



Covid-19 Update

**Maryland Department of Health
Maryland Primary Care Program
Program Management Office**

11 November 2020

Preparing for Mass Vaccination, Testing and challenging times



*"A number of our men, indeed all who have not had the small pox
are & soon will be under Inoculation." Alexander Scammell to
Timothy Pickering, Jr. Valley Forge, 28 February 1778*

Today is Veterans Day

- ❖ Thank you to all veterans for their service
- ❖ More information about the Veterans Affairs health care system in Maryland is available [here](#)
- ❖ Thoughtful [article](#) about veterans' experience with Covid in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*:
 - “The Things They Carry: Veterans and the Covid-19 Pandemic” by Megan R. Gerber, MD, MPH



1918 Flu Pandemic

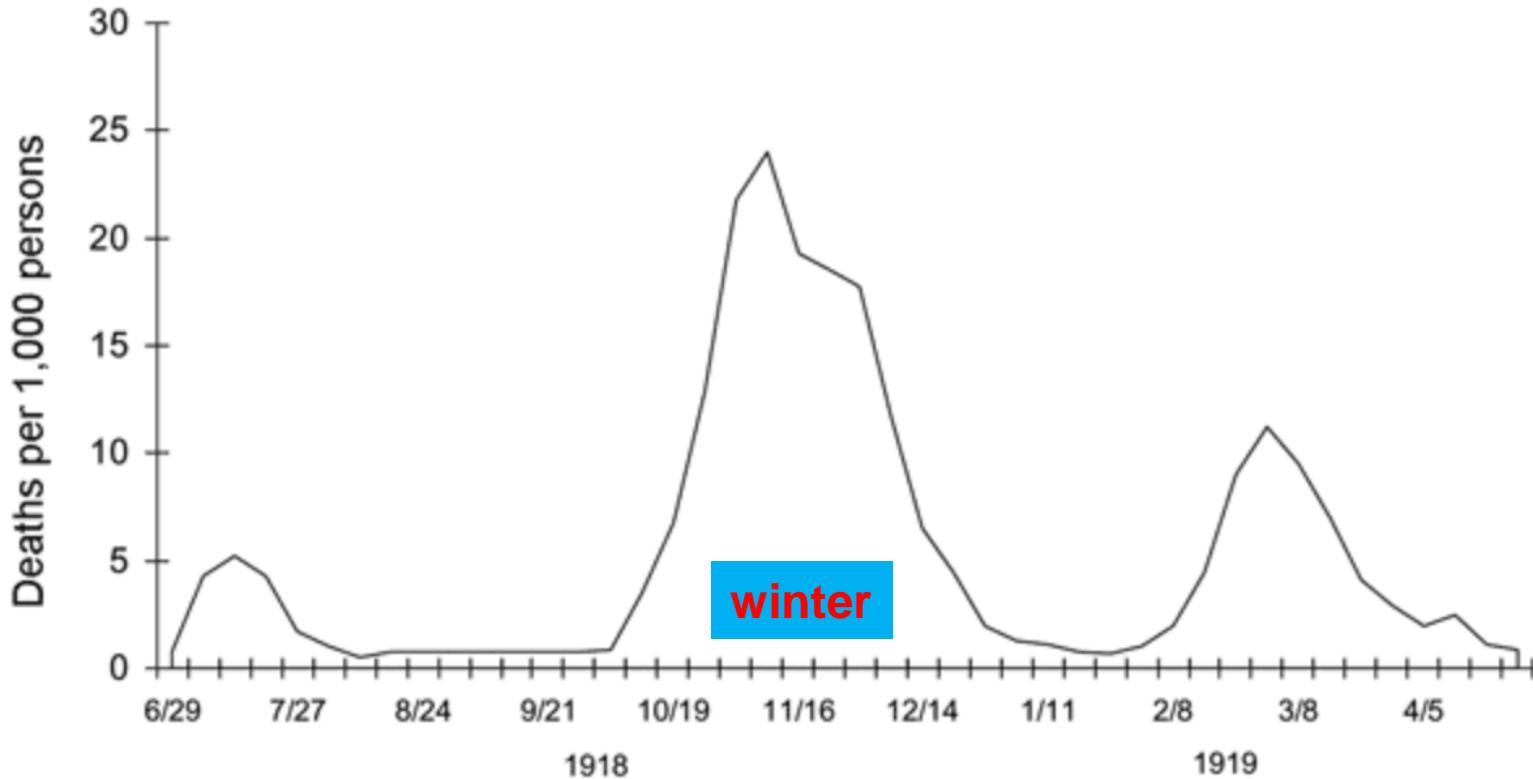


Figure 1. Three pandemic waves: weekly combined influenza and pneumonia mortality, United Kingdom, 1918–1919 ([21](#)).



Agenda

- ❖ Maryland Morbidity and Mortality Data
- ❖ National Status and Projections
- ❖ The Five Things to Do as Health Care Providers
- ❖ Focus- the importance of being prepared
 - Continue Testing – office based – patient administered testing
 - Prepare to Vaccinate
 - Prepare Safe workflows and stock sufficient PPE
- ❖ Guest Speaker – Robert Neall, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health
- ❖ Q & A
- ❖ Resources Appendix



