55M
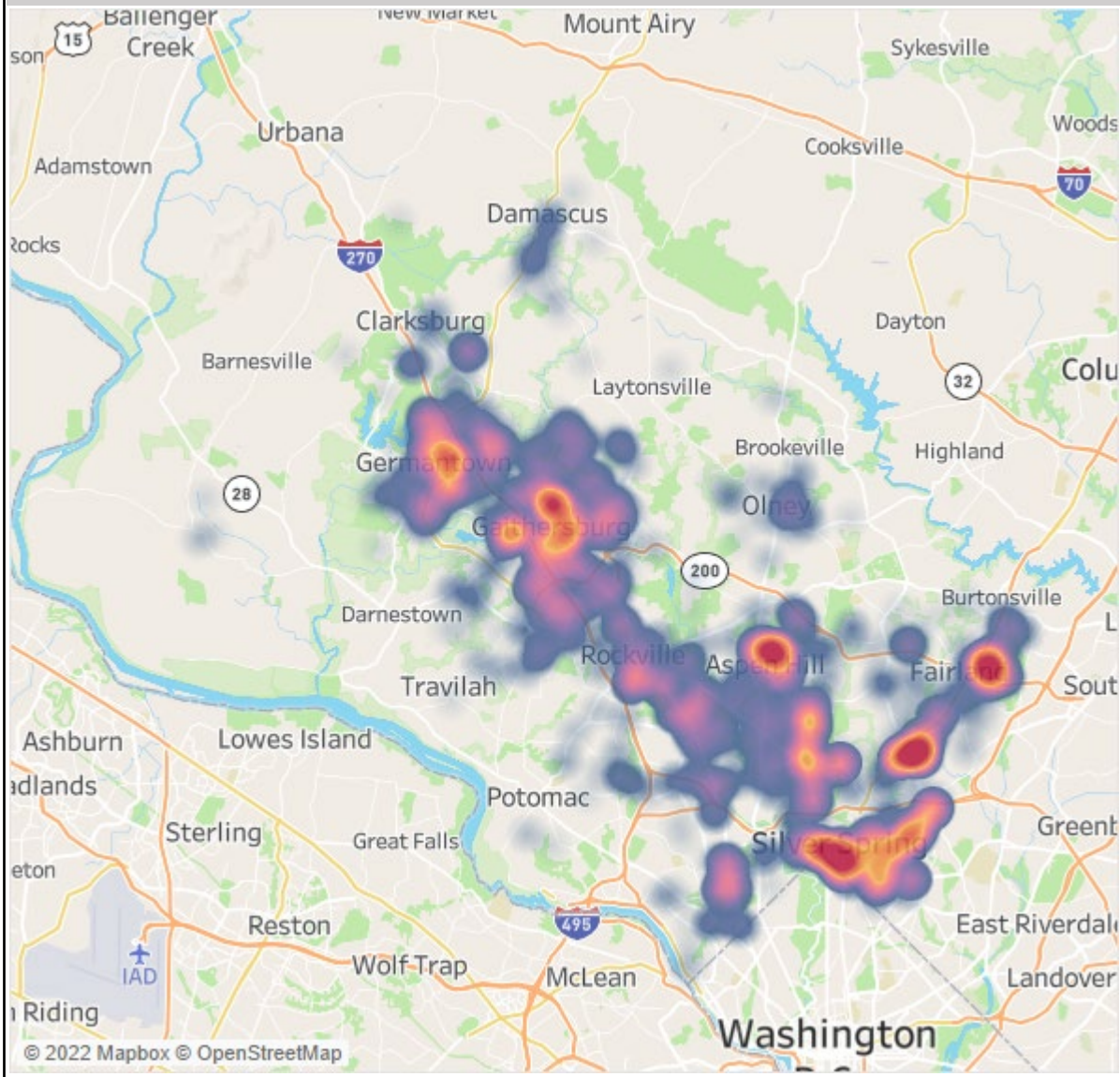(4-day workweek in light blue)

Values (5-31 onward): 0.3M, 0.9M, 1.1M, 1.1M, 1.8M, 1.4M, 1.2M, 1.9M, 1.7M, 1.7M, 1.3M, 2.1M, 2.1M, 1.5M, 1.1M, 2.0M, 2.1M, 1.7M, 1.7M, 1.4M, 1.6M, 1.4M, 1.5M, 1.1M, 1.1M, 1.2M, 1.4M, 1.1M, 1.1M, 0.8M, 0.8M, 1.0M, 1.6M, 0.9M, 1.8M, 1.3M, 1.2M, 1.3M, 1.0M, 1.9M

Total Approved Households: 5,448
(4-day workweek in light blue)

Values (5-31 onward): 24, 88, 100, 98, 182, 137, 130, 186, 179, 163, 122, 202, 209, 164, 109, 196, 198, 152, 165, 132, 145, 131, 141, 121, 109, 118, 145, 103, 108, 71, 73, 104, 171, 107, 183, 120, 117, 134, 106, 205

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF FEB 28– MAR 6

HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS

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RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY

Black	Hispanic	White	Multiple Races	Asian & Pacific Islander	Other	American Indian
52%	32%	7%	6%	3%	1%	0%
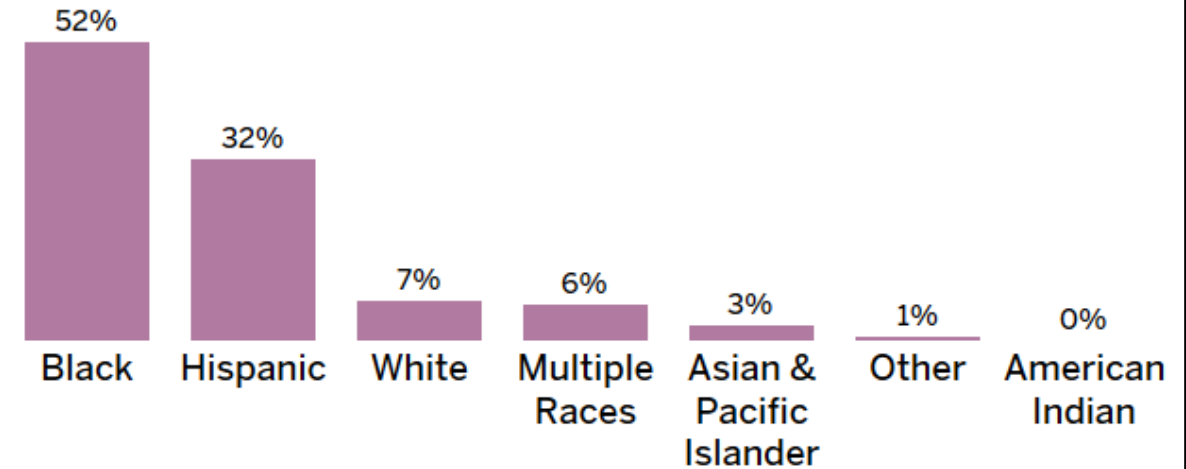
ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT CHARACTERISITICS

- Average client payment: **$10.1K**
- **64%** of payments arrears; **36%** prospective
- **47%** of awarded households are in high-need areas as defined by the Homeless Prevention Index
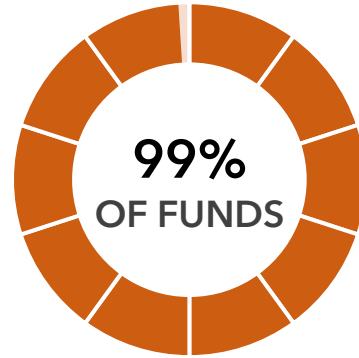
COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF FEB 28– MAR 6

DIRECT ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award

$31.4M

99% OF FUNDS

Current spending and encumbered

$31.4M

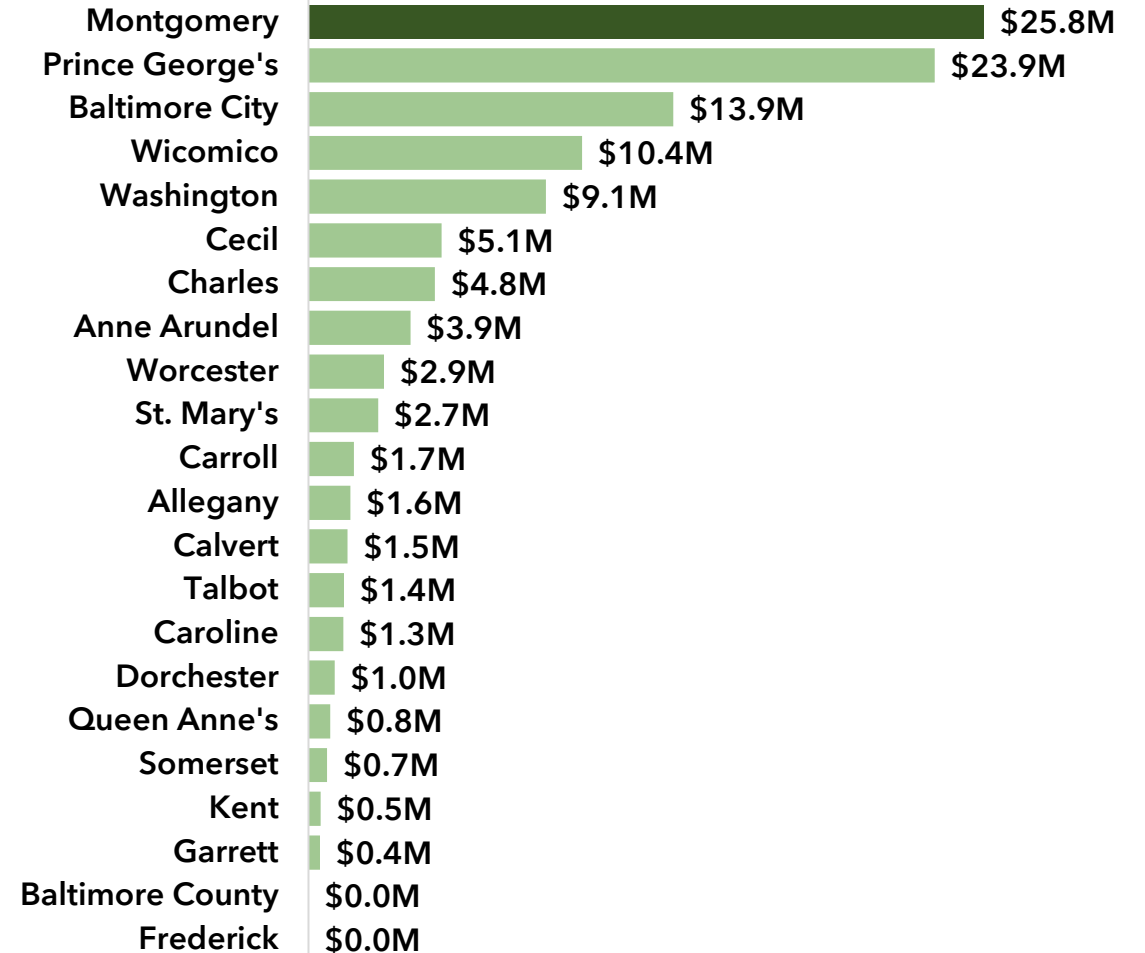## STATE ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award

$28.1M

100% OF FUNDS

Current spending and encumbered

$28.1M

Note: Spending and percentages may shift as payments are reconciled.

STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY

As of 1.31.2022

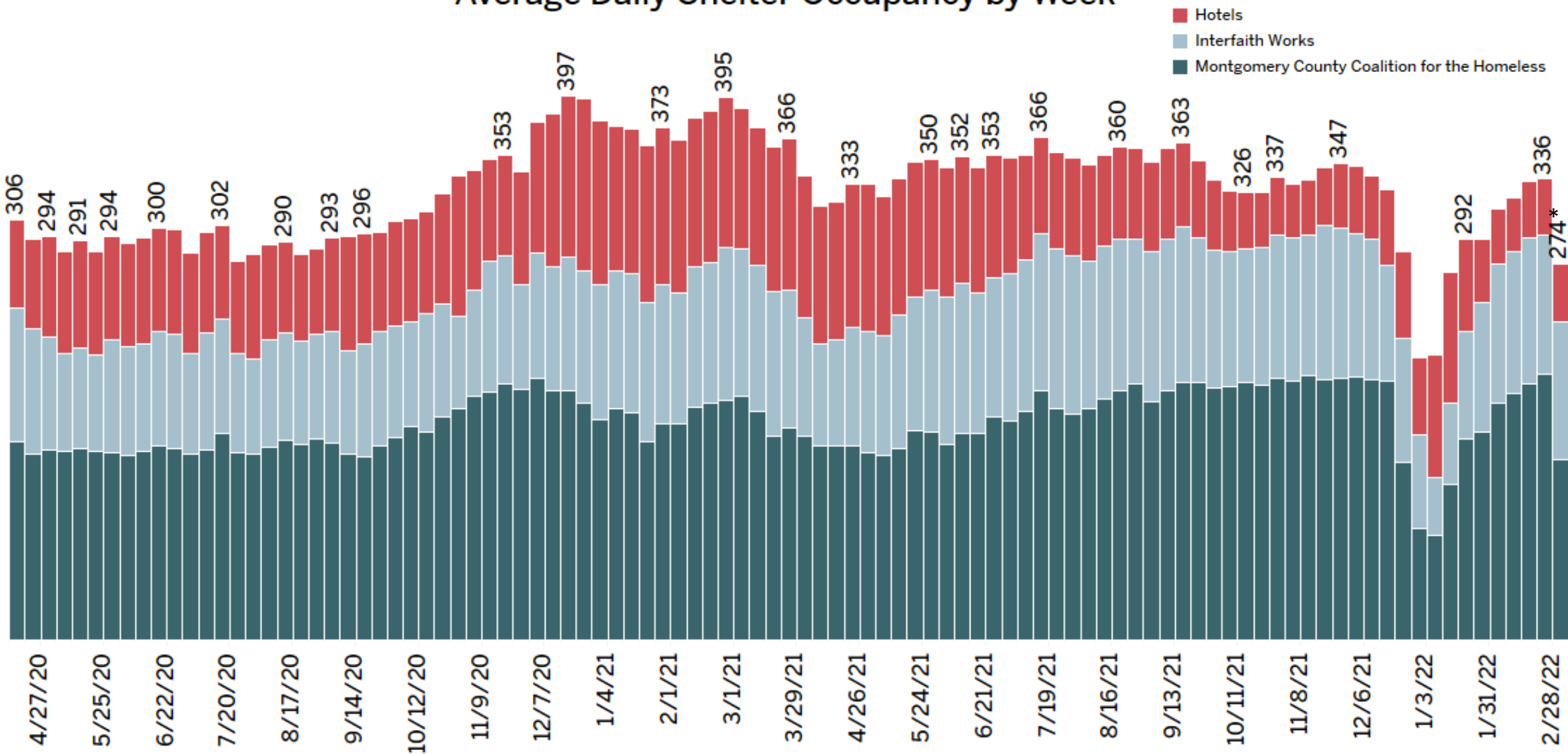| County	Amount
Montgomery	$25.8M
Prince George's	$23.9M
Baltimore City	$13.9M
Wicomico	$10.4M
Washington	$9.1M
Cecil	$5.1M
Charles	$4.8M
Anne Arundel	$3.9M
Worcester	$2.9M
St. Mary's	$2.7M
Carroll	$1.7M
Allegany	$1.6M
Calvert	$1.5M
Talbot	$1.4M
Caroline	$1.3M
Dorchester	$1.0M
Queen Anne's	$0.8M
Somerset	$0.7M
Kent	$0.5M
Garrett	$0.4M
Baltimore County	$0.0M
Frederick	$0.0M

EVICTION TRACKER

NEW WRITS BY WEEK
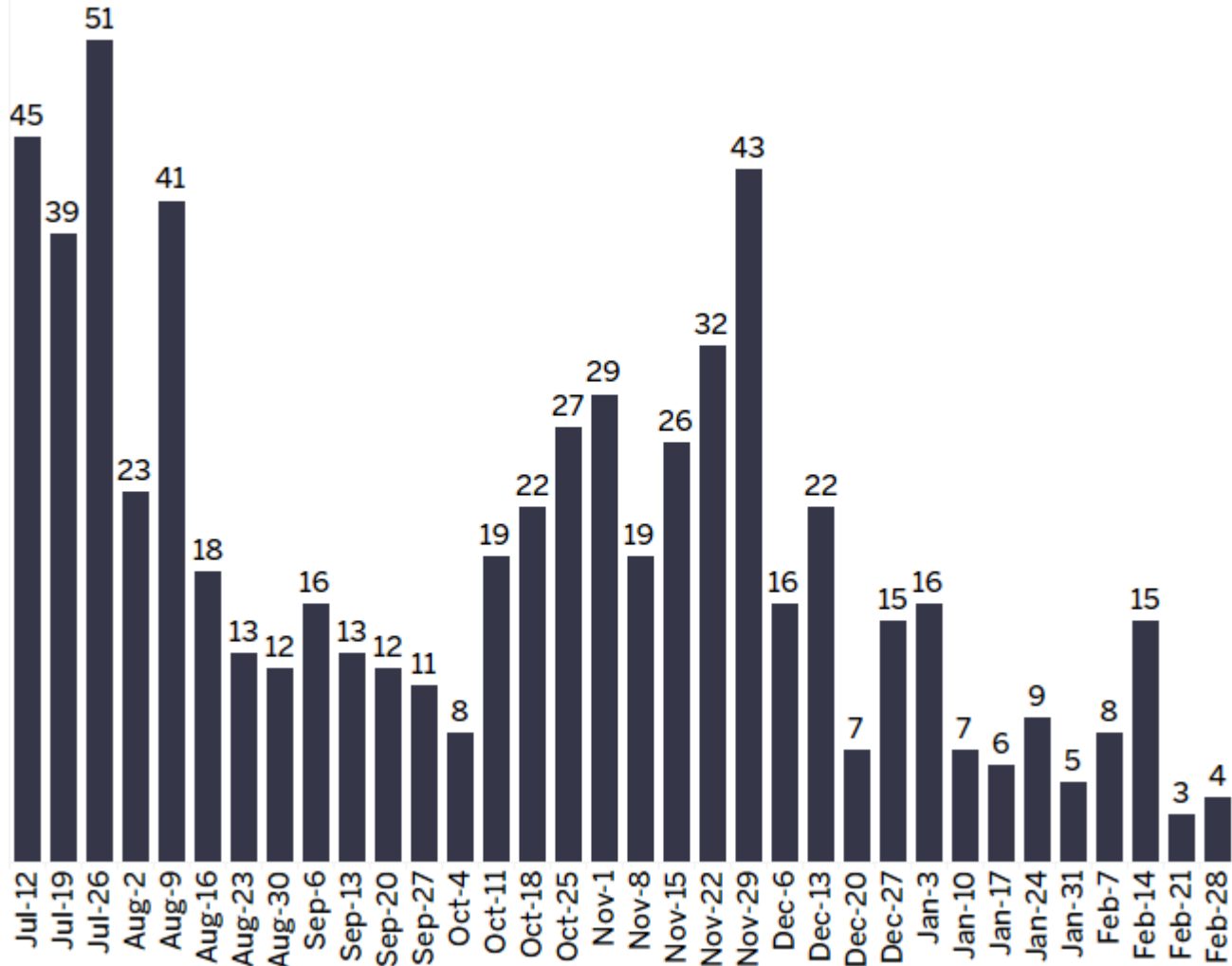
- **932** residents scheduled for eviction after July 19
- **45%** of households with writ have applied for emergency rental assistance
- Context: **fewer than 8%** of writs typically result in eviction

NOTE: Records on writs for eviction can include commercial tenants as well as multiple notices for a single household. The stats above attempt to capture unique residential households only, but it is not always possible to make such distinctions.

SHELTER OCCUPANCY

Average Daily Shelter Occupancy by Week

Legend:
- Hotels
- Interfaith Works
- Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

Data labels: 306, 294, 291, 294, 300, 302, 290, 293, 296, 353, 397, 373, 395, 366, 333, 350, 352, 353, 366, 360, 363, 326, 337, 347, 292, 336, 274*

X-axis labels: 4/27/20, 5/25/20, 6/22/20, 7/20/20, 8/17/20, 9/14/20, 10/12/20, 11/9/20, 12/7/20, 1/4/21, 2/1/21, 3/1/21, 3/29/21, 4/26/21, 5/24/21, 6/21/21, 7/19/21, 8/16/21, 9/13/21, 10/11/21, 11/8/21, 12/6/21, 1/3/22, 1/31/22, 2/28/22

