RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND
COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF JAN 31– FEB 6

APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)

11,125 total applications
(excluding 3,759 duplicate applications in grey)

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: $20,926

APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

- Household size distribution:
  - 60% households of size 1
  - 23% households of size 2
  - 17% households of size 3
  - 13% households of size 4
  - 11% households of size 5+

Application portal closed on 12/31/21.
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APPLICATION PROCESSING

- 19% Denied
- 9% Received
- 14% Assigned/under review
- 58% Processed

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:

- $67.5M in payments
- 9,394 households

APPROVALS

Total Approved Payments: $49.6M

Total Approved Households: 4,898
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HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS

RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY

- **53%** Black
- **31%** Hispanic
- **6%** White
- **7%** Multiple Races
- **3%** Asian & Pacific Islander
- **1%** Other
- **0%** American Indian

ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS

- 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
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DIRECT ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award
$31.4M

95% OF FUNDS

Current spending and encumbered
$29.9M

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 12.31.2021

Montgomery
$25.8M

Prince George’s
$22.9M

Baltimore City
$11.6M

Wicomico
$9.5M

Washington
$7.9M

Charles
$4.5M

Cecil
$4.5M

St. Mary’s
$2.1M

Anne Arundel
$2.0M

Worcester
$1.8M

Carroll
$1.7M

Calvert
$1.5M

 Allegany
$1.4M

 Caroline
$1.2M

 Talbot
$1.1M

 Dorchester
$0.8M

 Queen Anne’s
$0.8M

 Somerset
$0.6M

 Garrett
$0.4M

 Kent
$0.4M

 Baltimore County
$0.0M

 Frederick
$0.0M

- 902 residents scheduled for eviction after July 19
- 46% 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.
NOTE: Total occupancy does not include hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.
1,291 calls last week for DHHS services

- Nearly 25% 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
- 15% of other incoming DHHS calls to MC311 were about the COVID Rental Relief Program
### MC311 Weekly Call Volume: DHHS

#### Public Health

- **365** calls last week for Public Health
- **36%** related to COVID-19

#### Services to End & Prevent Homelessness

- **344** calls last week for SEPH
- **57%** related to COVID-19
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

Montgomery County
DC-Metro Region
Fairfax County

12%
10%
8%
6%
4%
2%
0%

Jul '19
Aug '19
Sep '19
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Nov '19
Dec '19
Jan '20
Feb '20
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Oct '21
Nov '21
Dec '21

0% 2% 4% 6% 8% 10% 12%
COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING
Cases and positivity rate show a sharp decline since early January.

*Cases may be underreported to some extent due to the increased use of self-test home kits.

NOTE: The MDH security incident disrupted prior reporting on cases and hospitalizations by vaccination status. Reporting will resume once access to that database has been restored.

For real-time updates, visit the COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard: [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/)
There are 172 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 2/7/22. Both acute care and ICU bed usage has declined.

11.2% of hospital beds in the community are occupied by patients with a COVID diagnosis.

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

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COVID-19 DEATHS

Monthly COVID-19 Deaths
Updated 2/7/22

- Montgomery County
- Maryland
- Montgomery County as a % of Maryland

*VSA revised death data on May 27, 2021 to include COVID-19 deaths not previously counted.
The CDC has case and death data of jurisdictions representing more than half the US population, showing that in November, unvaccinated adults (ages 18+) had \textit{4X the risk of testing positive for COVID-19, and 15X the risk of dying from COVID-19} compared to fully vaccinated adults.

The same analyses showed that in November, unvaccinated adults (ages 18+) had **13X the risk of testing positive** for COVID-19, and **68X the risk of dying** from COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated adults with a booster.

### TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 2/7/22)

- **≥95%** of total population received at least **ONE DOSE** [N=1,045,450]

- **84%** of total population received at least **TWO DOSES** (fully vaccinated) [N=886,209]

- **51%** of fully vaccinated population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=451,501]

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.

### VACCINATIONS BY AGE GROUP

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<th>Fully Vaccinated</th>
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<td>AGE 12+</td>
<td>≥95% 94%</td>
<td>≥95% 89%</td>
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<td>AGE 5+</td>
<td>≥95% 88-97%</td>
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<td>51-56%</td>
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<td>AGES 5-11</td>
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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 fully vaccinated 18+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=425,355]

- **75%** of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=122,466]

**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.
Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **January 30, 2022**.

**VACCINATIONS BY TYPE**

An additional dose is the third dose identified on or after 8/13 for individuals first administered Pfizer or Moderna, and the second dose identified for individuals first administered J&J. Calculations also account for at least 2 months between prior dose and additional dose to help circumvent data entry errors. Note that 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.
Across the highlighted tracts above, 29% of the population is White non-Hispanic, 27% is Black non-Hispanic, 26% is Hispanic, and 14% is Asian/Pacific Islander.
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

FIRST DOSES BY RACE/ETHNICITY

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<th>% of 5-11 population</th>
<th>% of 5-11 year olds who received first dose</th>
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<td>20%</td>
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Nearly 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.

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.

PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROVIDERS

- Montgomery County DHHS: 34%
- Hospitals: 2%
- Pharmacies & Grocery Stores: 30%
- Physicians’ offices and medical clinics: 32%

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

- Montgomery County DHHS 34%
- Other 2%
- Physicians’ offices and medical clinics 32%
- Pharmacies & Grocery Stores 30%
- Hospitals 2%
COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 3,651 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 2,498 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

Data are subject to retroactive changes.
2,144,000 rapid tests have been ordered by the County

- A total of 2,074,000 rapid test kits have been received (as of 2/7/22)
  - More than 1.13M kits have been distributed
- 694,150 kits distributed through 4+ weeks of Library distribution
  - 752,929 masks distributed at libraries.
- 340,000 rapid test kits have been provided to MCPS.
- 95,944 test kits & 150,767 masks distributed to childcare, private schools, and community non-profits.
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 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.
- Vaccine data are downloaded from the CDC website each Tuesday.
- Data on county government coordinated testing and vaccinations are collected by DHHS daily.