Morbidity and Mortality Update

Cases
Deaths

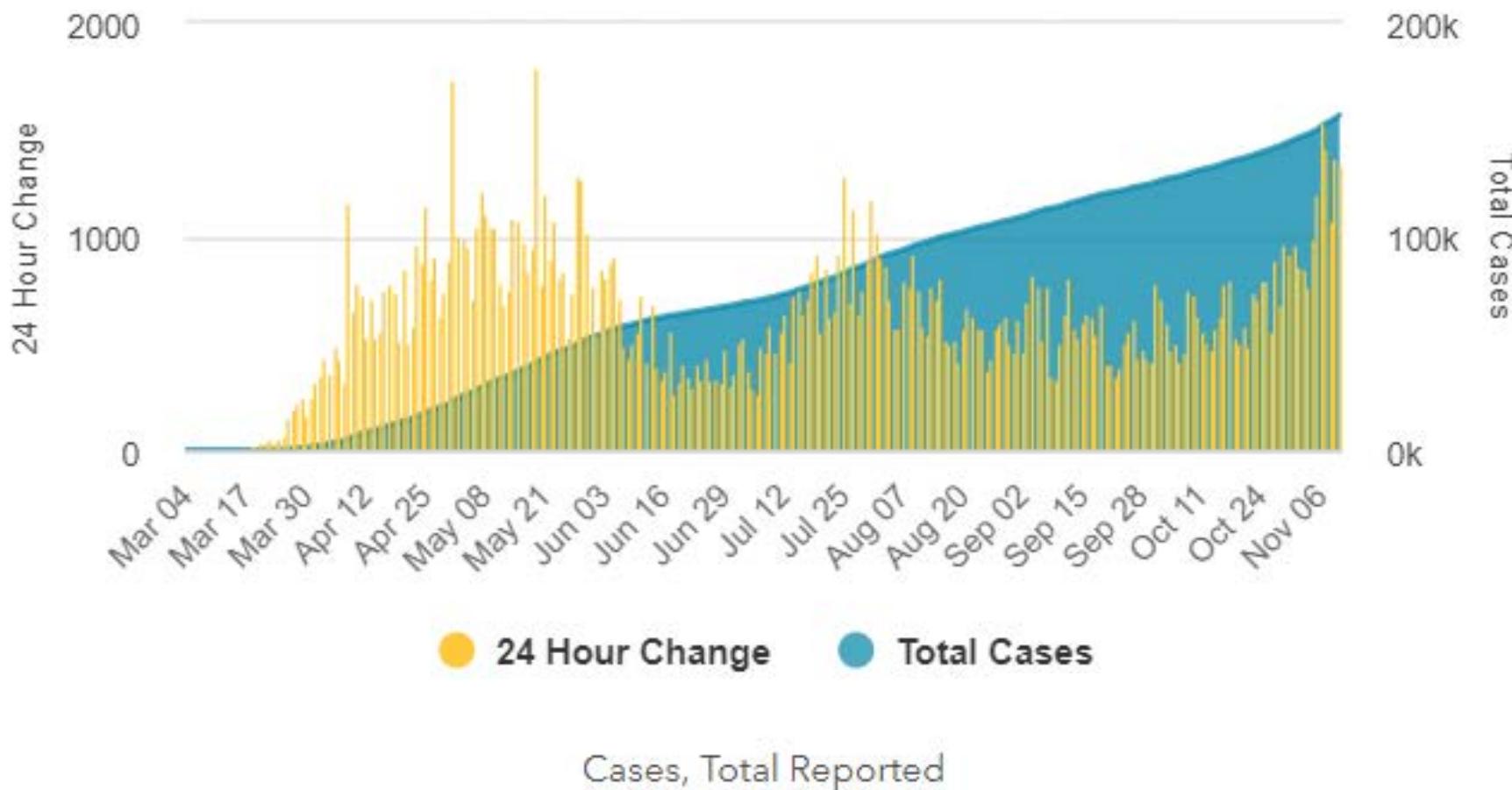
	United States 	Maryland 
New Daily Cases (7-day rolling average)	116,448	1,192
Cumulative Cases	10.1 million+	156,709
New Daily Deaths (7-day rolling average)	947	9
Cumulative Deaths	238,776	4,084

The 7-day rolling case average increased by 333 between November 3 and November 10, a 33.77% increase in a week's time



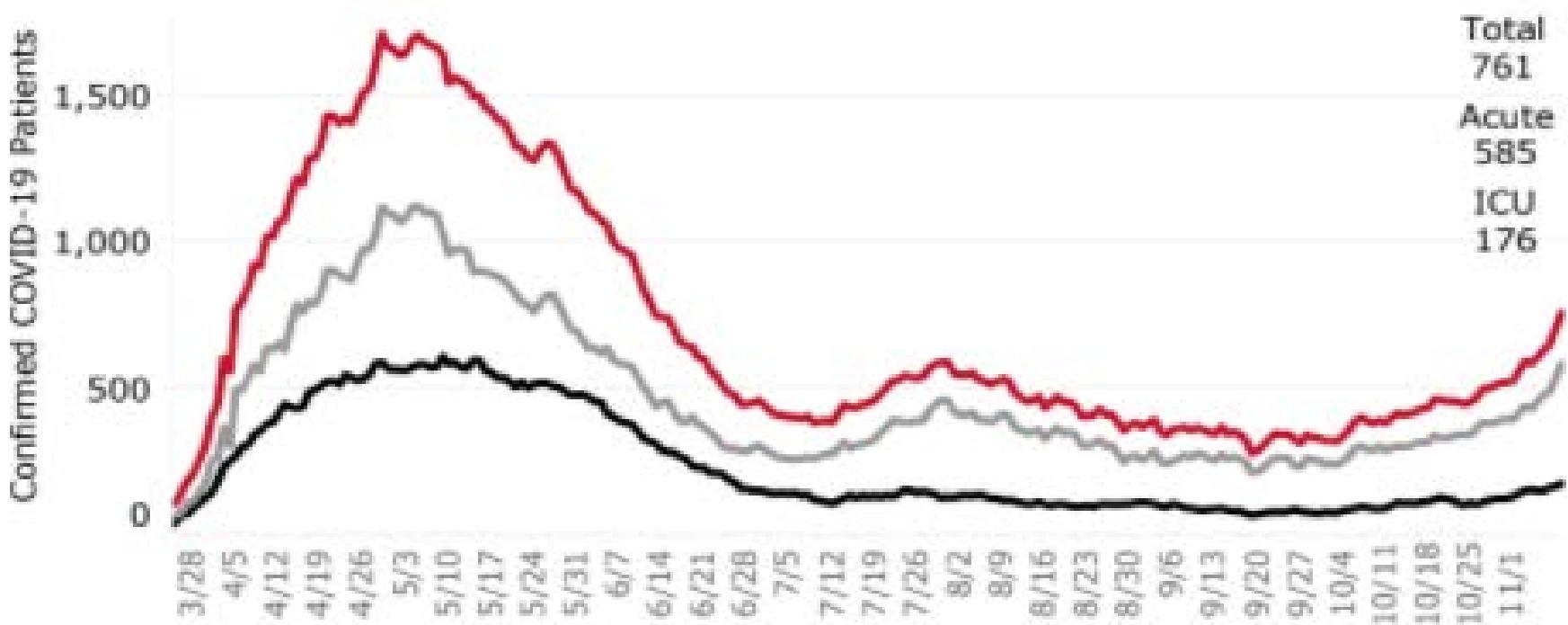
Significant Increases in # of New Covid-19 Cases in Maryland

