

CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

Situational Update

Thursday, January 28, 2021

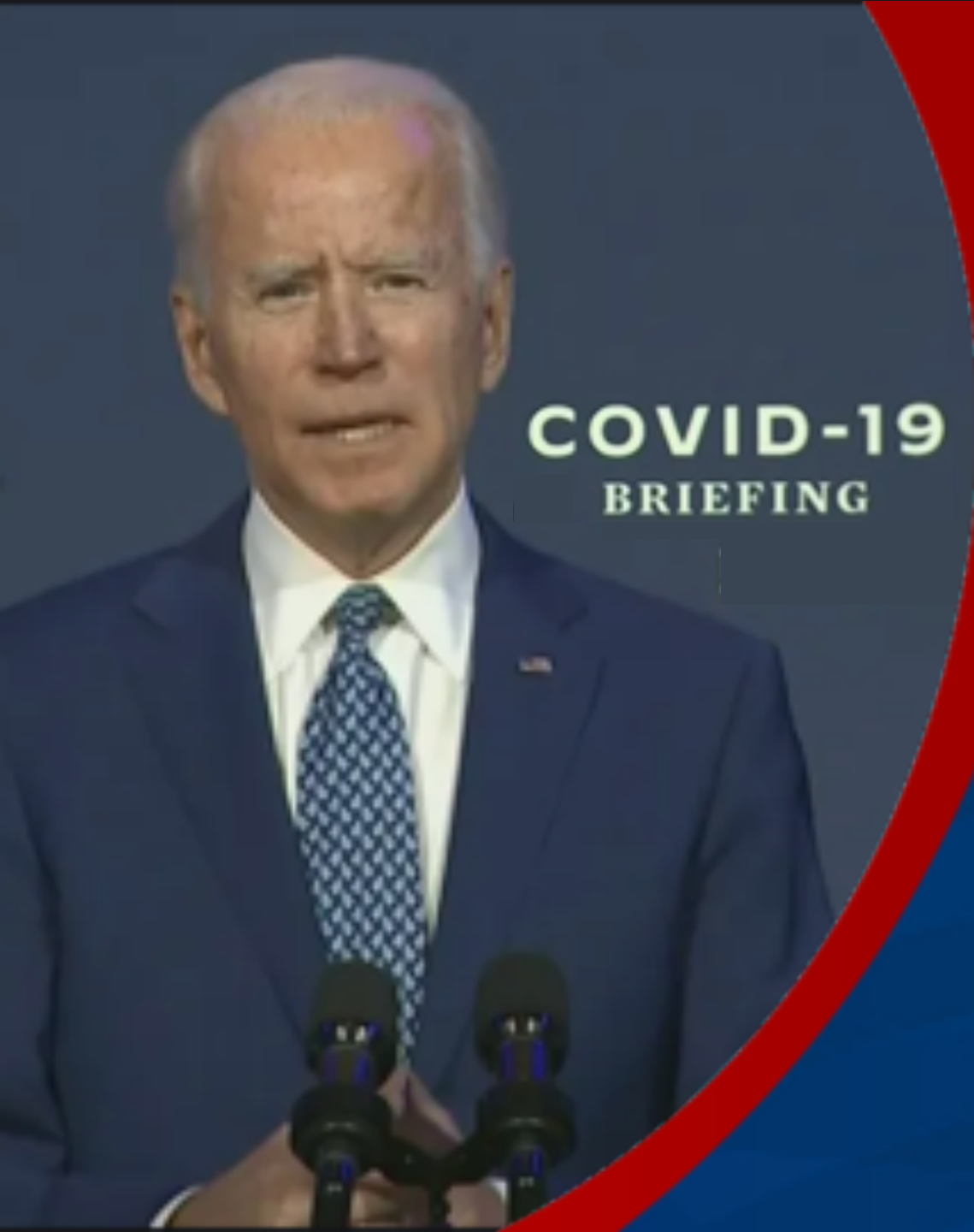
WHERE WE ARE TODAY

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Current Values (data through 1/26/21)

