DC’s faith-based organizations are at the very heart of our community, giving us hope in the face of darkness. They embody our DC values of love and inclusivity. An attack on them is an attack on all of us.

This weekend, we saw forces of hate seeking to use destruction and intimidation to tear us apart. We will not let that happen, and continue to stand together strong and United to Love. The Mayor’s Office of Religious Affairs and the Metropolitan Police Department are engaging the impacted houses of worship today, and anyone with information or video in the area of the houses of worship should call 202-727-9099 or text 50411.

#UnitedtoLove

December 14, 2020
### Where We Are Today

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Metric</th>
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<td><strong>Level of Community Spread</strong></td>
<td>Daily case rate</td>
<td>35.4</td>
<td>Dec 12</td>
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<td>7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.</td>
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<td><strong>Rate of transmission</strong></td>
<td>Effective reproduction number (R0)</td>
<td>1.05</td>
<td>Dec 2</td>
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<td><strong>Test positivity rate</strong></td>
<td>Percent positive from RT-PCR tests</td>
<td>5.8%</td>
<td>Dec 10</td>
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<td><strong>New cases from quarantined contacts</strong></td>
<td>7-day average</td>
<td>10.4%</td>
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<td><strong>Health System Capacity</strong></td>
<td>Percent hospital utilization</td>
<td>84.3%</td>
<td>Dec 12</td>
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<td>of available beds without surge</td>
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<td><strong>Percent COVID-19 patients</strong></td>
<td>of daily hospital census, 7-day average</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
<td>Dec 12</td>
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<td><strong>Mean test turnaround time</strong></td>
<td>(days) 7-day average</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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<td><strong>Diagnostic tests conducted</strong></td>
<td>7,294</td>
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<td>7-day avg. per million pop.</td>
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<td><strong>Public Health System Capacity</strong></td>
<td>Positive cases with contact attempt</td>
<td>99.8%</td>
<td>Dec 11</td>
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<td>7-day avg. attempt within 1 day</td>
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<td>Close contacts with contact attempt</td>
<td>96.5%</td>
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<td>7-day avg. attempt within 2 days</td>
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<td><strong>Community Engagement</strong></td>
<td>Positive cases interviewed</td>
<td>77.9%</td>
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<td>7-day avg. completed within 3 days</td>
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<td>Positive cases who provide close contacts</td>
<td>44.0%</td>
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<td>7-day avg.</td>
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<td>Mean number close contacts provided</td>
<td>1.2</td>
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<td>7-day avg. mean per positive case</td>
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<td>Exposure Notification Opt-in</td>
<td>473,626</td>
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**Source:** [GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)
VACCINE UPDATE
A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINE IS ON THE WAY

FRIDAY
On Friday, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the Pfizer vaccine.

SATURDAY
On Saturday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend use of the vaccine. ACIP’s recommendations are the gold standard for vaccine use in the United States.

SUNDAY
On Sunday, the Director of the CDC approved ACIP’s recommendations, making them the official CDC recommendation on immunization in the United States.
Both the FDA and CDC concluded that the Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective for use in people 16 and older.

Fast facts about the Pfizer vaccine:

- Years of vaccine research and development laid the groundwork for this vaccine.
- This year, more than 40,000 people participated in the Pfizer vaccine trial. Tens of thousands of people participated in other vaccine trials including the Moderna trial. This means that no one taking the vaccine going forward will be among the first to take it.
- With two doses, the vaccine has proven to be 95% effective.
- It is expected that some people may have an immune response to receiving the vaccine - sore arms, fatigue, headaches, muscle pain, and chills. This is normal, expected, and resolves within a few days.
Six sites in DC will receive the District’s initial allotment of 6,825 doses. These six sites will partner with other hospitals and health care providers across the city to begin vaccinations for frontline health care workers and first responders.

Monday, December 14
- Howard University Hospital
- The George Washington University Hospital

Tuesday, December 15
- Children’s National Hospital
- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital
- Medstar Washington Hospital Center

Wednesday, December 16
- Kaiser Permanente
We are proud and excited that DC’s Bravest will be among the first to receive the long-awaited COVID-19 vaccine.

DC Health has arranged for Kaiser Permanente to administer the vaccine to FEMS members beginning Thursday, December 17.
HI, MY NAME IS LIEUTENANT KEISHEA JACKSON
The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. This vaccine will save lives. It will bring our community back together.

Get vaccinated for yourself. Get vaccinated for your family and friends. Get vaccinated for our seniors and neighbors with underlying health conditions. Get vaccinated for your patients and coworkers.

Get vaccinated for our city.

Let’s end this pandemic, DC.
RECOVERY UPDATE
What are examples of establishments that are eligible?

- Bookstores
- Clothing stores
- Salons and massage establishments
- Fitness studios
- Art galleries
- Dry cleaners

15% of the funds ($2.25M) will be set aside for businesses that are eligible to be both a Resident-Owned Business and a Small Business Enterprise and one of the following:

- at least 51% owned by economically disadvantaged individuals
- at least 51% woman-owned
- or a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Learn more at coronavirus.dc.gov/bridgefund
Join us to learn about a new funding opportunity for retailers through The Bridge Fund.

FEATURING UPDATES FROM:
- John Falcicchio, Deputy Mayor, DMPED
- Sybongile Cook, Director of Business Development, DMPED
- Kristi Whitfield, Director, Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)

SPECIAL GUESTS:
- Sunyatta Amen, Owner, Calabash Tea & Tonic
- Reynolds Allen, Managing Director of Retail Strategy & Operations, EDENS/La Cosecha Market
- Anabella Arcay & Rafael Dario Berti, Owners, Arcay Chocolates
- Anika Hobbs, Owner, Nubian Hueman

Tuesday, December 15 at 4:00 PM ET

You can view the presentation on Mayor Bowser’s social media accounts or at mayor.dc.gov/live.

RSVP at bit.ly/DERTCall1215