Confirmed Cases, Total over Time



Hospital and ICU Beds in Use

Statewide Acute/ICU Beds Occupied by COVID Patients



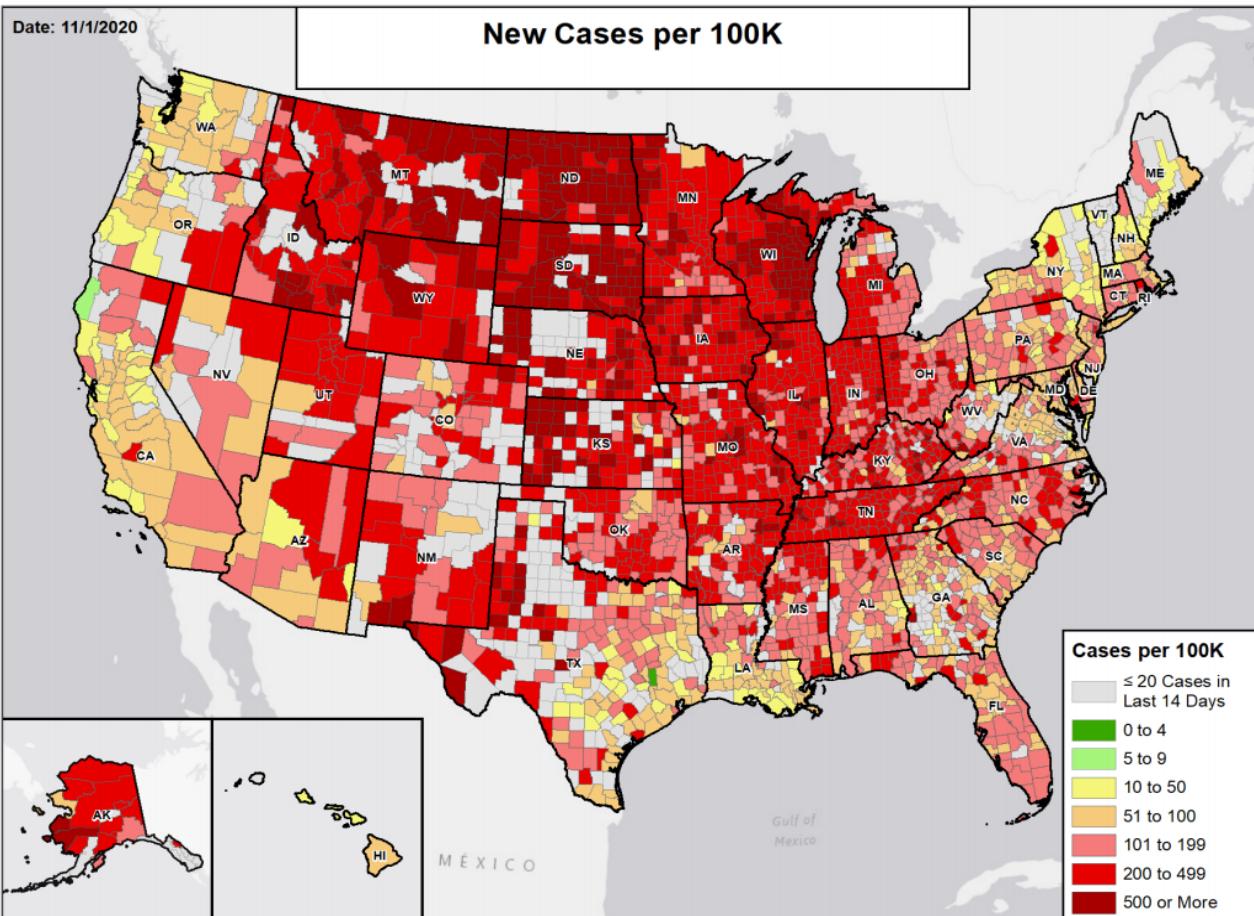
Statewide 7-day Average Case Rate per 100K