*Data for MCCH incomplete for the week of February 28 and reflects average daily occupancy up to 3/4/22.
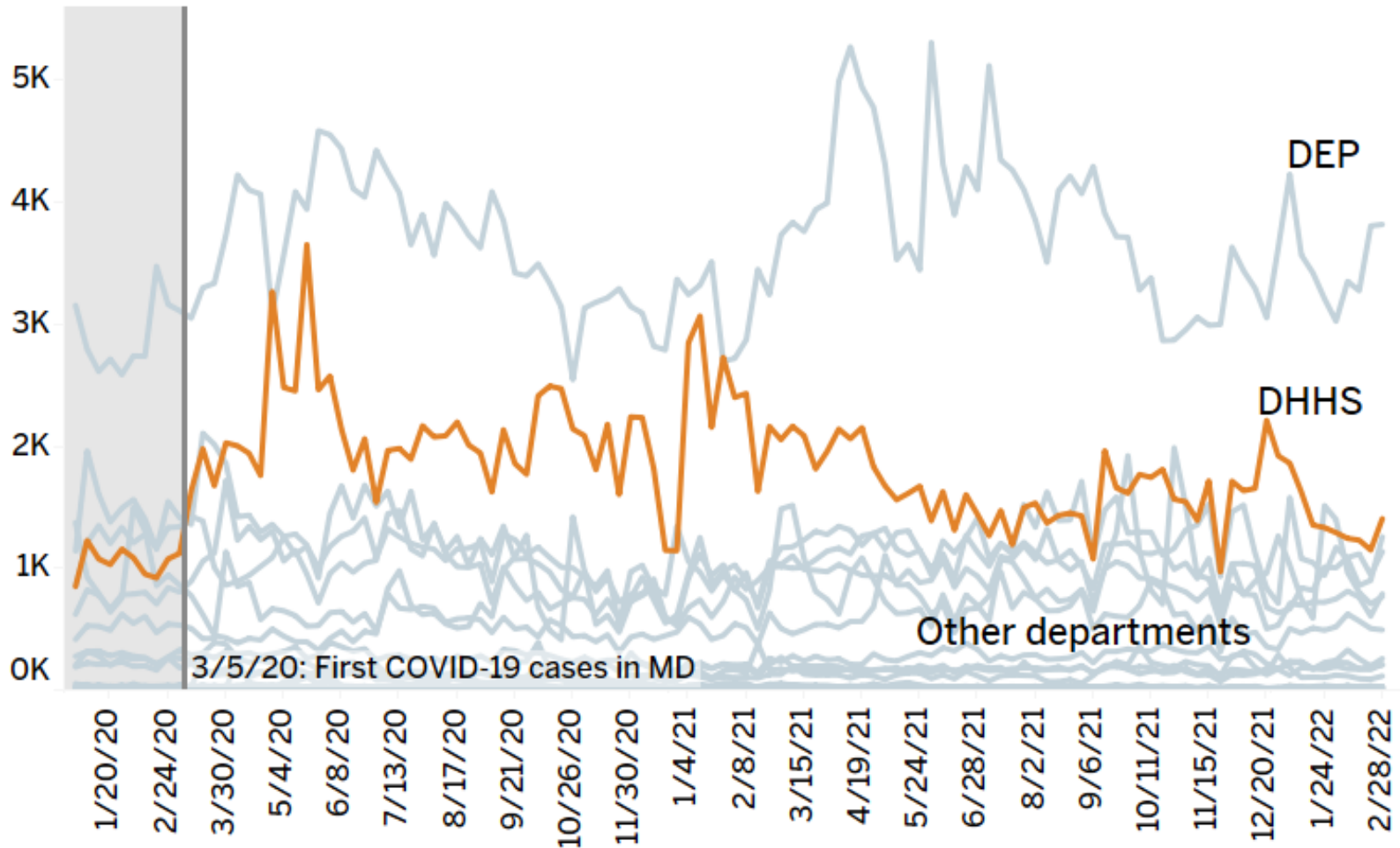
NOTE: Total occupancy does not include hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

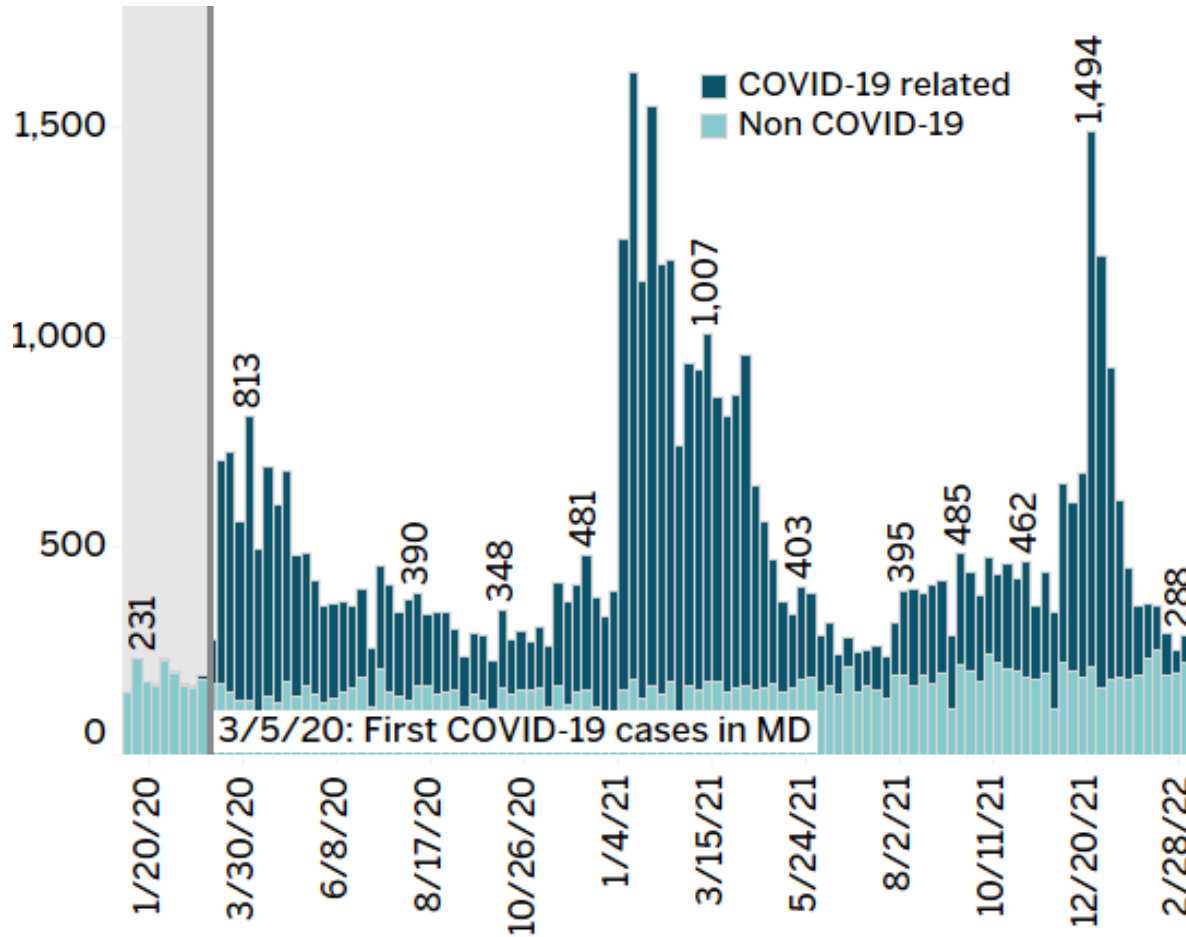**1,405** calls last week for DHHS services

- Nearly 44% of last week's DHHS service calls were regarding public assistance programs
  - Most questions regarding public assistance are referred to the Office of Eligibility and Support Services, which in January fielded 1,649 direct calls and 1,719 referrals from MC311
- 11% of DHHS calls to MC311 were about the COVID Rental Relief Program

