

CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

Situational Update

Monday, February 8, 2021

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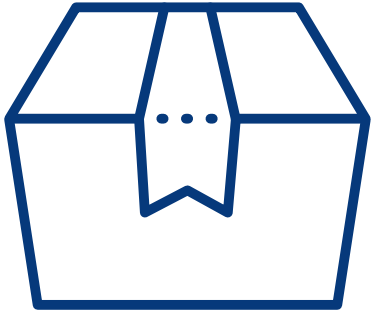
WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Current Values (data through 2/6/21)

Level of Community Spread	Daily case rate	Rate of transmission	Test positivity rate	New cases from quarantined contacts
	23.7 (Feb 6) <small>7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.</small>	0.84 (Jan 27) <small>Effective reproduction number (R(t))</small>	5.5% (Feb 4) <small>Percent positive from RT-PCR tests</small>	12.5% (Feb 4) <small>7-day average</small>
Health System Capacity	Percent hospital utilization	Percent COVID-19 patients	Mean test turnaround time	Diagnostic tests conducted
	83.8% (Feb 6) <small>of available beds without surge</small>	10.1% (Feb 6) <small>of daily hospital census, 7-day average</small>	1.8 (Feb 6) <small>(days) 7-day average</small>	6,223 (Feb 4) <small>7-day avg. per million pop.</small>
Public Health System Capacity	Positive cases with contact attempt	Close contacts with contact attempt		
	99.6% (Feb 5) <small>7-day avg. attempt within 1 day</small>	96.8% (Feb 4) <small>7-day avg. attempt within 2 days</small>		
Community Engagement	Positive cases interviewed	Positive cases who provide close contacts	Mean number close contacts provided	Exposure Notification Opt-in
	73.0% (Feb 4) <small>7-day avg. completed within 3 days</small>	44.3% (Feb 4) <small>7-day avg.</small>	1.2 (Feb 4) <small>7-day avg. mean per positive case</small>	614,474 (Feb 3) <small>cumulative # of smart phones opted-in to official exposure notification system</small>
	Correct mask-wearing	Percent full COVID-19 vaccine coverage		
	72.6% (Jan 14) <small>percent observed Updated every 3 weeks.</small>	0.9% (Jan 30) <small>cumulative Updated weekly.</small>		

Data Source: DC Health





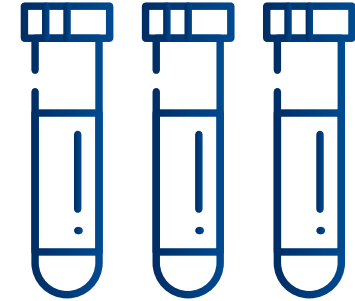
Total doses already
delivered
(as of 2/6/21):

94,100



Total doses
already
administered:

67,688



Additional doses
becoming available
this week:

11,475

Going forward, every Monday at noon and 7 p.m, vaccination appointments will open for:



Child care
workers



Independent school
teachers and staff



Charter school
teachers and staff

These appointments are available to those who work in person at a school or child care center in Washington, DC.

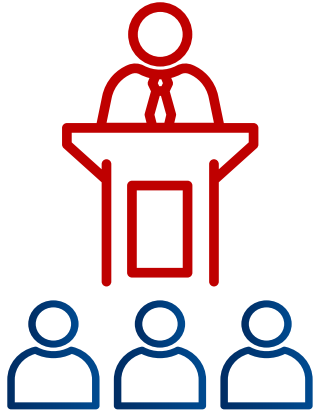
The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church is the District's first faith-based vaccination partner.



This week, as part of a pilot, the church will host **two vaccination clinics** for **200 pre-registered residents.**

We thank

Reverend Dr. Kendrick E. Curry and Reverend Karen W. Curry for helping us get a life-saving vaccine to more Washingtonians.



The **COVID-19 Clinician Champion Program (DC CCCP)** is a partnership between DC Health and the Medical Society of the District of Columbia to provide a cadre of **medical experts who can serve as speakers during community meetings and events** focused on COVID-19 and the importance and science behind the COVID-19 vaccine.

Each physician has different areas of expertise and can address a number of topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Requests for speakers can be made through the DC Health Community Outreach Request Form on coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE UPDATES

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The Continued Assistance Act (CAA), which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, extends many provisions of the CARES Act, including:

- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

The CAA also adds a new benefit program:
the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program.

UPDATES TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM

In preparing the District’s Unemployment Insurance system to process the extended CARES Act benefits and new programs provided under the Continued Assistance Act, **mandatory updates are necessary.**

PROGRAM	SYSTEM STATUS
Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)	Update was implemented and individuals started receiving \$300 FPUC payment since week ending January 2, 2021.
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)	System updates will be completed for individuals to file their weekly certifications via DCnetworks after February 10, 2021.
Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)	These system updates will be completed for impacted individuals to file their weekly certifications via DCnetworks after February 19, 2021.
Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)	The application for MEUC will be ready February 15, 2021. MEUC payments will begin on February 19, 2021.



The Department of Employment Services is working to make it easier for workers and residents to get answers about unemployment benefits:



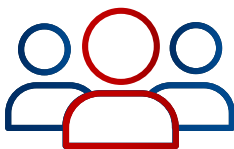
Introduced new technology and tools for efficiency

- Adding a Chatbot feature on the website to allow for immediate answers



Increasing communications

- Robocalls and text messages being used to alert and update on new benefits availability and other agency announcements



Adding capacity to program staff and operations

- Providing comprehensive staff training to improve quality of interactions
- Call center will operate on modified operations on 2/17 and 2/26

RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE UPDATES

Housing Stabilization Grants

To date:

**\$11.5 million to approximately
4,500 households**

The District paid 80% to tenants' back rent from April and November 2020 with their housing provider forgiving the rest.

Over 2,700 households, or 60%, are located in Wards 7 and 8.



Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program

To date:

**\$1.5 million to approximately
450 low-income households**

The annual income of most recipients is less than

\$37,000.

Who is eligible for CHAP?

Household size	Monthly Income Limit
1 person	\$4,645.83
2 people	\$5,308.33
3 people	\$5,970.83
4 people	\$6,633.33
5 people	\$7,166.67
Find a full list of monthly income limits at coronavirus.dc.gov/rent	

The COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) provides rental assistance to low-income renters who are in arrears due to the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

UPDATE: Starting immediately, housing providers may apply to CHAP on behalf of eligible tenants.

Renters and housing providers can apply online via the Department of Housing and Community Development portal, or via three community CHAP providers:

Housing Counseling Services - (202) 667- 7339; chap@housingetc.org

Greater Washington Urban League - (202) 524-8175; covidrent@gwul.org

United Planning Organization - (202) 231-7910; housingservices@upo.org

Multiple programs are available to assist residents with paying their utility bills.



The District Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) assists income-eligible District households with heating and cooling energy costs through the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**. Eligible households can receive energy bill assistance **between \$250 and \$1,800** as a one-time regular energy assistance benefit. This benefit is based on household size, total household income, heating source, and type of dwelling.



Additionally, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (DCPSC) requires Pepco, Washington Gas and Verizon to offer **Utility Discount Programs (UDP)** to residential customers. Those programs, as well as programs from the Office of the People’s Counsel and DC Water, assist low-income District residents in reducing their utility bills.

Learn more at coronavirus.dc.gov/utilityhelp

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