Level of Community Spread	Daily case rate		Rate of transmission		Test positivity rate		New cases from quarantined contacts	
	29.7 (Jan 26)	7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.	0.81 (Jan 26)	Effective reproduction number (R _E)	5.4% (Jan 24)	Percent positive from RT-PCR tests	13.4% (Jan 24)	7-day average
Health System Capacity	Percent hospital utilization		Percent COVID-19 patients		Mean test turnaround time		Diagnostic tests conducted	
	88.2% (Jan 26)	of available beds without surge	11.8% (Jan 26)	of daily hospital census, 7-day average	1.9 (Jan 26)	(days) 7-day average	7,253 (Jan 24)	7-day avg. per million pop.
Public Health System Capacity	Positive cases with contact attempt		Close contacts with contact attempt					
	99.5% (Jan 25)	7-day avg. attempt within 1 day	95.8% (Jan 24)	7-day avg. attempt within 2 days				
Community Engagement	Positive cases interviewed		Positive cases who provide close contacts		Mean number close contacts provided		Exposure Notification Opt-in	
	76.0% (Jan 24)	7-day avg. completed within 3 days	44.9% (Jan 24)	7-day avg.	1.1 (Jan 24)	7-day avg. mean per positive case	596,740 (Jan 26)	cumulative # of smart phones opted in to official exposure notification system
	Correct mask-wearing		Percent full COVID-19 vaccine coverage					
	72.6% (Jan 14)	percent observed Updated every 3 weeks	0.6% (Jan 23)	cumulative Updated weekly				





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BRIEFING

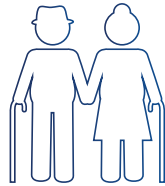
Washington, DC **thanks President Biden** for answering the call for **more vaccine.**

This week, the Biden Administration committed to increasing the District's vaccine allocation by 15% for the next three weeks. We recognize this announcement as a promising indicator of the new Administration's commitment to increasing the supply of the COVID-19 vaccine, and we will continue to advocate for more doses for DC.

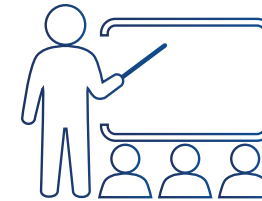
DC IS NOW VACCINATING:



Individuals who work in health care settings*



DC residents who are 65 years old and older*



Teachers and staff who are, or will be, working in person at a DCPS school or a DC public charter school



Members of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department



Individuals experiencing homelessness



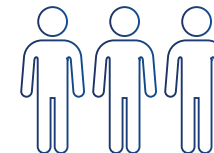
Department of Corrections employees



Residents of long-term and intermediate care facilities and residents of community residential facilities/group homes



Members of the Metropolitan Police Department



Continuity Government Operations personnel

**populations that are able to make appointments through vaccinate.dc.gov or by calling the Coronavirus Call Center (when appointments are available)*

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

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DCPS



DCPS Vaccination
Appointments Filled: **2,700**
out of 3,840



DCPS Teachers and
Staff Who Have
Received First Dose: **460**

Public Charter Schools



Public Charter Schools
Vaccination
Appointments Filled: **1,030**



Public Charter Schools
Teachers and Staff Who
Have **Received First Dose:** **280**






Earlier this week, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education also **contacted licensed childcare providers and private and independent school leaders** to begin collecting contact information for in-person staff to ensure that as vaccine supply allows, the District can work quickly to make appointments available to eligible staff.



DC Health and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer continue working together, using feedback from the community, to improve the process of booking a vaccination appointment through vaccinate.dc.gov and the Coronavirus Call Center.

Improvements made to vaccinate.dc.gov after January 13 include:

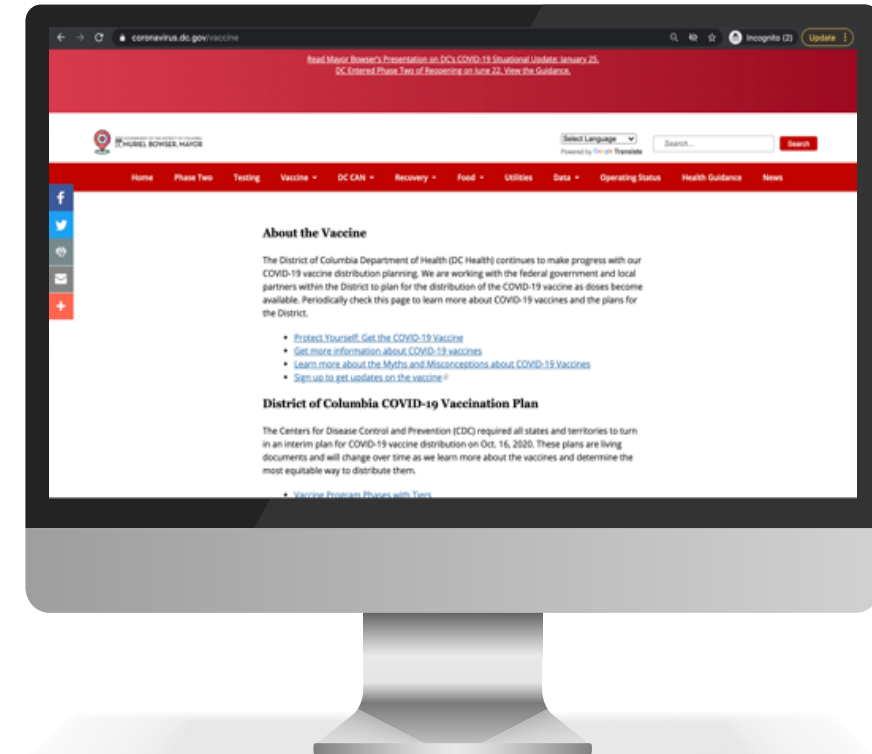
-  **Removal of CAPTCHA during the booking process:** the only remaining CAPTCHA (with enhanced performance) is during the initial screening and is required to secure the site
-  **Increased site resources:** the site was moved to better infrastructure to support the numbers of users clicking on the site at one time and to increase the speed of confirmation email delivery

