



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak and Response: City Council Hearing 4/28/20

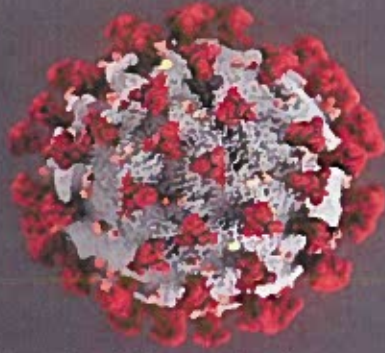




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This is a rapidly evolving situation.

***Information presented here is up to date
as of 4/27/2020.***

***We expect that information on the
disease itself and recommendations and
guidance will change.***

***References provided will provide the
most up to date information.***



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Topics Covered

- COVID-19 City Dashboard Review
- BCHD Objectives
 - Minimizing spread of COVID-19
 - Protecting vulnerable populations
 - Protecting healthcare workers
 - Supporting medical surge planning
 - Leveraging partnerships to bolster City response



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Baltimore City COVID-19 Dashboard

Confirmed Cases and Deaths

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1,933
Baltimore City Total Cases

78
Baltimore City Total Deaths

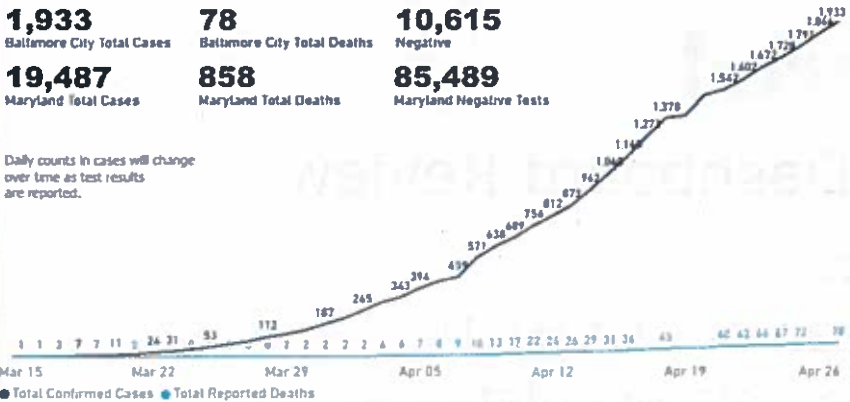
10,615
Negative

19,487
Maryland Total Cases

858
Maryland Total Deaths

85,489
Maryland Negative Tests

Daily counts in cases will change over time as test results are reported.



Daily New Confirmed Cases



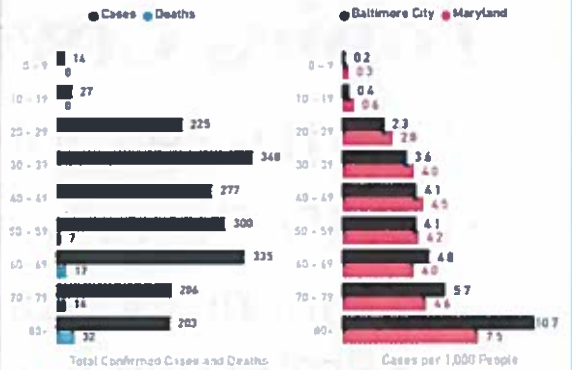
Daily New Confirmed Deaths



Scroll here for more information on the dashboard.