7 Day Moving Average Case Rate per 100K by Jurisdiction



Significant Increases in # of New Covid-19 Cases in the United States

NEW CASES PER 100,000

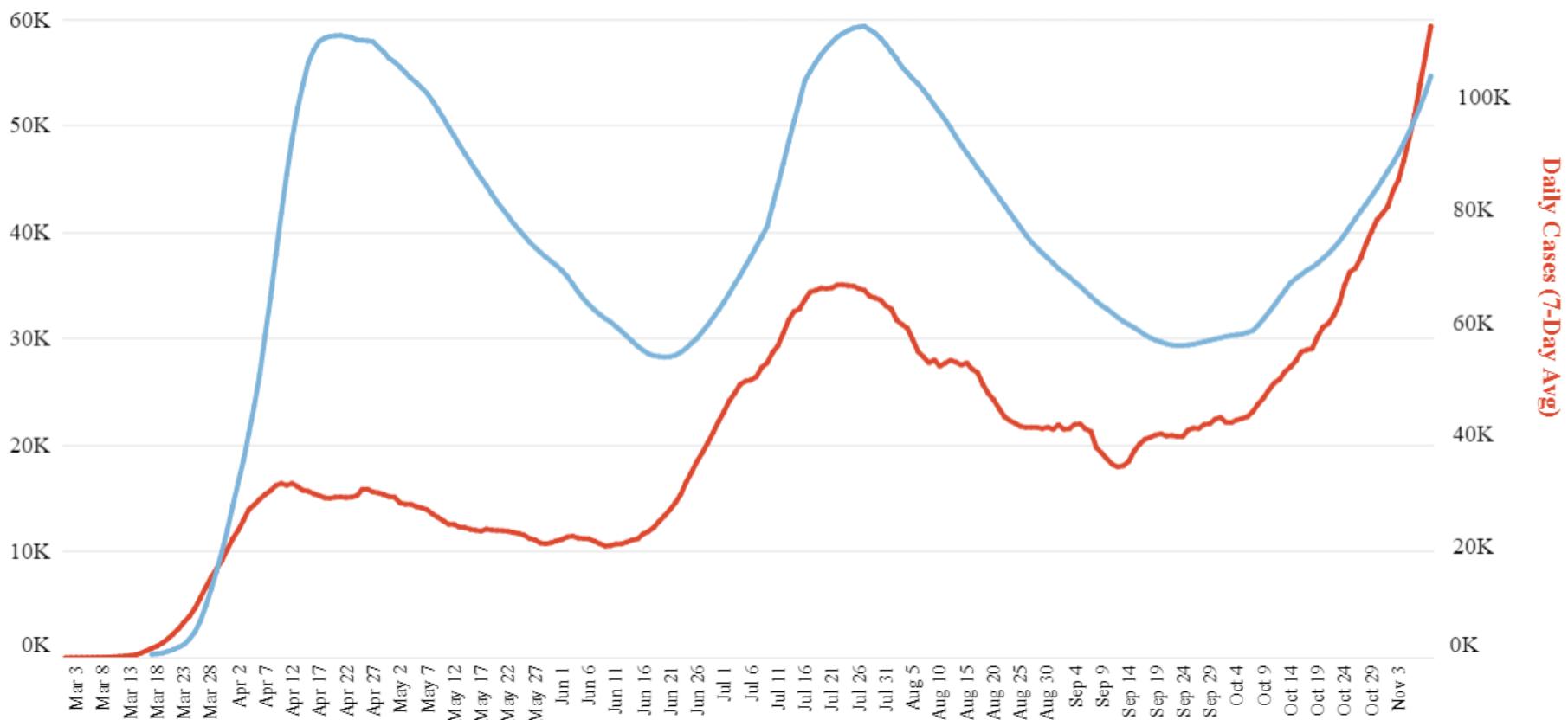


NATIONAL RANKING OF NEW CASES PER 100,000

National Rank	State	National Rank	State
1	ND	27	NC
2	SD	28	TX
3	WI	29	WV
4	MT	30	CT
5	WY	31	SC
6	IA	32	FL
7	AK	33	AL
8	NE	34	MA
9	UT	35	NJ
10	ID	36	PA
11	KS	37	AZ
12	IL	38	DE
13	MN	39	GA
14	NM	40	VA
15	IN	41	MD
16	TN	42	DC
17	RI	43	CA
18	KY	44	LA
19	MO	45	OR
20	AR	46	NY
21	CO	47	WA
22	MI	48	NH
23	NV	49	HI
24	OK	50	ME
25	MS	51	VT
26	OH		

Fall surge underway

Currently Hospitalized & Daily Cases. 7-Day Average Lines

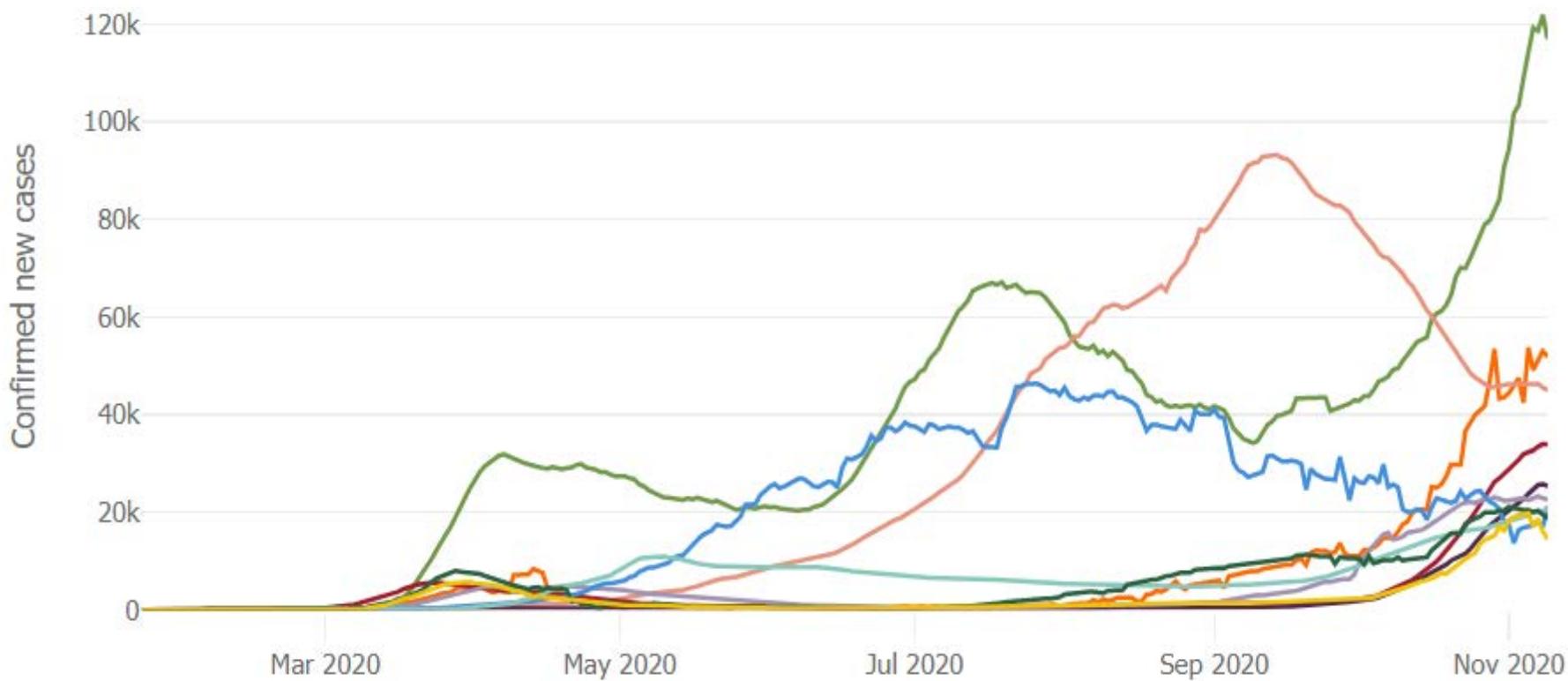


Global Pandemic Hotspots

DAILY CONFIRMED NEW CASES (7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE)

Outbreak evolution for the current 10 most affected countries

US
United Kingdom
Russia
India
Poland
Germany
France
Brazil
Italy
Belgium



Governor Hogan's 11/10/2020 Orders to Address Covid-19 Spread

- ❖ Indoor dining capacity reduced to 50% (effective 11/11 at 5 pm)
- ❖ Indoor gatherings limited to 25 people or fewer (effective immediately)
- ❖ Expanded out-of-state travel advisory (effective immediately)
 - Strongly advises Marylanders to refrain from traveling to any state with
 - ✓ Positivity rate above 10% or
 - ✓ Average case rates above 20 per 100,000
 - Individuals traveling to the states should get tested and self-quarantine while awaiting results
- ❖ Government offices returning to mandatory telework (effective immediately)



Governor Hogan's 11/10/2020 Orders to Address Covid-19 Spread

- ❖ New hospital surge capacity order
 - Provides state EMS officials with flexibility to shift patients to alternative care sites if the need arises
 - Requires hospitals to implement plans to stage and accept surge patients
 - Makes additional infection control staff available from regional hospitals and other nursing homes to intervene and provide support



