

My name is June Traicoff, I am a resident of Olney, MD, and I have a doctorate in molecular biology and microbiology with over 30 years of experience in biomedical research and management. My testimony is regarding the Fifth Amended Board of Health regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County on Tuesday April 27, at 10:30 AM.

Please provide the following information and clarifications.

1. The precise numbers for the entire population and the population ages 16 and older in Montgomery County used for calculations.
2. The vaccination thresholds set by other states and counties that are tied to reopening as compared to the proposed thresholds for Montgomery County (for example, Illinois uses 70% of ages 65 and older, and 50% of ages 16 and over, receiving their first dose of vaccine, see [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov))
3. Clarification on whether the proposed third phase is simply 50 percent of the population fully vaccinated and is not tied to the percent of the population receiving the first vaccination
4. Information on the percent and number of individuals in each age group that have been vaccinated in a clear, straightforward chart like the example below taken from [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)

Assuming 1.05 million total population and 800,000 ages 16 and up population:

1. 50 percent of the entire population is 525,000 people (or 66 percent of ages 16 and up).
2. 60 percent of the entire population is 630,000 people (or 79 percent of ages 16 and up).

The 60 percent (630,000 people) is likely not attainable. While our numbers of residents wanting to receive vaccines will likely be higher than state and national averages, I believe we still will follow the trend of younger age groups having a smaller percentage of people getting the vaccine. 79 percent is attainable for ages 65 and older, but it is highly unlikely in younger age groups.

Also note, it is not a sure thing that the FDA will approve emergency use of the vaccine in younger age groups. They will weigh the risks of the vaccine and the risk of the disease to those age groups. We can't assume that those age groups could help the county reach the threshold of 60 percent of the entire population being vaccinated.

Please provide a scientific rationale and justification for all thresholds that become finalized and approved.

Thank you,

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[Example of Chart of Vaccinations by Age Group](#)

Key Metrics

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Age Group ▼

0-19	4.92%	141,986		
20-29	28.56%	443,617		
30-39	35.98%	531,486		
40-49	43.05%	597,116		
50-59	51.86%	799,750		
60-64	63.63%	506,760		
65-69	73.54%	490,391		
70-74	78.81%	411,714		
75-79	76.12%	272,186		
80+	74.96%	374,416		

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