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

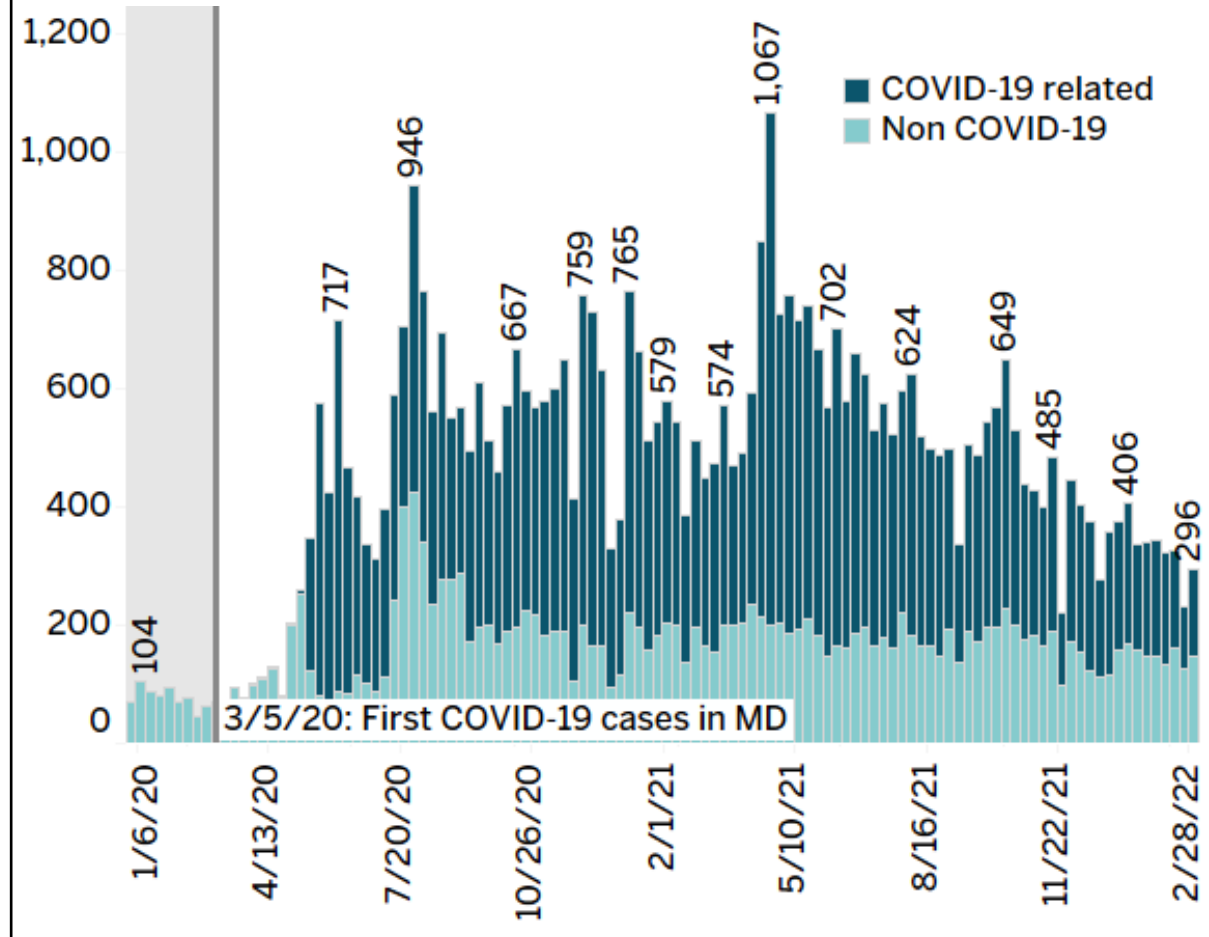## PUBLIC HEALTH

288 calls last week for Public Health
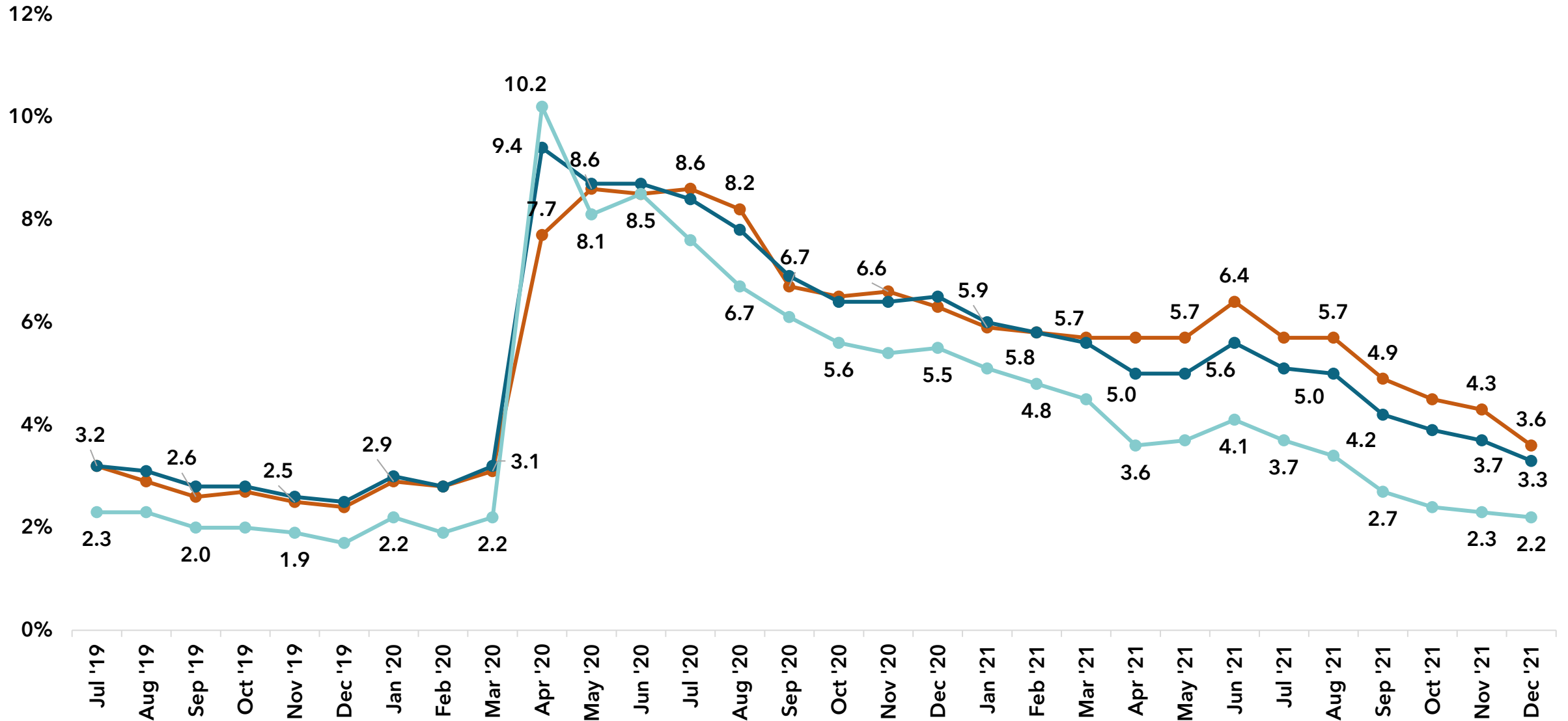
22% related to COVID-19

Legend: COVID-19 related, Non COVID-19

3/5/20: First COVID-19 cases in MD

Values: 231, 813, 390, 348, 481, 1,007, 403, 395, 485, 462, 1,494, 288

X-axis: 1/20/20, 3/30/20, 6/8/20, 8/17/20, 10/26/20, 1/4/21, 3/15/21, 5/24/21, 8/2/21, 10/11/21, 12/20/21, 2/28/22

SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

296 calls last week for SEPH

50% related to COVID-19

Legend: COVID-19 related, Non COVID-19

3/5/20: First COVID-19 cases in MD

Values: 104, 717, 946, 667, 759, 765, 579, 574, 1,067, 702, 624, 649, 485, 406, 296

X-axis: 1/6/20, 4/13/20, 7/20/20, 10/26/20, 2/1/21, 5/10/21, 8/16/21, 11/22/21, 2/28/22

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

Montgomery County — DC-Metro Region — Fairfax County

COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING

COVID-19 CASES & HOSPITALIZATIONS/BED USE

Based on CDC's new community level indicators, Montgomery County's community level is **LOW.**

- Fewer than 200 cases per 100k in the past seven days (45)
- Fewer than 10 new COVID-19 admissions per 100k in the past seven days (4.1)
- Less than 10% of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients on average in the past seven days (4.2%)
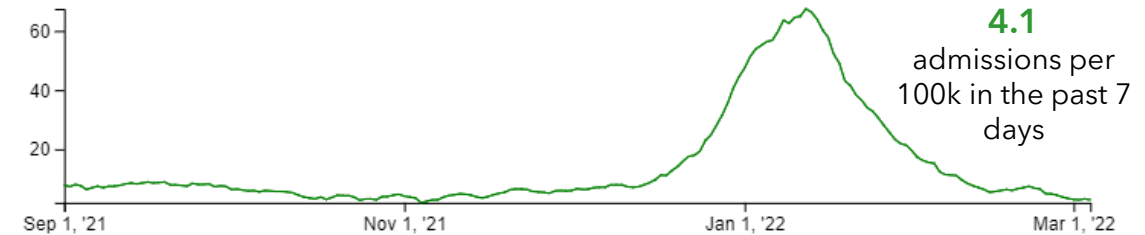
CASES AS OF 3/8/22

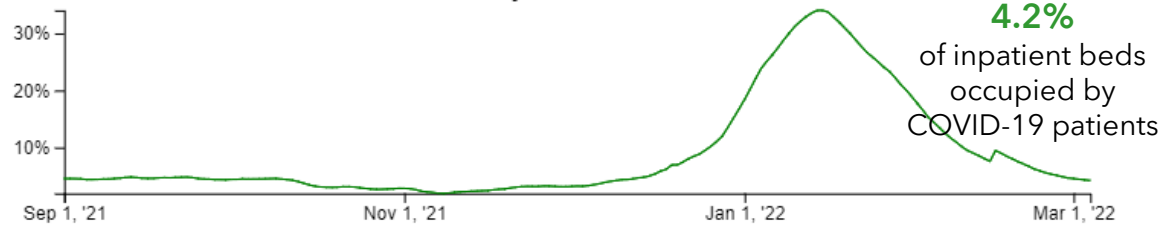Number of cases per 100,000 persons in the past seven days

165,707 — Cumulative Cases
72 — Today's New Cases

45 cases per 100k in the past seven days
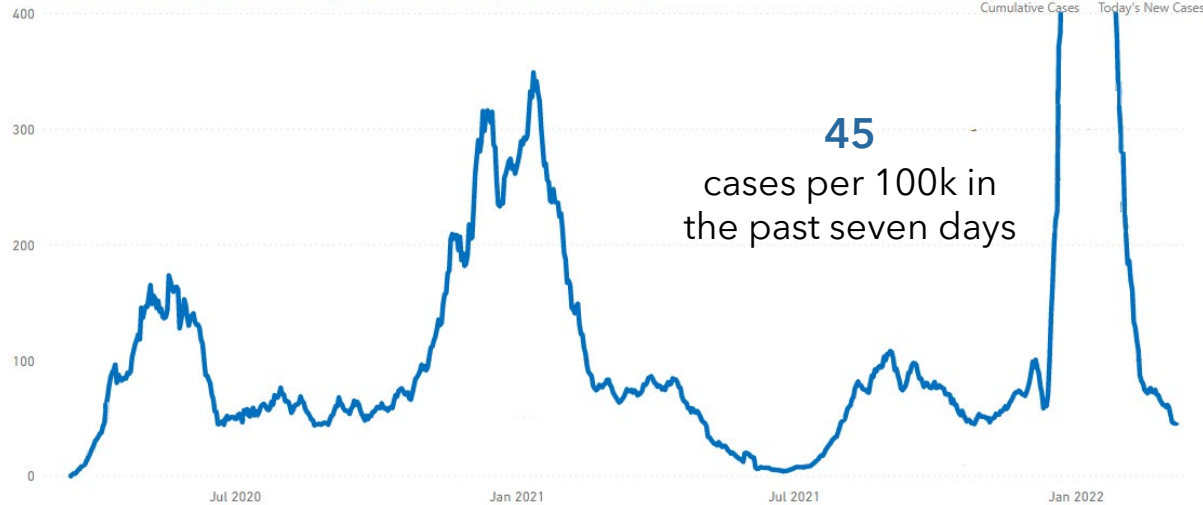
HOSPITALIZATIONS & BED USE AS OF 3/5/22*
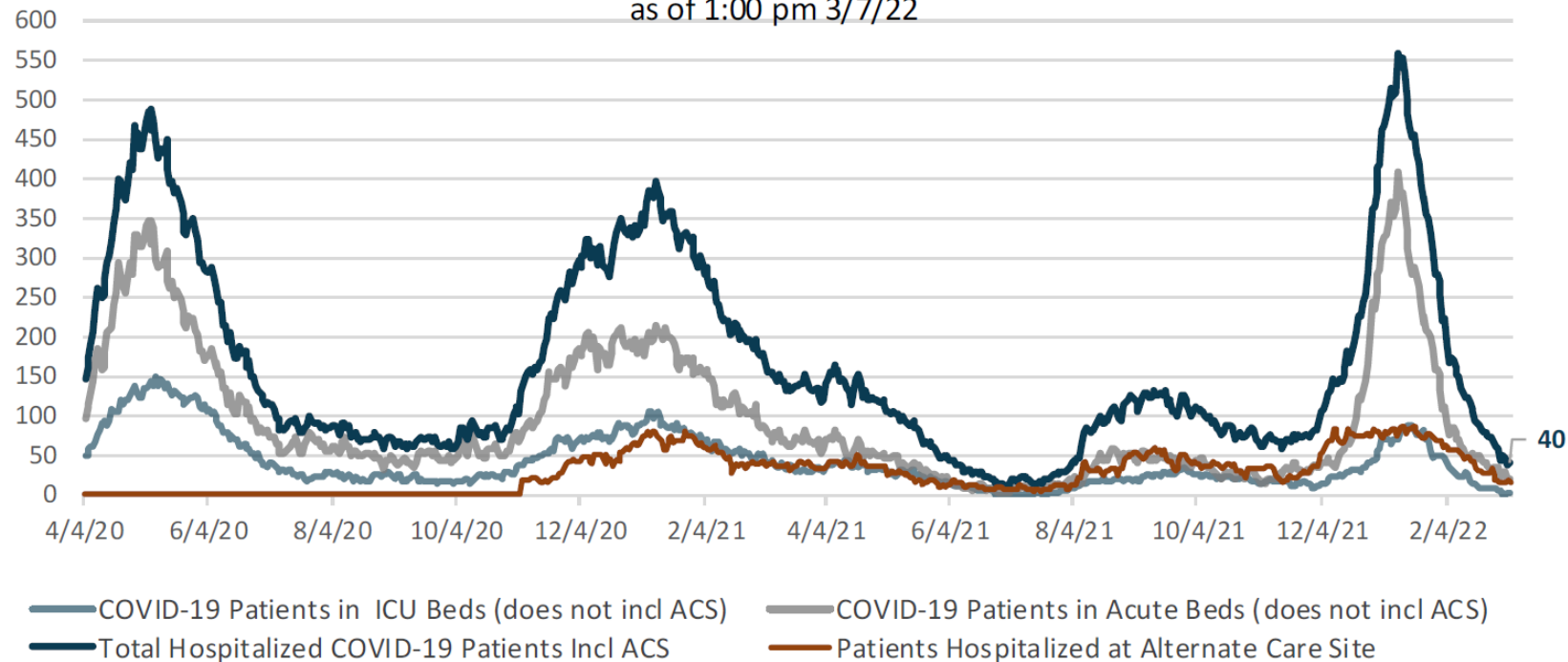
Daily Hospital Admissions - 7-Day Moving Average

4.1 admissions per 100k in the past 7 days

Daily % Beds Used

4.2% of inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients

For real-time updates, visit the COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/ and the CDC's Integrated County View page for Montgomery County: https://bit.ly/3ITKTIP

* The CDC metric for percent of inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients differs from the percent reflected on Montgomery County's surveillance dashboard due to data delays and differences in how the CDC groups hospital services areas. DHHS and CountyStat are working to align the two metrics.