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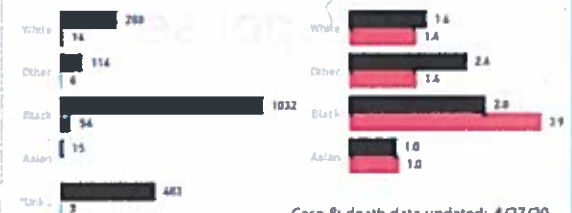
By Age Group*



By Sex*



By Race*



Case & death data updated: 4/27/20
Testing data updated: 4/22/20



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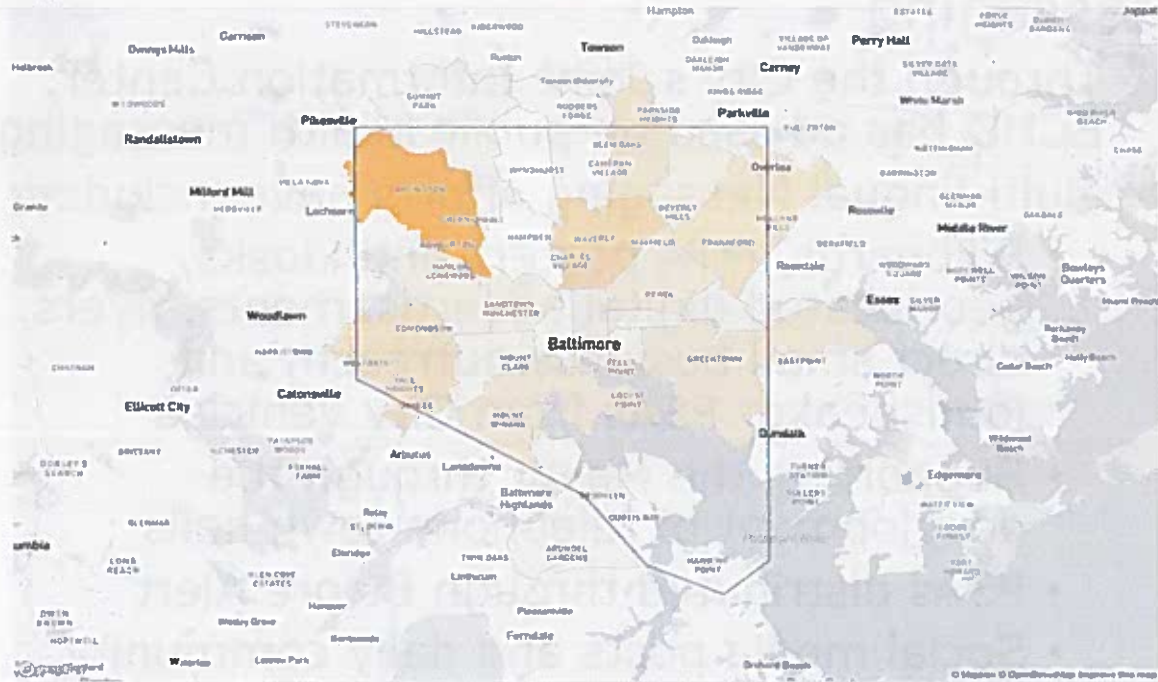


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Baltimore City COVID-19 Dashboard Confirmed Cases by ZIP Code

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Minimizing the Spread of COVID-19

- Messaging

- Through the City's Joint Information Center, BCHD has advised on public health messaging
- Multi-lingual Messaging efforts have included:
 - Billboards, MTA posters and kiosks, geo-located digital advertisements, flyers, direct small business outreach, and loudspeaker PSAs from City vehicles
 - Supporting the Mayor through the development of telephone town halls
 - PSAs distributed through BMore Alert
 - Social media posts and daily community briefing emails



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Minimizing the Spread of COVID-19

• Testing

- Testing sites in areas of greatest need
 - 21215 - Pimlico
 - Highest number of COVID-19 cases
 - Launched in partnership with LifeBridge on 4/10
 - 21218 - Clifton Park
 - 2nd highest number of COVID-19 cases
 - Launched in partnership with MDH on 4/24
 - 21217 - Druid Hill Park
- Next Steps - Mobile testing



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Minimizing the Spread of COVID-19, cont.

