School System Medical Officer Introduction & Updates

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Role of the School System Medical Officer

- Interpret data trends, scientific updates, and public health guidance for school community leaders
- Make recommendations for implementation of expert guidance and public health directives based on unique school system factors
- Collaborate with MCPS partners and with DHHS to implement health strategies within the school system
- Support school health services and school health initiatives
- Liaison with public health authorities, school health leaders from outside MCPS, health care system partners, community partners
- Centralize health-related messaging and efforts

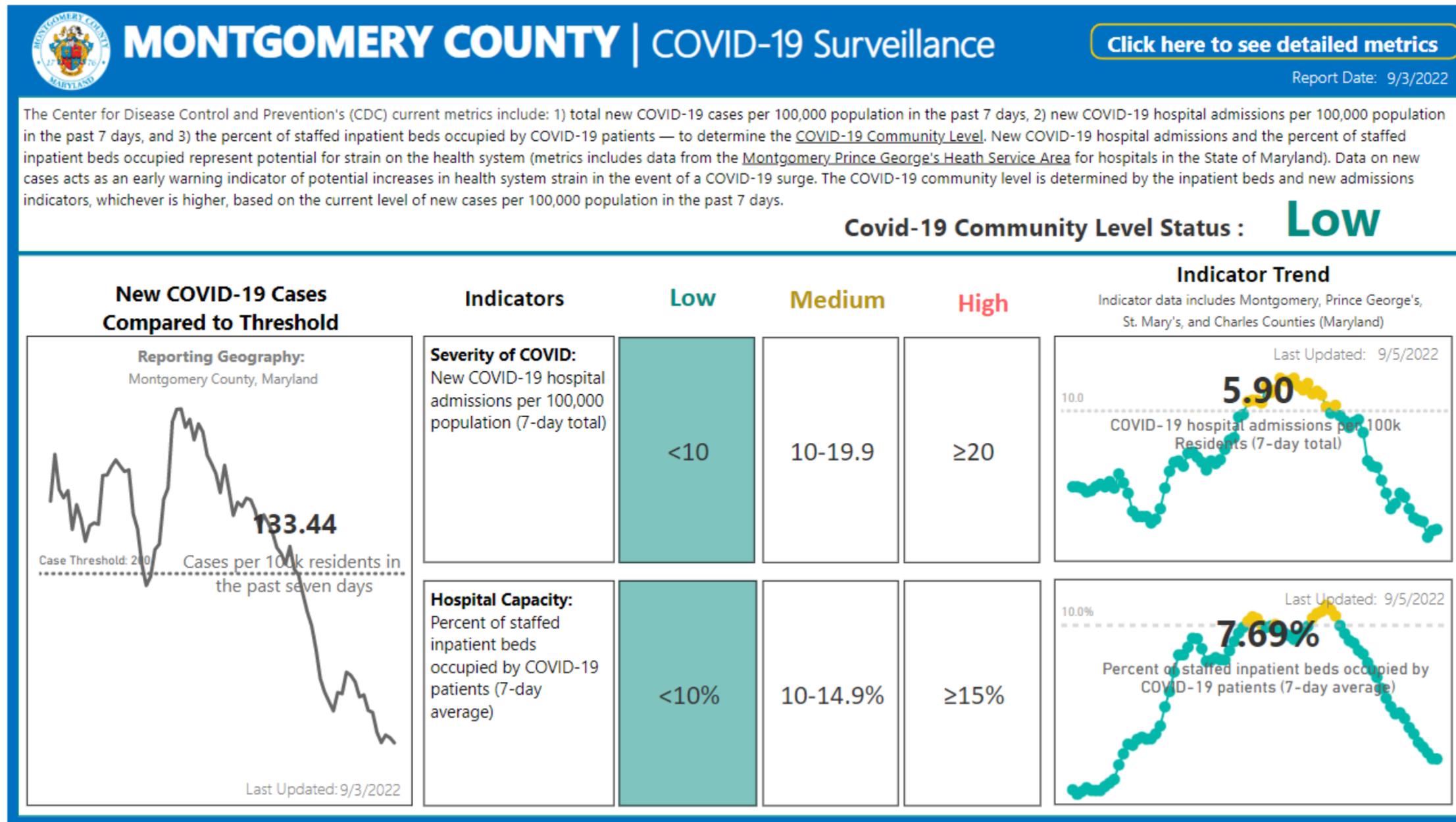# COVID-19: What are we looking at this year?