Governor Hogan's 11/10/2020 Orders to Address Covid-19 Spread

- ❖ New guidance for nursing homes and assisted living facilities
 - Marylanders should take all precautions to protect their loved ones at nursing homes and assisted living programs
 - Nursing home and assisted living program staff should minimize their contact with large gatherings and work with their management on communicating early and often about infection control issues
 - Nursing homes and assisted living programs are reminded that indoor visitation is not permitted if the facility is currently conducting outbreak testing and in accordance with federal guidance on this subject. Each facility may restrict visitation on a facility-specific basis
 - Nursing homes must continue to take steps to secure sufficient PPE for staff
- ❖ Administration officials will increase teleconferences with county and municipal leaders to ensure real-time coordination



Covid Testing

Tools in War Against Covid-19

Even after vaccination, we will likely still need our other tools for some time before herd immunity is reached

❖ Mitigation

- Masks, social distancing, hygiene

❖ Testing, contact tracing, and isolation

❖ Hospital treatment modalities

- ICU support
- Medications

❖ Therapeutics

- Prevention, symptom reduction, “cure”

❖ Immunizations

❖ Others



Testing Marylanders in Primary Care

- ❖ Testing in offices serves patients and normalizes the process
- ❖ Testing or referring patients for testing is key to keep the State safe
- ❖ Specimen collection continues to evolve from nasopharyngeal sampling to the current simplified nasal sampling
- ❖ Testing will continue to evolve with Point of Care tests and saliva tests
- ❖ [MDPCP Guidance on testing in primary care \(from July 2020\)](#)

Current and Evolving Landscape for Covid Testing in Maryland

- ❖ Average ~26,000 tests per day - more is better
- ❖ State supported sites (VEIPs) closed
- ❖ A few state sites in tents opening for the winter months
- ❖ Convention Center testing moving indoors
- ❖ Current approximate contributions:

Hospitals	23%
SNF/ALF	15%
Urgent care	14%
Ambulatory practices	12%
Other	14%
State sites	12%
Pharmacies	5%
Universities	3%



Covid Testing Outreach Teams

- ❖ Three teams supporting office-based Covid testing in November and December with technical assistance and best practices. Support includes guidance on:
 - Workflows
 - New safe PPE requirements
 - Patient self administered testing
 - Shallow nasal testing
 - Saliva testing
 - Testing patients at home
 - Identifying highly vulnerable patients
 - Coding and reimbursement support
 - Testing supplies
 - Testing reports
 - Point of Care testing options
- ❖ The Testing Outreach Team will be in the field in the next couple of weeks



Covid Vaccination



Maryland Covid-19 Vaccination Plan

- ❖ Maryland has developed a Covid-19 vaccination plan to vaccinate all Marylanders interested in receiving vaccine
- ❖ Plan was released on Tuesday, October 20, 2020
- ❖ This is a working plan and subject to change as new information is received and the Covid-19 pandemic continues to evolve
- ❖ Copy of the plan can be found here:

<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/10.19.2020%20Maryland%20Covid-19%20Vaccination%20Plan%20CDCwm.pdf>

Phased Approach: Phase 1

Employment Field

- a) High Risk Healthcare Workers (Direct Exposure)
 - Hospital, LTCs, Freestanding EDs, Urgent Care, Primary Care Providers, School Nurses
- b) First Responders
 - High Risk Law Enforcement (e.g. specialized units), Emergency Medical Services, High Risk Fire Fighters (e.g. specialized units), Emergency Management
- c) Vaccinators - expanded workforce (e.g. pharmacists, dentists, doctors, nurses, administrative clinic staff)
- d) Local Health Department staff

Phased Approach: Phase 1 (cont)

Other Risk Factors

- ❖ People at Increased Risk for severe Covid-19 Illness
- ❖ LTCF residents
- ❖ Persons with underlying medical conditions that are risk factors for severe Covid-19 illness
- ❖ People at Increased Risk of Acquiring or Transmitting Covid-19
- ❖ People with Limited Access to Routine Vaccination Services

NOTE: Priority groups subject to change based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Phased Approach: Phase 2

- ❖ Phase 2: Widespread Vaccine Availability - General Public
- ❖ Move to Phase 2 will depend on:
 - Availability of Covid-19 vaccine
 - Achievement of targeted metrics for vaccination of high priority groups
 - Notification by CDC and other authorities that the general public phase can begin because vaccine supply allows
 - Vaccine available through health care providers, pharmacies, urgent care, local health departments, etc.

Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

Maryland HCP interested in receiving Covid-19 vaccine will have to:

1. **Onboard with ImmuNet to report vaccination data**
 - **EHR connected to ImmuNet to report all vaccine doses administered**
 - Effective Oct 1, 2019, statute requiring ALL vaccinations to be reported to ImmuNet
 - Allows for dose level accountability for Covid-19 vaccine
- **MDPCP practice coaches will be communicating with all practices regarding their current onboarding status and next steps to register and enroll**

Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

2. Register with ImmuNet as a vaccine provider in order to receive and administer vaccine. Provider Registration in ImmuNet is a two step process:

- i. Complete Provider Screening Questionnaire
 - o Determines eligibility to receive vaccine
- ii. Complete Provider Registration
 - o Complete the non-VFC provider registration by entering profile information and sign the CDC Covid-19 provider agreement
 - o Current VFC providers will need to confirm their current ImmuNet profile information and sign the CDC Covid-19 provider agreement

Registration expected to begin in Nov 2020

Where is your practice?

Enrolled and reporting

Verify patients' records in ImmuNet are being accurately transmitted to ImmuNet by:
> [logging in](#), and
> viewing a recently immunized patient's record for completeness.

Enrolled, but not reporting

Follow the steps on the [Immunet website](#) under "Providers with Electronic Health or Medical Records Systems (EHR/EMR)" to be added to the ImmuNet queue.

Put in a ticket with EHR vendor to implement immunization interface. Be sure to include:
> ImmuNet-assigned Org ID (contact [HelpDesk](#) for Org ID)
> [Technical specs](#) for interface
> ImmuNet HelpDesk [contact information](#)

Not enrolled and not reporting

Complete [ImmuNet enrollment form](#)

Wait for email containing username and password. Review links.

Congratulations!
You are enrolled and reporting to ImmuNet.