Total ICU and Acute Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Positive Patients
(Montgomery County Hospitals and the WAH Alternate Care Site)
as of 1:00 pm 3/7/22

Legend:
- COVID-19 Patients in ICU Beds (does not incl ACS)
- COVID-19 Patients in Acute Beds (does not incl ACS)
- Total Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients Incl ACS
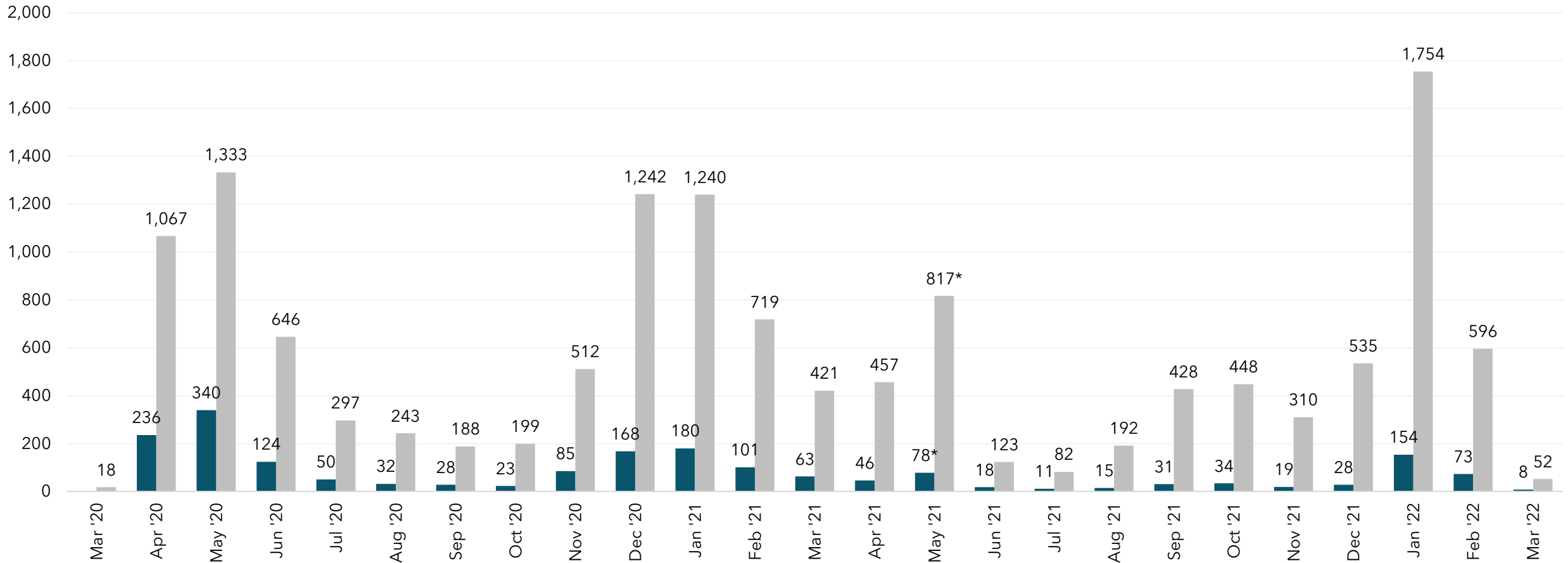- Patients Hospitalized at Alternate Care Site

- There are 40 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 3/7. Both acute care (21) and ICU (2) bed usage has declined.

- 2.5% of hospital beds in the community are occupied by patients with a COVID diagnosis (as of 3/7).

- 17 patients are currently hospitalized at the alternate care site. These patients are transfers from other hospitals and may come from other jurisdictions.

For real-time updates, visit the COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/

COVID-19 DEATHS

Monthly COVID-19 Deaths
Updated 3/7/22

■ Montgomery County   ■ Maryland

Month	Montgomery County	Maryland
Mar '20		18
Apr '20	236	1,067
May '20	340	1,333
Jun '20	124	646
Jul '20	50	297
Aug '20	32	243
Sep '20	28	188
Oct '20	23	199
Nov '20	85	512
Dec '20	168	1,242
Jan '21	180	1,240
Feb '21	101	719
Mar '21	63	421
Apr '21	46	457
May '21	78*	817*
Jun '21	18	123
Jul '21	11	82
Aug '21	15	192
Sep '21	31	428
Oct '21	34	448
Nov '21	19	310
Dec '21	28	535
Jan '22	154	1,754
Feb '22	73	596
Mar '22	8	52

*VSA revised death data on May 27, 2021 to include COVID-19 deaths not previously counted.
NOTE: Monthly totals are based on the date death was reported, which may not be the same as the date on which the death occurred.

HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS BY VACCINATION STATUS

Weekly Age-Adjusted COVID-19 Hospitalization Rates by Vaccination Status
Montgomery County, MD

Weekly Age-Adjusted COVID-19 Death Rates by Vaccination Status
Montgomery County, MD
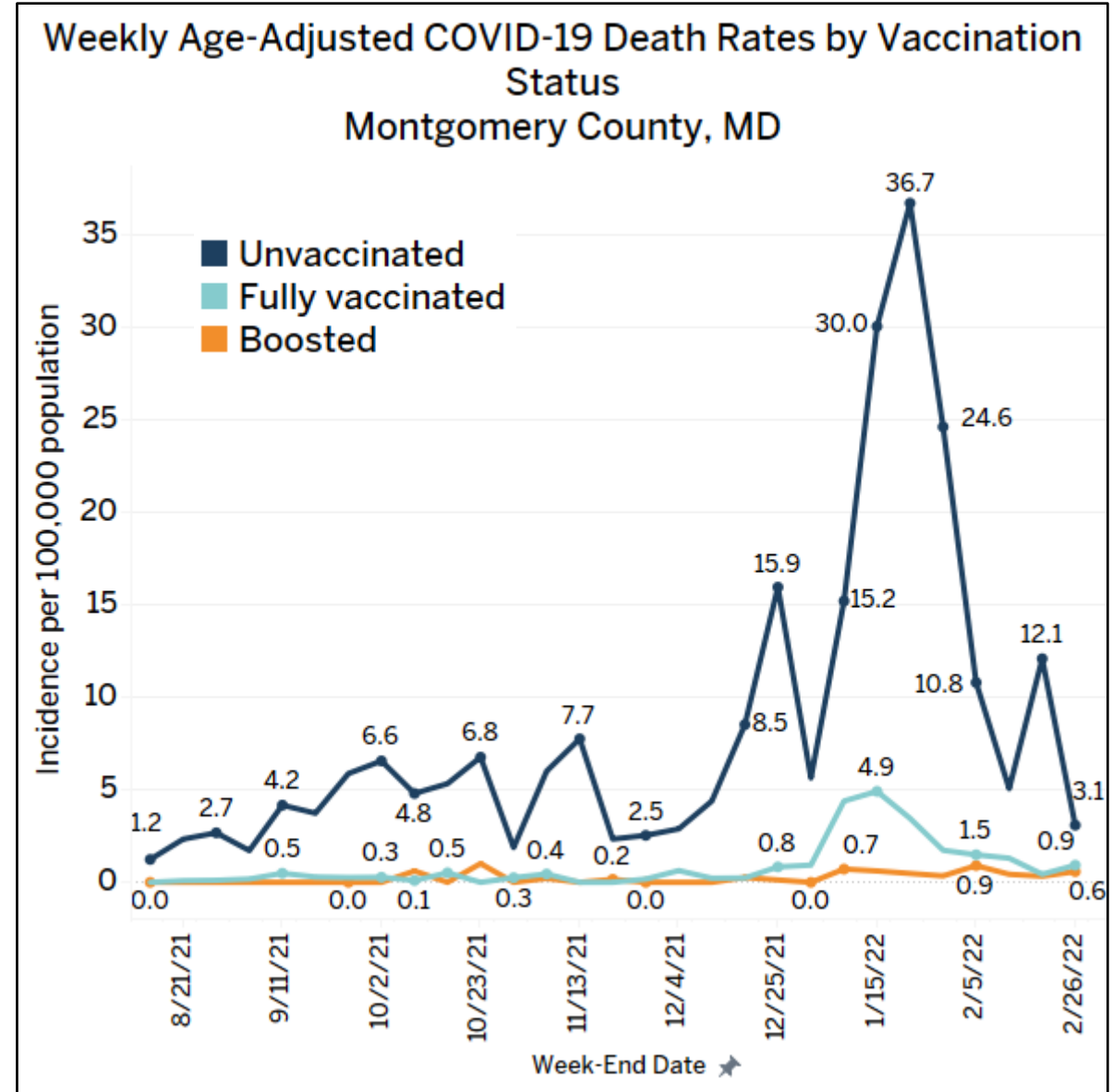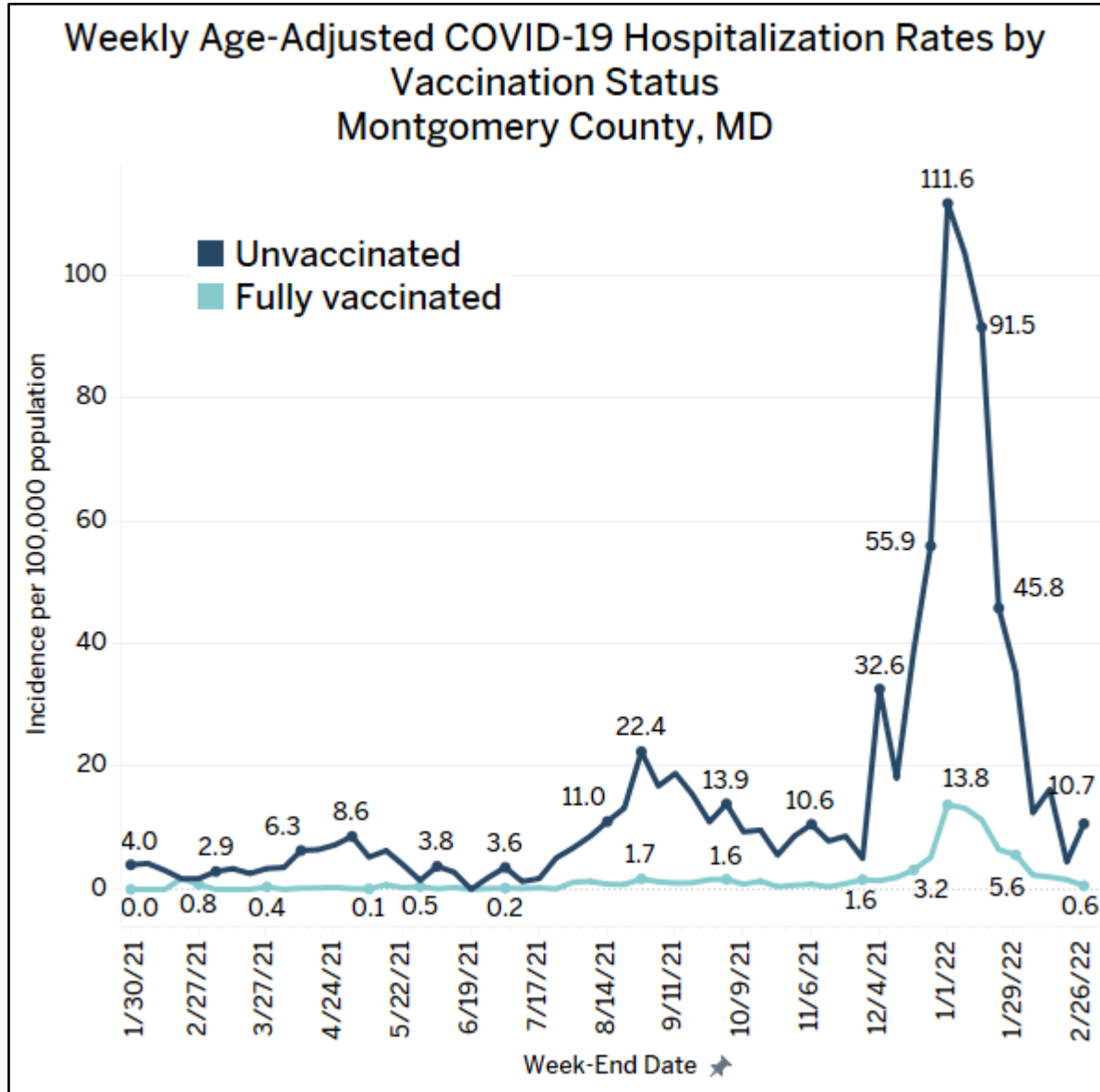
NOTE: Hospitalization rates for the boosted population are not available.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 3/7/22)