- New CDC guidance for schools
  - Changes to recommendations for testing, quarantine
  - More detailed guidance about masking
- Addressing and redressing the comprehensive impact of the pandemic
- Continuing to support vaccination efforts – including updated COVID-19 boosters!
- Supporting the health and wellness of the entire school community (includes staff and families)

COVID-19 Links & Resources

- **2022–2023 School Year**

  - [Fall 2022 Reopening Plan: Health and Safety Procedures](#)

  - [Superintendent's Community Message 8/18/22](#)

    - [Online COVID-19 information portal](#)

    - [School System Medical Officer Community Message 8/24/22](#)

COVID-19 Community Risk Level: Montgomery County (September 5, 2022)

- Montgomery County has been at "**low**" risk since 8/16/22

- Weekly case rates, new COVID-19 hospital admissions and % of inpatient beds due to COVID-19 diagnosis trended down from last week.

Montgomery County DHHS Pulse Report (August 31, 2022)

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 8/24/22)

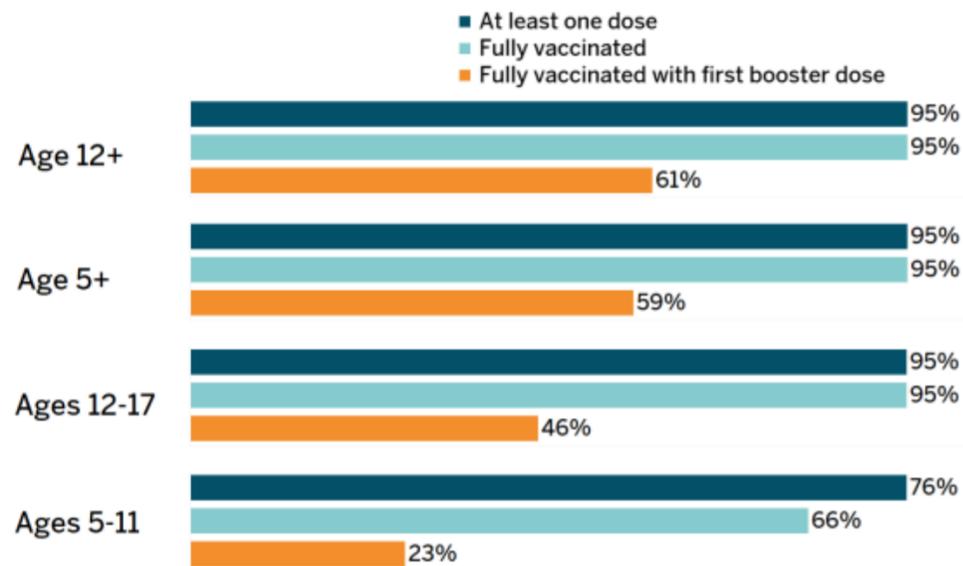- **≥95%*** of <u>total</u> population received at least ONE DOSE [N=1,109,749]

- **90%** of <u>total</u> population received at least TWO DOSES (fully vaccinated) [N=941,114]

- **58%** of <u>fully vaccinated</u> population received a FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=549,938]

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

NOTE: On 4/15/22, Maryland made updates to previously submitted data to the CDC that resulted in a decrease of 50,176 doses administered. Some percentages may have decreased as a result.

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

Legend:
- At least one dose
- Fully vaccinated
- Fully vaccinated with first booster dose

Age Group	At least one dose	Fully vaccinated	Fully vaccinated with first booster dose
Age 12+	95%	95%	61%
Age 5+	95%	95%	59%
Ages 12-17	95%	95%	46%
Ages 5-11	76%	66%	23%

Percentage estimates for age groups 12-17 and 5-11 should be interpreted with caution due to higher margins of error in census population estimates.

- **80%** of the <u>fully vaccinated 65+ population</u> received a FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=139,379]

- **51%** of the <u>50+ population with a first booster dose</u> received a SECOND BOOSTER [N=143,510]

- Montgomery County continues to have generally high vaccination rates
- We can continue to work on improving vaccination rates in younger age groups and booster rates in all age groups

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/

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Update:
Monkeypox Virus

Update: Monkeypox Virus (MPX)

- According to the [CDC](), as of September 6, 2022, there have been 20,733 cases in the US, including 554 cases in Maryland.

- According to the Maryland Department of Health [MPX data dashboard,]() on September 2, 2022 there were 62 cases in Montgomery County, increased from 57 cases on August 26, 2022

- MCPS has reviewed infection control policies to ensure consistency with CDC recommendations, partnered with DHHS to discuss prevention and case response strategies, and will continue to provide education to the community

- Additional resources:
  - Montgomery County resources for MPX are on the [DHHS website]()
  - CDC's [MPX FAQ for schools]() (August 19, 2022)
  - Community Messages about MPX: [August 5, 2022](), [September 1, 2022 (item 5)]()