Primary Care Involvement

- ❖ Continue to encourage and vaccinate your patients with the flu shot
- ❖ Ensure that you are onboarded (connected) with ImmuNet to report vaccinations administered
- ❖ Once available, register to become a Covid vaccine provider
- ❖ Use the CVI tool to begin to identify your patients that are at a higher risk for Covid

Vaccine Update

❖ Vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech shows promise

- Pfizer says that early and incomplete test results suggest the two dose vaccine may be 90% effective
 - ✓ Conclusion based on independent analysis of 94 infections in a 44,000-person study
 - ✓ Some study participants received the vaccine, others received dummy shots
- Pfizer will ask the FDA for emergency authorization for the vaccine later this month
- Pfizer says it will have manufactured enough doses for 15 to 20 million people by the end of the year
- Long-term safety and efficacy data not yet collected

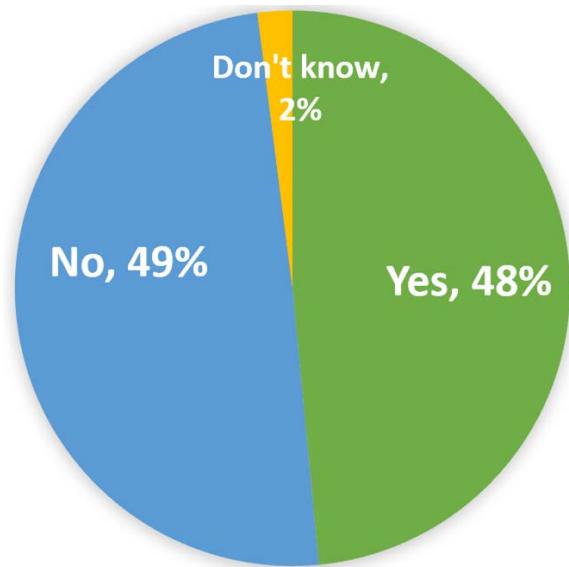


Vaccine Hesitancy

(You play a critical role in shaping these attitudes)

- ❖ Pre-existing group of anti-vaccine people
- ❖ Current political push for a vaccine before the election
- ❖ Warp Speed connotation of cutting corners
- ❖ Inconsistent messaging
- ❖ Novel types of vaccines
- ❖ ***Requires consistent accurate and timely messaging from trusted sources (Healthcare Providers)***

Goucher College Poll
If an FDA-approved vaccine to prevent coronavirus was available right now at no cost, would you agree to be vaccinated?



Covid-19 Antibody Treatment Update

- ❖ The FDA has granted emergency use authorization for bamlanivimab for the treatment of mild and moderate Covid-19 patients who are at high risk for progressing to severe Covid-19 and/or hospitalization
 - CMS has announced Medicare beneficiaries will receive coverage for bamlanivimab with no cost-sharing during the public health emergency (effective 11/10/2020)



Covid-19 Antibody Treatment Update

- ❖ Patients are at high risk of progression to severe Covid-19 and/or hospitalization if
 - Have BMI >= 36
 - Have chronic kidney disease
 - Have diabetes
 - Are currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
 - Are >= 65 years old
 - Are >= 55 years old and have
 - ✓ Cardiovascular disease, or
 - ✓ Hypertension, or
 - ✓ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/other chronic respiratory disease
 - Are 12 – 17 years old AND have
 - ✓ BMI >= 85th percentile for their age and gender based on CDC growth charts, or
 - ✓ Sickle cell disease, or
 - ✓ Congenital or acquired heart disease, or
 - ✓ Neurodevelopmental disorders, or
 - ✓ A medical-related technological dependence, or
 - ✓ Asthma

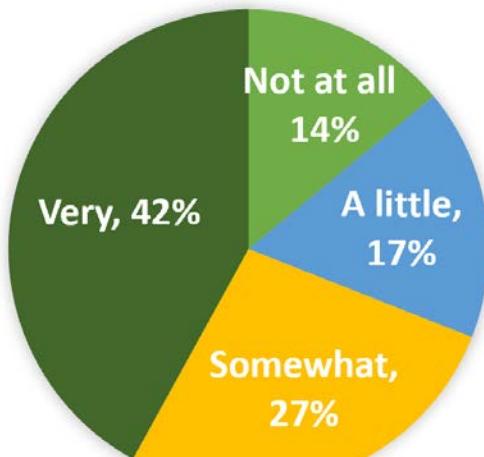


Marylanders Views on Covid

(You play a critical role in shaping these attitudes)

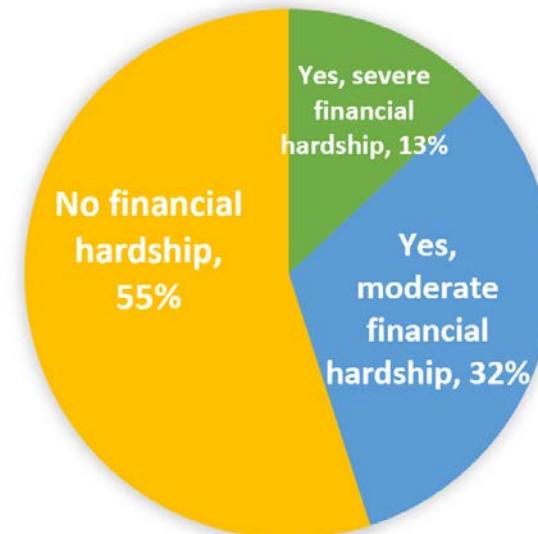
October 2020 Goucher College Poll of 1,002 Marylanders

How concerned are you—[very, somewhat, a little, or not at all]—
about yourself personally or a
close family member getting the
coronavirus?



Has the coronavirus outbreak **caused any financial hardship** for you or your household?

If "yes," follow-up with: Is that a severe hardship that affects your ability to maintain your current standard of living, or is it a moderate hardship that affects you somewhat but does not jeopardize your current standard of living?



Prepare Safe Workflows and Stock Sufficient PPE

- ❖ Ensure your practice has 30 days of PPE immediately available
- ❖ Consult usual suppliers and order PPE well in advance of anticipated need
 - There may be PPE shortages in the future
- ❖ Continue using PPE according to CDC guidelines
- ❖ Ensure safe workflows for all patients, particularly vulnerable patients



Covid-19 Guidance for the Holidays

- ❖ Celebrate with the people in your own immediate household
- ❖ Don't attend events or social gatherings if you're feeling ill or if you have had close contact with someone with Covid-19 in the last 14 days
- ❖ Understand the Covid-19 precautions for the event or social gathering you are attending
- ❖ Wear a face covering



Covid-19 Guidance for the Holidays

- ❖ Limit the number of people you come into contact with by avoiding large gatherings or multiple events with different groups of people
- ❖ Check for local travel advisories and guidelines related to testing and quarantining
- ❖ If hosting, clean frequently touched surfaces and be sure to follow safe practices
- ❖ Wash your hands
- ❖ More information is available [here](#)