- **≥95%[1]** of <u>total</u> population received at least ONE DOSE [N=1,057,499]

- **86%[2]** of <u>total</u> population received at least TWO DOSES (fully vaccinated) [N=900,596]

- **53%** of <u>fully vaccinated</u> population received a BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=473,313]

1. The CDC caps percentages at 95% to account for margins of error in data entry and population estimates.

2. On 1/19 the CDC revised its method for counting vaccines administered at Bureau of Prisons and at Department of Defense facilities to better align vaccine counts with residential county of recipient instead of county where vaccine was administered. This revision has decreased the vaccine county for Montgomery County.

NOTE: The CDC vaccination count includes Montgomery County residents who received their shots in Maryland or outside the state. It also includes vaccinations administered in some federal entities within Montgomery County.
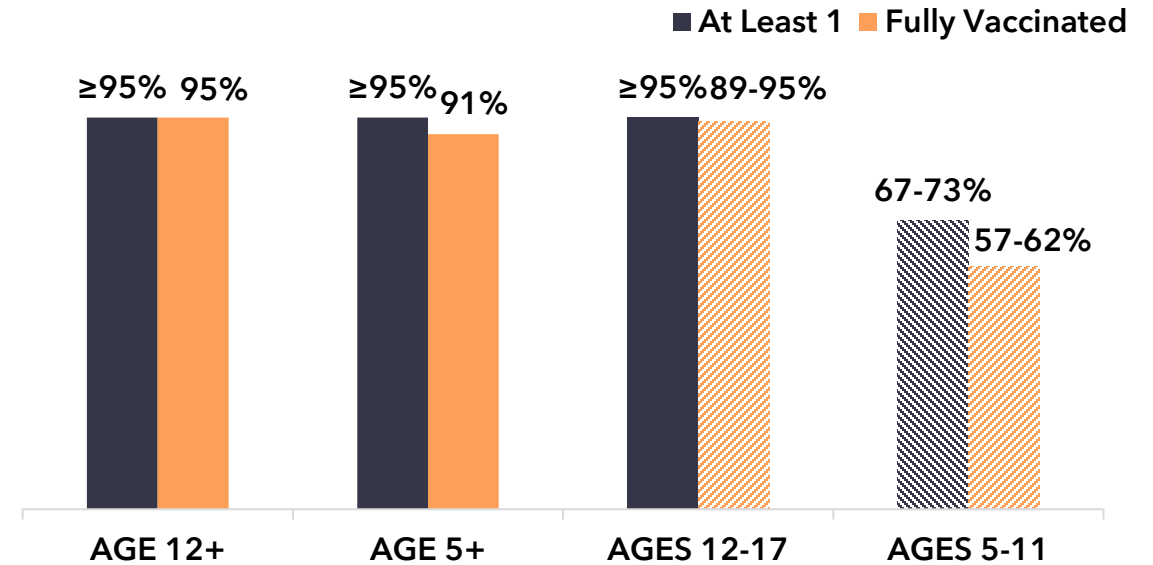
VACCINATIONS BY AGE GROUP

Chart reflects percent of total age group population that received doses. Percentage estimates are reflected as ranges for ages 12-17 and ages 5-11 due to higher margins of error.

- **56%** of the <u>fully vaccinated 12+ population</u> received a BOOSTER/ADDITONAL DOSE [N=473,189]

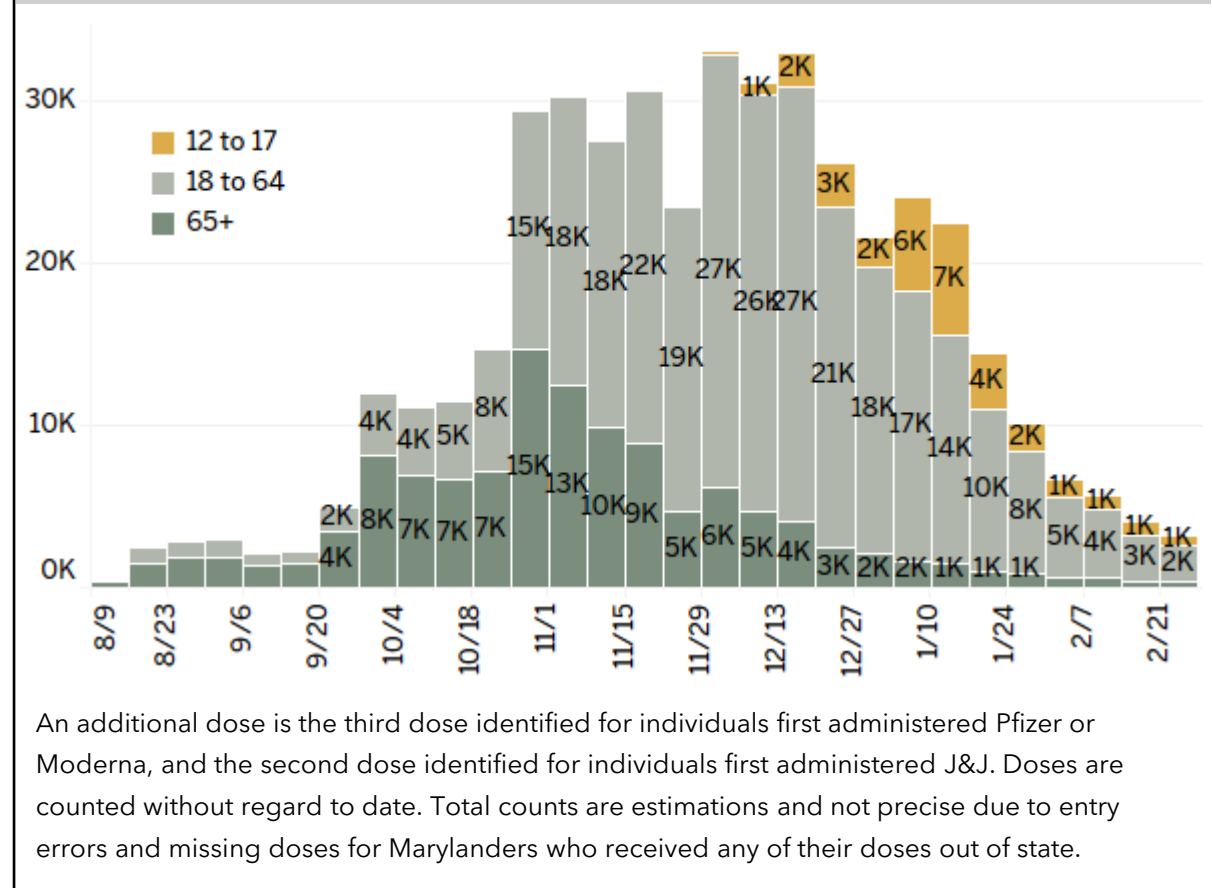- **76%** of the <u>fully vaccinated 65+ population</u> received a BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=125,663]