- Contact Tracing
 - Method of disease prevention, in the absence of vaccines and antiviral treatments
 - Teams for congregate settings
 - Teams for individual case investigation
 - Rapid expansion of teams to support City efforts including re-deployment of school nurses and graduate students
 - Ongoing for multiple months to come
 - Developing a messaging campaign around contact investigation



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Case Investigation Approach

We interview all positive cases and capture:

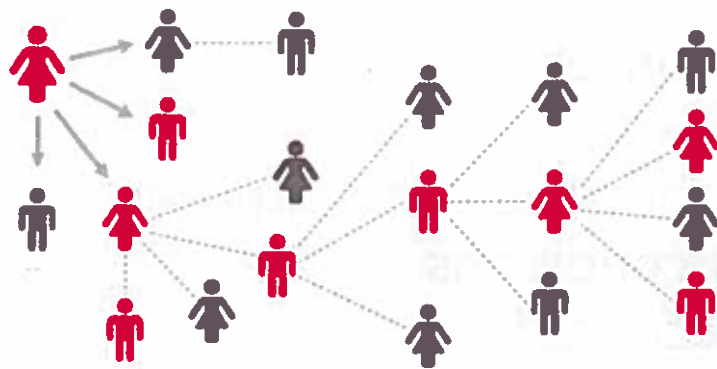
- Demographics
- Symptoms
- Date of symptom onset
- Exposures
- Contacts who might have been exposed
- High risk medical conditions
- Hospital/home/deceased
- Occupation
- Live or work in high risk setting (congregate setting)



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What is contact tracing?



Contact tracing aims to identify and alert people who have come into contact with a person infected with Coronavirus.

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By notifying people who have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, we can request that they quarantine, and significantly reduce further spread.

Contact tracing is NOT a way for the government to track people illegally.



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Protecting Vulnerable Populations

- Long Term Care Facilities
 - Regular guidance to LTCFs around infection control, cohorting, and distribution of PPE
 - Local Go Team to provide in person logistical support
 - State Strike Teams
- Homeless Population
 - Partnering with MOHS, HCFH, and Mayor's Office to support the isolation, quarantine, and mass surveillance testing needs
 - Case management of unstably housed residents in isolation and quarantine hotels
 - State Strike Teams



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Protecting Vulnerable Populations, cont.

- Congregate living
 - Messaging around social distancing, visitor prohibition
 - Food Delivery to congregate living sites - formerly Eating Together program
- Older Adults
 - Messaging around social distancing, the importance of staying at home, seeking support from family and neighbors
 - Food Delivery in past 6 weeks
 - >52K meals delivered to 42 senior housing sites
 - Almost 60K home delivered meals to private residences



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Protecting Healthcare Workforce

- PPE distribution
 - 5 allocations from the state since 3/19
 - Distributed based on state formula
 - > 100 Orders of PPE to 47 healthcare partners including hospitals, SNFs, and ALFs
 - > 200K units of PPE given - 170K surgical masks/N95 respirators, 7,500 faceshields, and 9,000 isolation gowns
- Education/Collaboration
 - Weekly hospital CEO call
 - Weekly emergency planners call
 - Weekly call with FQHCs
 - Weekly calls with LTCFs



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Supporting Medical Surge Planning

- Health and Medical Command
 - BCFD, BCHD, and hospital emergency planners group
 - Goal: To develop communication channel and plan for patient movement in the event of surge
- Internal Resource Dashboard
 - Visualization of bed, vent, staffing availability across all City hospitals
 - Can be viewed by hospital partners
 - Supports planning in the event of a surge
 - Developing dashboards to track nursing facility beds and staffing



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Leveraging Partnerships

- Partnership with MDH
 - Regular interface with MDH around testing, clinical guidance, and surge planning
- Public Private Partnership
 - Initial – UMMS, JHHS, and CareFirst
 - Expanded to other hospital partners
 - Work Streams
 - Call Center
 - Communications
 - Testing
 - Data – Resource Dashboard and Hotspotting
 - Special Populations
 - Care Coordination



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