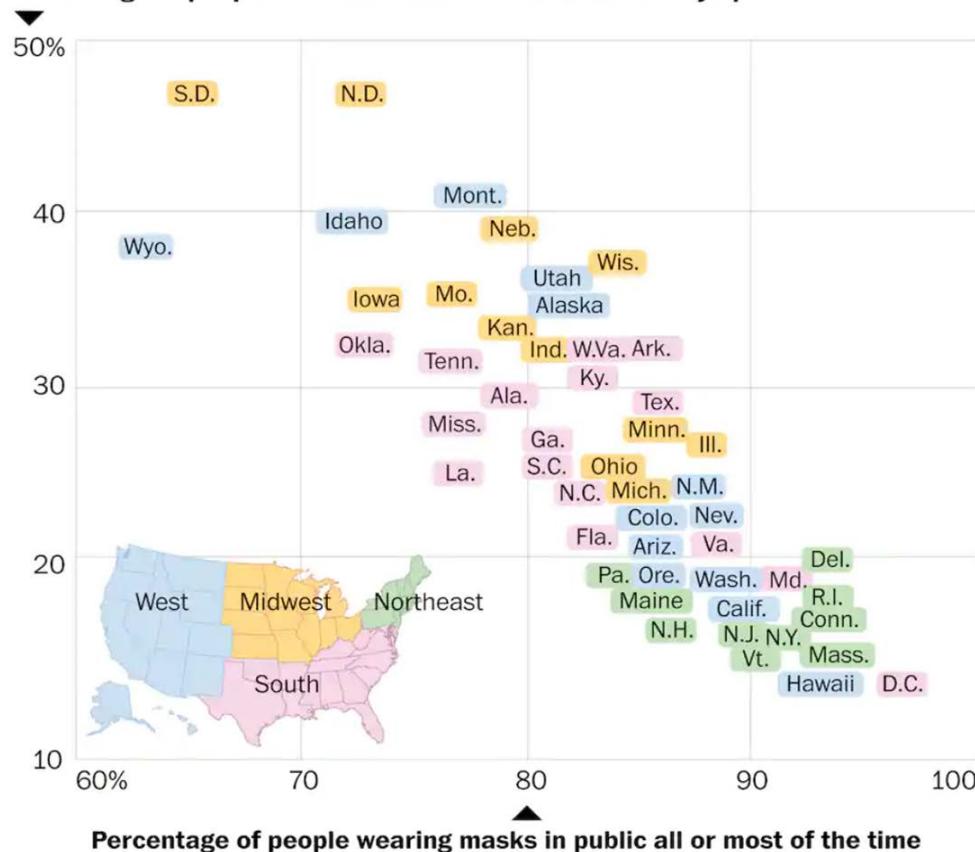


Masks and Distancing Remain Critical

Masking up

Fewer covid-19 symptoms reported in states with higher rates of mask use.

Percentage of people who know someone with covid-19 symptoms



Data as of Oct. 19

Source: Delphi CovidCast, Carnegie Mellon University

Sources: [Washington Post](#), [Nature](#)

THE WASHINGTON POST

❖ IHME model:

- Universal mask use *saves 129,574 lives before Feb 2021*
- 85% mask use *saves 95,814 lives before Feb 2021*



MD COVID Alert

- ❖ New cell phone app that notifies users if they have been exposed to somebody who is Covid-19 positive
- ❖ The app, which is free, does not collect or share information on individuals' identities or locations
- ❖ User notifications are not automatic; users opt into the service by enabling notifications in their phone's settings and selecting Maryland as their region
- ❖ Individuals who receive exposure notifications:
 - Receive advice to get tested
 - Receive information about possible exposure date
 - COVID-19 positive users may receive a call from a contact tracer
- ❖ Android users can install the app via Google Play
- ❖ More information is available [here](#)



Five things you can do as Health Care Providers

- 1. Identify all your high risk patients** —use the Covid Vulnerability Index (CVI) in CRISP, your EHR, and your intuition and do outreach and communication
 - Advise patients to continue to use social distancing and wear masks
- 2. Provide vulnerable patients with expanded care** through telemedicine and special accommodations if they need face-to-face care
- 3. Offer testing for all patients, every visit**
- 4. Stay current, stay safe**—stay current by keeping up-to-date with CDC guidelines and case rates in your area. For up-to-date information, visit CDC, MDH, and MDPCP sites. Stay safe by taking all necessary infection control precautions when seeing patients
- 5. Prepare for a vaccine** - address vaccine hesitancy with patients, enroll in ImmuNet and set up reporting now, and work with your patients to get a flu shot

CME Accreditation and Designation

- ❖ This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and The Maryland Department of Health. MedChi is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
- ❖ MedChi designates this live webinar educational activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Contact Frank Berry at fberry@medchi.org



CME Disclosures and Evaluation

- ❖ Presenters and Planners: Howard Haft, MD, has reported no relevant financial relationships to disclose.
- ❖ MedChi CME Reviewers: The reviewers from the MedChi Committee On Scientific Activities (COSA) for this activity have reported no relevant financial relationships to disclose.
- ❖ Please complete an evaluation at: [Covid-19 Update Evaluation](#)

Announcements

- ❖ Learn from our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#)
- ❖ Future Webinars
 - Today – Robert Neall, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health
 - Next Week -Letitia Dzirasa, MD, Commissioner, Baltimore City Department of Health

Thank you!



Appendix

Resources and Links

Covid-19 Vaccines/Immunization Information

❖ Maryland Covid-19 Vaccination Plan

❖ ImmuNet Information

- ImmuneNet enrollment form
- ImmuneNet helpdesk contact information
- Guidance for practices how about reporting to ImmuneNet
- Technical specifications for the EHR interface with ImmuneNet
- ImmuneNet log-in information portal

❖ Summary of vaccines under development



Covid-19 Testing Information

- ❖ [Maryland Department of Health testing announcements and accessibility information and resources](#)
- ❖ [CDC Covid-19 testing overview](#)
- ❖ [MDPCP Roadmap to Recovery – Covid-19 testing guidelines](#)
- ❖ [Maryland Department of Health guidance regarding point of Care rapid antigen Covid testing](#)
- ❖ [myLAB Box - Covid-19 testing program for Maryland clinicians](#)
- ❖ [FDA letter to clinical laboratory staff and health care providers about the potential for false positive results with rapid antigen tests for Covid-19](#)

Scheduling In-Office Appointments

- ❖ Patient calls in for an appointment
 - Reception screens patient on the phone using the [pre-visit screening template](#)
 - Schedule in-office visits for different groups: At-risk and vulnerable patients on certain days, healthier patients on other days
 - Schedule telehealth and non-office-based care for other patients including follow-ups and patients uncomfortable with office visits
- ❖ Check In
 - Practice remote check in and limited front-desk contact
 - Consider using a triage zone outside of office or main area;
 - Or use a barrier at the front desk
 - Design your office to accommodate patients who come in specifically for Covid testing and triage, separate from patients who arrive for non-Covid related and elective procedures
 - ✓ Ensure patients and staff do not cross between Covid and non-Covid areas
 - ✓ Set aside a specific area for patients who come in for testing to wait and be triaged