-  **Removal of the “change booking” capability:** this functionality was removed since new appointments could not be guaranteed and the user did not know if other appointments were available until having already canceled their appointment

Improvements that went into effect **today** include:

- ✓ **Enhanced vaccination site management:** the website will automatically hide vaccination sites where all appointments are booked; previously, this was manually performed and would lead to the public seeing sites without available appointments
- ✓ **Streamlined process:** the removal of questions regarding insurance information will further streamline the process of booking an appointment
- ✓ **Site navigation improvements:** updated help text and easier to understand buttons will make the website easier to navigate
- ✓ **Additional confirmation options:** users will now have the option to print a confirmation page in lieu of showing an email

DC Health has also more than quadrupled the number of call takers who will be available on mornings when appointments become available, to more than 200 call takers.



COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

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DC Health and the Downtown and Golden Triangle BIDs are partnering to offer **additional free COVID-19 testing** to DC's community of essential workers through a new pop-up testing site on I Street NW near the intersection of Black Lives Matter Plaza.

Those eligible to get tested include hotel staff, restaurant workers, building engineers, environmental service staff, janitorial staff, security staff, and any individual unable to perform their daily work from home.

Mondays: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

This site is in addition to the other free public testing sites.



RECOVERY UPDATE

This week, we introduced the Reopen Washington, DC Alcohol Act.

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The legislation proposes several innovative approaches to help rebuild the District's economy by providing businesses and patrons with expanded opportunities; bringing essential services, including new full-service grocery stores, to Wards 7 and 8; and maintaining DC's reputation as a top destination to live, work, and dine out.

Proposed provisions in the Reopen Washington, DC Alcohol Act include:

- ✓ **Extending programs** introduced on an emergency basis, including Streateries
- ✓ **Establishing a Commercial Lifestyle License** that allows patrons to walk around and consume alcohol purchased from on-premises establishments within predefined boundaries
- ✓ **Amending several licensing operational requirements**
- ✓ **Creating a new 25 percent full-service grocery store Class A License** to help attract new full service grocery stores to Wards 7 and 8; applicants interested in using this license to open a Class A grocery store in Wards 1-6 must first operate such a store in Wards 7 and 8 for at least six months

Read the full text of the bill at mayor.dc.gov

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DC CARES PROGRAM



Eligible workers include people who have been omitted from federal stimulus efforts and are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Bowser Administration and Events DC announced the launch of Phase 2 of the **DC CARES Program**, which will provide over **\$8 million in relief funding** to eligible excluded workers in the District of Columbia.

The additional aid supplements the **\$5 million in relief** provided in June.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

BUILDING A BETTER DC

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DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



A new Urgent Care facility is coming to the **Maple View Flats**

This is a critical step in expanding access to high quality health care in neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River. The location of a second Urgent Care facility, to be located in Ward 7, will be announced this spring and will open in 2022.

The new facility will **open in late 2021** and provide standard urgent care outpatient services.

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE NEW HOSPITAL

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Universal Health Services (UHS) is awarding the Architecture and Engineering contract for the **new, full-service hospital at St. Elizabeths East**, allowing the project to continue moving forward.

The design and engineering will be completed by two of the largest and most prestigious national and local firms, HOK and McKissack & McKissack. In addition, the team of HOK/McKissack & McKissack **will invest 40% of the project with local CBEs**, ensuring local businesses benefit from and play an integral role in the project.

With the design team in place, **UHS and the District will move into the next phase of the project**, which includes planning for the new hospital and ambulatory center's design, community engagement, and the selection of a construction management team.

The **\$375 million** project remains on schedule to **open in late 2024.**