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: FIRST-DOSE WEEKLY VOLUME

Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **February 27, 2022**.
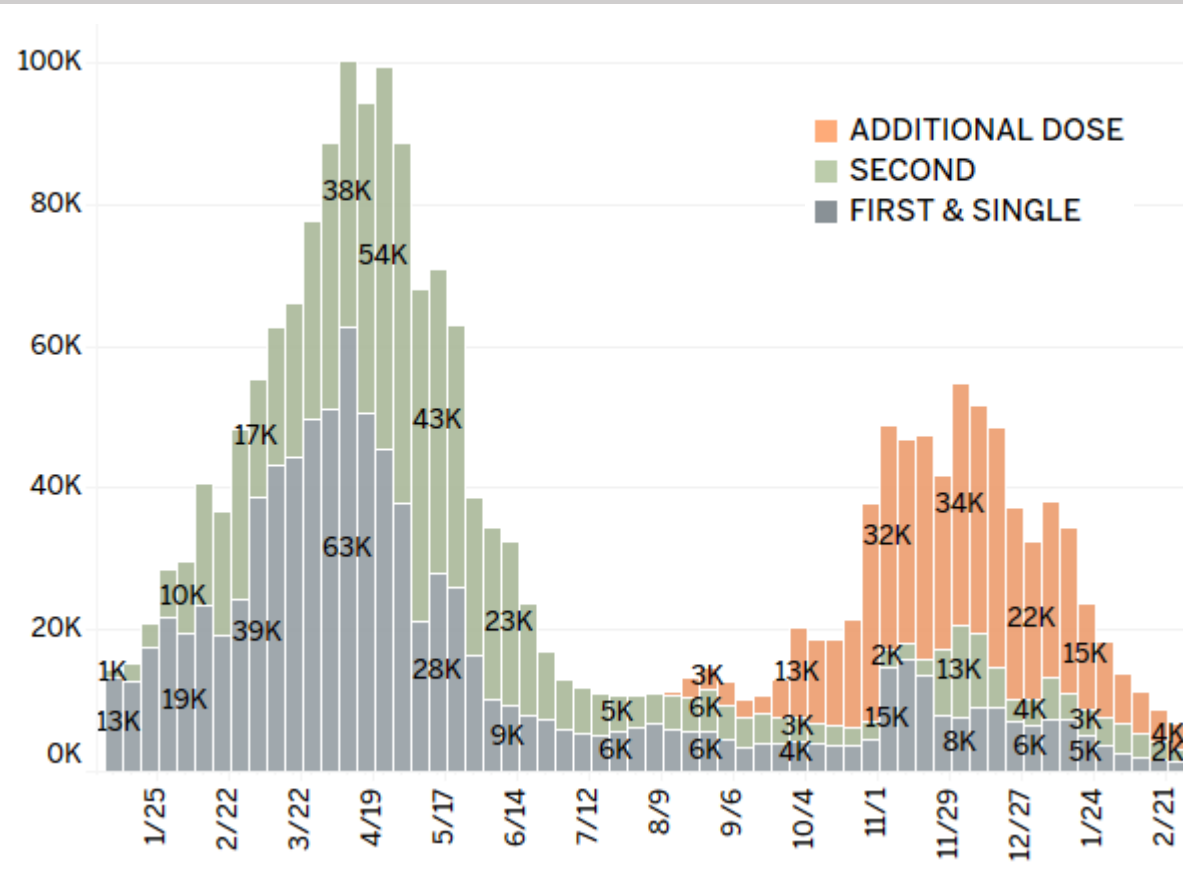
An additional dose is the third dose identified for individuals first administered Pfizer or Moderna, and the second dose identified for individuals first administered J&J. Doses are counted without regard to date. Total counts are estimations and not precise due to entry errors and missing doses for Marylanders who received any of their doses out of state.

Unlike the CDC vaccination data, data from Maryland Health Department only include Montgomery County residents who were vaccinated in Maryland. Totals do not include vaccinations administered at federal entities within the county to non-residents.
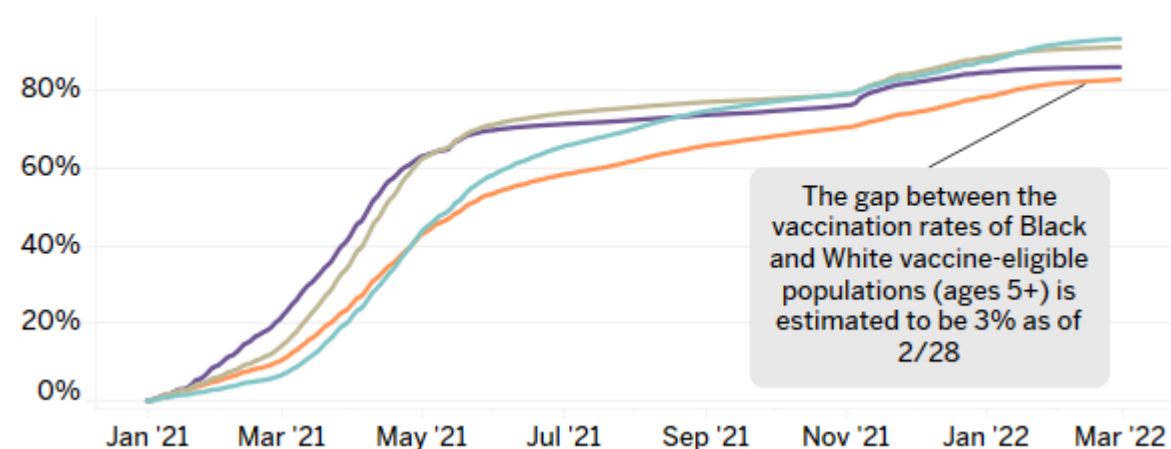
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: GAPS

TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES
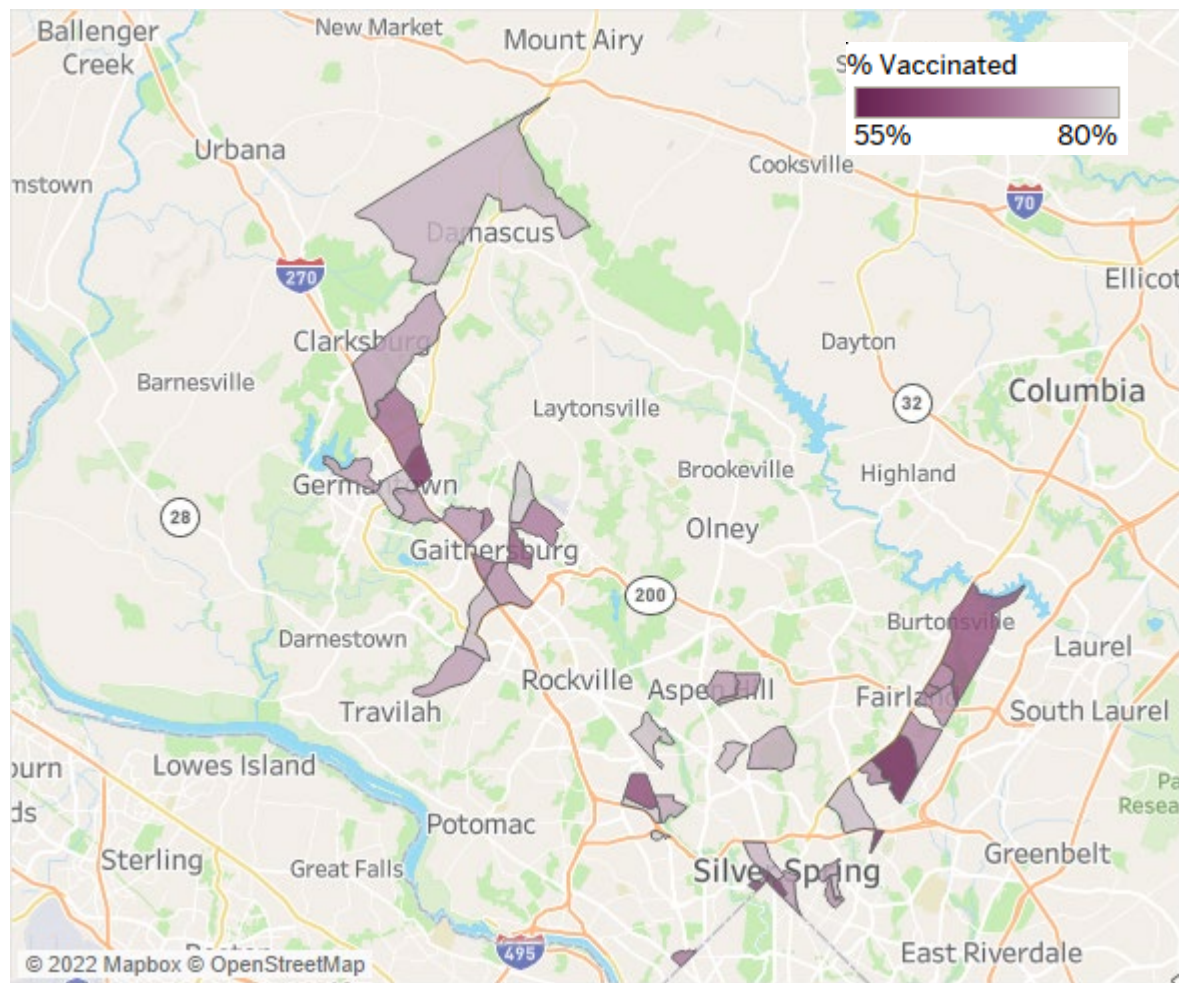
% Vaccinated
55% — 80%

Across the highlighted tracts above, 30% of the population is White non-Hispanic, 27% is Black non-Hispanic, 24% is Hispanic, and 15% is Asian/Pacific Islander.
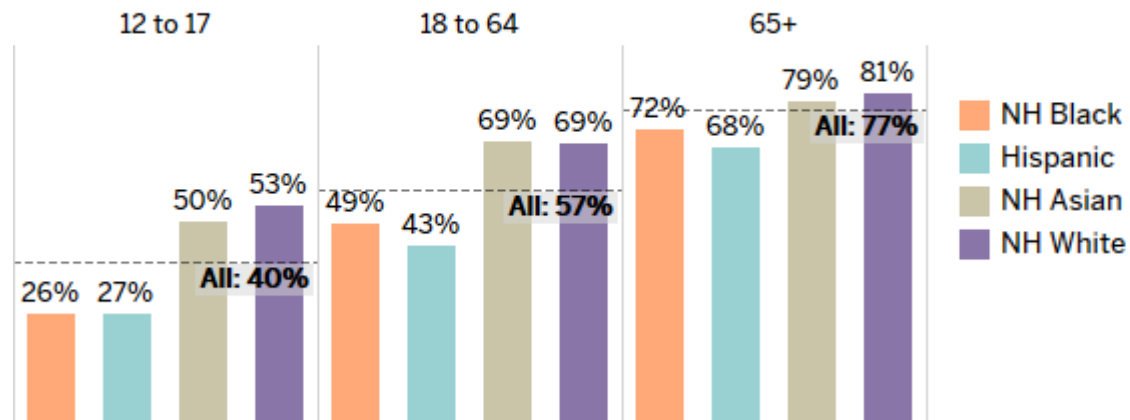
FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY RACE

Population Ages 5+ First-Dose Rates

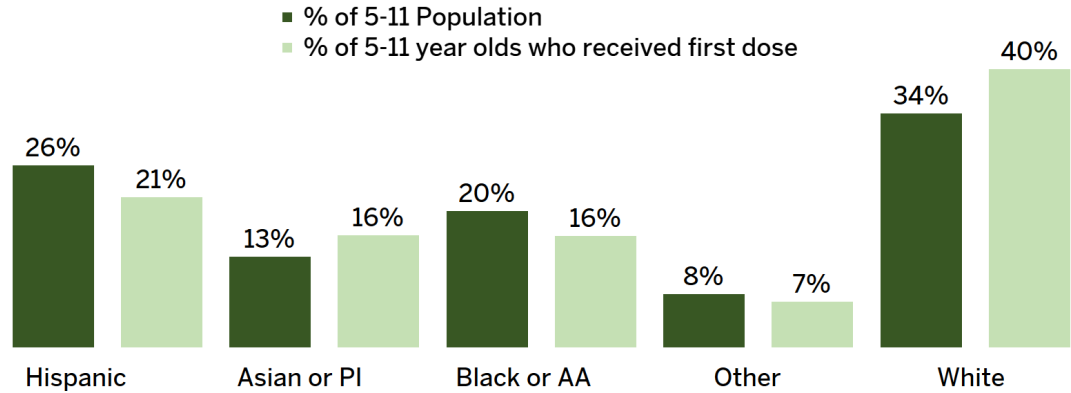The gap between the vaccination rates of Black and White vaccine-eligible populations (ages 5+) is estimated to be 3% as of 2/28

ADDITIONAL DOSE RATES BY RACE & AGE

Percent of Vaccinated Who Received Booster

	12 to 17	18 to 64	65+
NH Black	26%	49%	72%
Hispanic	27%	43%	68%
NH Asian	50%	69%	79%
NH White	53%	69%	81%
All	40%	57%	77%

NH Black
Hispanic
NH Asian
NH White

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

FIRST DOSES BY RACE/ETHNICITY

■ % of 5-11 Population
■ % of 5-11 year olds who received first dose

Charts reads: 26% of 5-11 population are Hispanic, and 21% of vaccinated 5-11 population are Hispanic.
<1% of vaccinated children identify as Native American; they are included in the "Other" category.
Approximately 3% of pediatric records do not contain race/ethnicity information.

PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROVIDERS
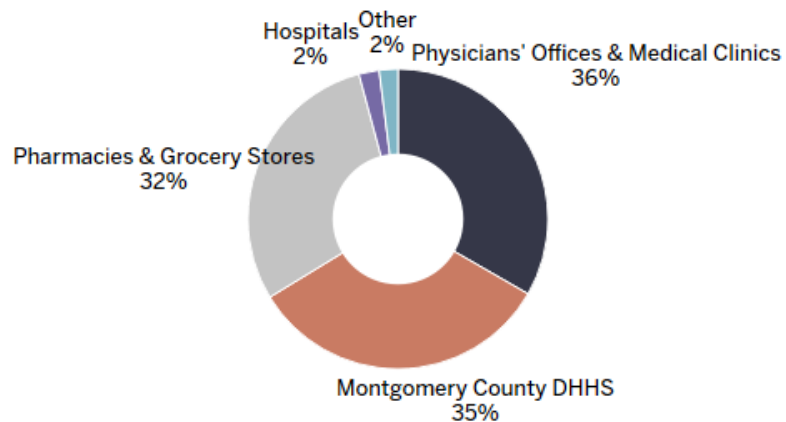
Pediatric vaccinations are distributed evenly between Montgomery County DHHS (in partnership with MCPS, physicians and medical clinics, and pharmacies and grocery stores.

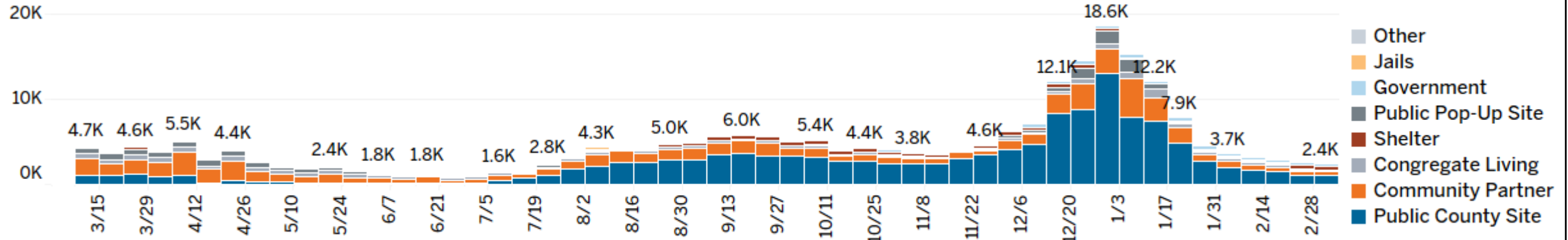## FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY ZIP CODE

Vaccination rates among residents ages 5-14 are used as a proxy for pediatric vaccination rates in the map below due to the availability of population estimates only for certain age categories. Zip codes with fewer than 100 residents ages 5-14 are excluded.
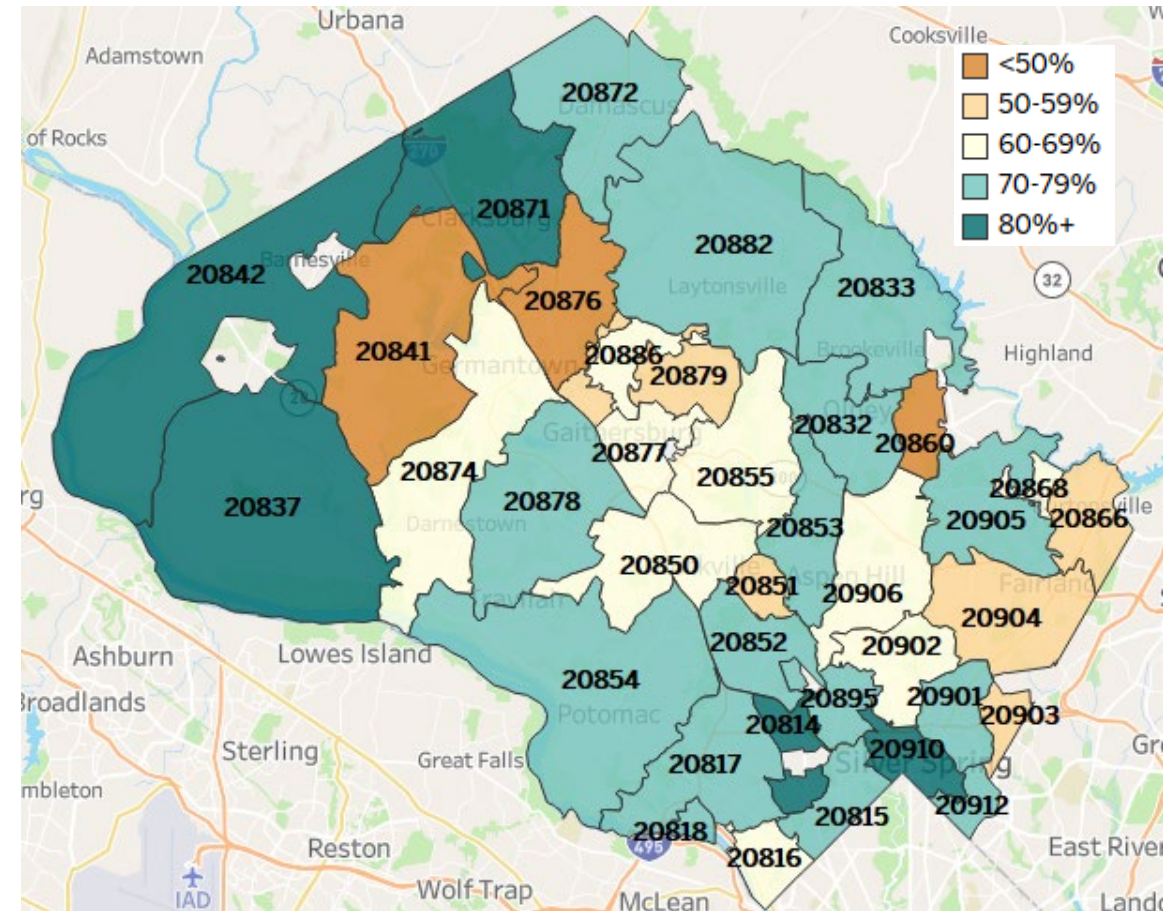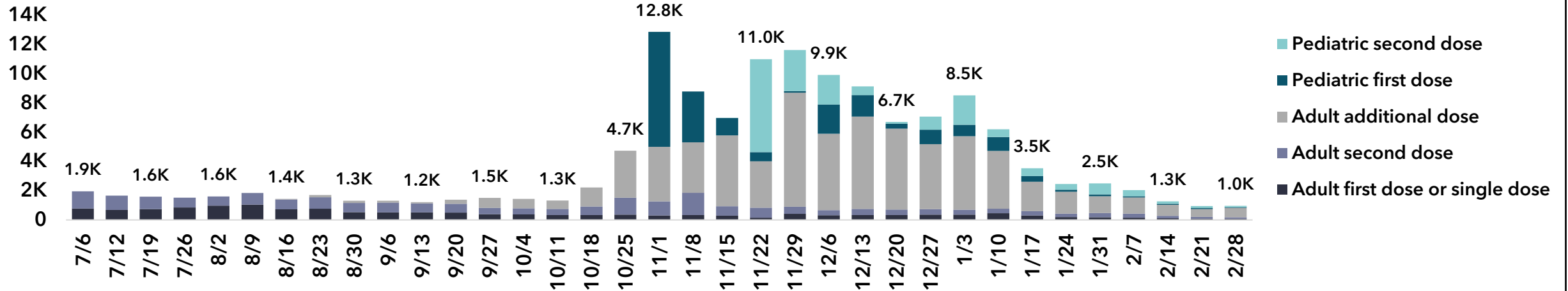
COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 2,412 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

Legend:
- Other
- Jails
- Government
- Public Pop-Up Site
- Shelter
- Congregate Living
- Community Partner
- Public County Site

DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 959 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

Legend:
- Pediatric second dose
- Pediatric first dose
- Adult additional dose
- Adult second dose
- Adult first dose or single dose

Data are subject to retroactive changes.

DISTRIBUTION OF RAPID TESTS

2,144,000 rapid tests have been acquired by the County

- More than 1.6M kits have been distributed

- 847,866 kits and 1,011,327 masks have been distributed at libraries
    - *Test kits and masks are now available during all hours that libraries are open.*

- 490,280 rapid test kits have been provided to MCPS

- 134,363 test kits & 227,063 masks distributed to childcare, private schools, and community non-profits

- 48,090 rapid test kits and 124,446 N95 masks have been distributed through municipalities

DATA SOURCES

This report aggregates data from several sources, some of which are publicly available. Nearly all data are subject to retroactive changes.

- Rental assistance data is generated by DHHS each Sunday prior to the publication of this report.

- Data on evictions are provided by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office each Monday for the week prior.

- Data on shelter occupancy are collected by DHHS weekly.

- MC311 data are downloaded weekly from DataMontgomery.

- Unemployment data are downloaded monthly from FRED.

- Case data and positivity rate are provided by Maryland Department of Health. Real-time data can be found on the Montgomery County COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard.

- Data on COVID-19 deaths are available through the Maryland Department of Health dashboard and ArcGIS platform.

- Data on hospitalizations and deaths by vaccination status are available on the DHHS COVID-19 website.

- Vaccine data are downloaded from the CDC website each Tuesday morning. More detailed vaccine data are provided by the Maryland Department of Health Immunet database.

- Data on county government coordinated testing and vaccinations are collected by DHHS daily.