Scheduling In-Office Appointments

- ❖ Checking out
 - Practice remote check out, limit front desk exposure;
 - Or use a barrier at the front desk
- ❖ If patient is paying co-pays, etc., set up credit card reader outside of the barrier
- ❖ Other workflow resources
 - [Care management workflows](#)
 - [BMJ telemedicine workflow graphics](#)
 - [CDC flowchart to identify and assess 2019 novel Coronavirus](#)
 - [CDC telephone evaluation flow chart for flu](#)
 - [CDC guidance for potential Covid-19 exposure associated with international or domestic travel](#)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Sources and Requests

- ❖ Practices should initially request PPE through their usual vendors
- ❖ Practices should make their PPE requests through their local health departments
- ❖ Maryland PPE Manufacturers List – next slide
- ❖ **National and international PPE supplier list**
- ❖ **PPE request forms and local contacts**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Sources and Requests

- ❖ Increasing Maryland's supply of PPE – one of the 4 building blocks on the Road to Recovery
- ❖ Maryland has launched the [Maryland Manufacturing Network Supplier Portal](#), an online platform that helps connect Maryland suppliers with buyers in need of critical resources
- ❖ For additional business resources during Covid-19, visit [businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus](#)
- ❖ Providers may also request PPE from the non-profit '[Get Us PPE](#)'

Provider/Patient Mental Health Resources

❖ Providers

- “Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve,” a [webinar series](#) from the Maryland Department of Health Behavioral Health Administration and MedChi (on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month starting 11/12/2020)
- [Heroes Health Initiative](#)

❖ Patients

- [Ask Suicide-Screening Questions toolkit](#)
- CDC [list of resources](#) for coping with stress

Health Equity Resources

- ❖ [Maryland Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities \(MHHD\)](#)
- ❖ Maryland Department of Health Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance Program [overview](#)
- ❖ MHHD fiscal year 2020 minority outreach and technical assistance [program information](#)
- ❖ [Description](#) of the term “health disparity”
- ❖ [Implicit bias test](#)
- ❖ “Hundreds of Days of Action as a Start to Address Hundreds of Years of Inequality” – New England Journal of Medicine [article](#) by Maulik Joshi, DrPH
- ❖ “Discussion Draft of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine” – [discussion draft](#) for public comment by Committee on Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus, The National Academies of Science, Engineering, Medicine

Telehealth Resources

- ❖ [Maryland Health Care Commission Telehealth](#)
- ❖ [Maryland Health Care Commission Telehealth Readiness Assessment Tool](#)
- ❖ [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\) for Professionals](#)
- ❖ [American Telehealth Association](#)
- ❖ [Maryland Telehealth Alliance](#)
- ❖ [National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers](#)

Help Your Patients Get Health Coverage

Maryland Health Connection, the state's health insurance marketplace, has a Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment Period until December 15 for uninsured Marylanders. All plans on Maryland Health Connection cover testing and treatment of Covid-19.

❖ How to enroll

- Enroll online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov
- Call 1-855-642-8572. Deaf and hard of hearing use Relay service. Help is available in 200 languages.
- Download the free “Enroll MHC” mobile app to enroll on a phone/tablet.
- Navigators throughout the state can answer questions and enroll consumers by phone.



CDC Guidelines for Covid Patient Management

- ❖ Healthy people can be monitored, self-isolated at home
 - ❖ People at higher risk should contact healthcare providers early, even if illness is mild
 - ❖ Older adults and people with severe underlying chronic medical conditions are at higher risk, need closer contact
 - ❖ Emergency Department and Hospitals only when needed - not for screening or low risk/minimal disease
-
- ❖ **Guidelines are important and powerful tools, but remember providers' clinical experience and judgment are key to care**

Support for Patients at Home

- ❖ Food
 - Meals on Wheels
- ❖ Caregivers
 - Visiting nurses and caregivers
- ❖ Emotional support
 - Support from family
 - Phone calls and videochat to fight loneliness
 - MD Department of Aging [Senior Call Check Program](#)

Staying Current - Sources

- ❖ [CDC](#)
- ❖ [MDH Covid-19 information page](#)
- ❖ [MDPCP Covid-19 webpage](#)
- ❖ Local Health Departments
- ❖ [CONNECT](#)
- ❖ Clinician Letters
- ❖ Multiple Resource Links in Appendix

MedChi/CareFirst/Backline Grant

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) and the Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) launched a grant program that will equip additional Maryland physicians with the technology they need to provide needed virtual care during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond

Eligibility Requirements

- The medical practice and medical license are in Maryland
- The medical practice is a private, independent group of five or fewer physicians
- The practice enrolls in Backline after March 1, 2020 as the result of the Covid-19 crisis
- MedChi has confirmed the practice's enrollment with DrFirst
- Enrollment in Backline occurs before December 31, 2020

Application Steps

Can be completed in less than 5 minutes

- Complete the application linked [here](#)
- Email completed application to amullin@medchi.org
- For questions, email or call Andrea Mullin at amullin@medchi.org or 800-492-1056 x3340

Grant Amount

\$300 per eligible physician



Food Resources

- ❖ Nutrition: Inform patients that children can receive three free meals/day at sites listed on:

- [Maryland Summer Meals](#)
- [Montgomery County](#)
- [Prince Georges County](#)
- [Charles County](#)
- [Frederick County](#)

- [Howard County](#)
- [Anne Arundel County](#)
- [St. Mary's County](#)
- [Harford County](#)
- [Calvert County](#)

- ❖ Free meals available from 42 rec centers in Baltimore
 - Call 311 for locations and to schedule pickup time

Resources for Specific Groups

- ❖ Community- and Faith-Based Organizations
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>)
- ❖ Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>)
- ❖ Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions for Specific Groups
(<https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions/index.html>)

Resources and References

- ❖ Maryland Department of Health Coronavirus Website (<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov>)
- ❖ CDC Coronavirus Website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)
- ❖ CDC National data on Covid-19 infection and mortality (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>)
- ❖ CDC Interim Guidance for Homes and Communities (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>)
- ❖ CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html>)
- ❖ CDC Interim Guidance for Childcare and Schools (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-for-schools.html>)
- ❖ CDC Travel Website (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>)

