

**Testimony of Mike Mage, May 29, 2020  
for Board of Health regulation approving Executive  
Order Number 070-20 signed by County Executive Elrich  
on May 28**

**Summary:**

**As of today, Can our contact tracers handle our new positives?**

**Is it responsible conduct to go to a new phase before that happens?**

**When will our rate of increased contract tracing match our number of new positives?**

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**Additional comments:**

**"Testing positively" 1 out of every 7 people tested is positive, and no data on what percent of the tested people were asymptomatic. If we don't test for asymptomatic carriers, we can't contact trace, so we're whistling in the dark.**

**"Number of Tests Administered" 1222 tests on Monday 05-25-2020.**

**That's 1222 tests out of 1.05 Million residents.**

**At this rate it would take over a year to test even half our residents ( $1050000/1222/2=430$  days).**

**(Wuhan China (11 million residents) just tested half their residents in 9 days.) MoCo has no**

**transparency on percent false positives, false negatives, what controls are used. This isn't a quibble. We are over 4 months into the pandemic, and we are pitifully far behind other places, including our Anne Arundel County neighbors.**

"Contact Tracing" No data on how many contract tracers are employed by MoCo.

How many contact tracers have we trained since the start of the pandemic?

How many are assigned to MoCo by the State?

**How many contact tracers do we need to interview 250 new positives a day? And their contacts?**

**How fast is our contact tracing increasing?**

**What percent of positives are we contact tracing?**

Testing: How fast is our testing rate increasing?

What is our rate of asymptomatic spreaders?