WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Current Values (data through 2/6/21)

### Level of Community Spread
- **Daily case rate**: 23.7 (Feb 6)
- 7-day avg. per 10,000 prop.
- **Rate of transmission**: 0.84 (Jan 27)
- Effective reproduction number (R0)
- **Test positivity rate**: 5.5% (Feb 4)
- Percent positive from RT-PCR tests
- **New cases from quarantined contacts**: 12.5% (Feb 4)
- 7-day average

### Health System Capacity
- **Percent hospital utilization**: 83.8% (Feb 6)
- of available beds without surge
- **Percent COVID-19 patients**: 10.1% (Feb 6)
- of daily hospital census, 7-day average
- **Mean test turnaround time**: 1.8 (Feb 6)
- (days), 7-day average
- **Diagnostic tests conducted**: 6,223 (Feb 4)
- 7-day avg. per million pop.

### Public Health System Capacity
- **Positive cases with contact attempt**: 99.6% (Feb 5)
- 7-day avg. attempt within 1 day
- **Close contacts with contact attempt**: 96.8% (Feb 4)
- 7-day avg. attempt within 2 days

### Community Engagement
- **Positive cases interviewed**: 73.0% (Feb 4)
- 7-day avg. completed within 3 days
- **Positive cases who provide close contacts**: 44.3% (Feb 4)
- 7-day avg.
- **Mean number close contacts provided**: 1.2 (Feb 4)
- 7-day avg. new per positive case
- **Exposure Notification Opt-in**: 614,474 (Feb 3)
- cumulative # of smartphone users opted-in to COVID exposure notification system

Data Source: DC Health

CORONAVIRUS.DC.GOV

February 8, 2021
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
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.
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**.

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<td>Update was implemented and individuals started receiving $300 FPUC payment since week ending January 2, 2021.</td>
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<td>Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)</td>
<td>The application for MEUC will be ready February 15, 2021. MEUC payments will begin on February 19, 2021.</td>
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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?

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

### Household size

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Find a full list of monthly income limits at coronavirus.dc.gov/rent
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
coronavirus.dc.gov/rent