

# Charles County COVID-19

## Incident Action Plan



### Operational Period

From

5/14/20  
8:00

To

5/16/20  
8:00



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# INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

<b>1. Incident Name</b> Charles County COVID-19	<b>2. Operational Period</b>	Date From: 5/14/20 Date To: 5/16/20 Time From: 8:00 Time To: 8:00			
<b>3. Objectives</b>					
<p>A. Maximize the safety and overall health and well-being, including mental health of the residents, county employees, and responders, throughout this incident. Minimize the effects resulting from this incident on all personnel.</p> <p>B. Conduct surveillance of COVID-19 cases in collaboration with the health department, hospital, physicians, and other health care providers.</p> <p>C. Maintain timely, accurate and uniform communications with residents, employees and first responders as well as partners in the tri-County and National Capital Region and the state of Maryland.</p> <p>D. Prepare for and handle the human reaction crisis contingencies in long terms.</p> <p>E. Prepare for long term order maintenance.</p> <p>F. Prepare for and sustain our communities' hierarchy of needs throughout this incident.</p> <p>G. Ensure all practical steps to "Slow the Spread" of transmission of COVID-19.</p> <p>H. Determine trigger points for Continuity of Operations for all agencies, including government, public safety, schools, hospital, and other critical infrastructure systems.</p> <p>I. Prepare for the New Normal.</p>					
<b>4. Operational Period Command Emphasis</b>					
<p>Please complete the ICS 234 by Friday, 05/15/2020 by 09:00 hours. Continue to add daily to your After Action lists, and the tinyurl!!!</p>					
<p><b>General Situational Awareness</b></p> <p style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 10px;">"Your frontline arsenal for the war on COVID-19, keep your workplace clean and keep the viruses on the run."</p>					
<p><b>5. Site Safety Plan Required?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:</b></p>					
<p><b>6. Attachments (check if attached)</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 203 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207  <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 204 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 208  <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205 <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A <input type="checkbox"/> Weather  <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 206 <input type="checkbox"/> Forcast/Tides/Currents         </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>ICS 214</b>  <hr/><hr/><hr/><hr/><hr/> </td> </tr> </table>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 203 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 207 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 204 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 208 <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 205 <input type="checkbox"/> Map/Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICS 205A <input type="checkbox"/> Weather <input type="checkbox"/> ICS 206 <input type="checkbox"/> Forcast/Tides/Currents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ICS 214</b> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<p><b>7. Prepared by: Name:</b> <u>Joe Hoffmaster</u> <b>Position/Title:</b> <u>PSC</u> <b>Signature:</b> _____</p>					
<p><b>8. Approved by Incident Commander: Name:</b> <u>Michelle Lilly</u> <b>Signature:</b> _____</p>					
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## ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 203)

<b>1. Incident Name</b> Charles County COVID-19		<b>2. Operational Period</b> Date From: 5/14/20 Date to: 5/16/20 Time From: 8:00 Time to: 8:00				
<b>3. Incident Commander and Staff</b>		<b>7. Operations Section</b>				
UC	Dr. Howard Haft	Chief				
UC	Michelle Lilly	Deputy				
Deputy	Melanie Gardiner					
Deputy	Tony Rose					
Safety Officer	John Filer	<b>a. Branch I</b>	<b>Public Health</b>			
Public Information Office	Jennifer Harris	Branch Director	Ranston Harvey			
Intell Officer	Jason Stoddard	Deputy	Mary Lilly			
<b>4. Agency Representative</b>		DSS				
		Liaison Officer	Tom Brown	Robbie Jones		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>	Hospital	Bill Grimes	John Filer		
Intell officer Deputy	Mike Meiser	Nursing Homes	Tiffany Brown			
Lifestyles	Sandy Washington	Health Care Providers	Melanie Gardiner			
Public Schools	Mike Meiser	Rehab Centers	Eddie Kratzer			
		Assisted Living	Rosalinda Horton			
		Funeral Services	Cataria Patterson			
		<b>b. Branch II</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>			
		Branch Director	Mark Kaufmann Jr.			
		Deputy	Scott Herbert	D J Mills		
		DES EMS	Steve Finch			
		Vol EMS	Andrew Spalding	Mitchell Lewis		
		Vol Fire	Scott Herbert			
		Logistics	Scott Herbert			
<b>5. Planning Section</b>		<b>c. Branch III</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>			
Chief	Joe Hoffmaster	Branch Director, CCSO	Chris Schmidt			
Deputy	Bill Smith	Deputy, CCSO	Cari Baker			
Resource Unit		La Plata Police	Chris Becker			
Situation Unit	Jen Adams	MD State Police	Thomas Quade			
Documentation Unit	Bill Smith	DNR	Catherine Meddelin			
Demobilization Unit		MdTA	Brian Lawrence			
Human Resources						
<b>Technical Specialists</b>	<b>(name / specialty)</b>	<b>d. Branch IV</b>	<b>Infrastructure</b>			
		Branch Director				
		Deputy				
		SMECO	Jennifer Raley			
		Grocery				
<b>6. Logistics Section</b>		Propane				
Chief	Nick Ellis	Natural Gas				
Deputy	need to fill					
<b>Support Branch</b>						
Donations	Ed Tucker					
Supply Unit						
Facilities Unit	Nick Ellis	<b>10. Finance Section</b>				
Ground Support Unit		Chief	Jennifer Adams			
<b>Service Branch</b>		Deputy				
Service Branch Dir.		Time Unit				
Communications Unit	Jeffrey Clements	Procurement Unit				
Medical Unit		Comp/Claims Unit				
Security Unit		Cost Unit				
Food Unit						
<b>9. Prepared by: Name: Joe Hoffmaster</b>		<b>Position&gt;Title: PSC</b> <b>Signature</b>				
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UC	Michelle Lilly	Deputy		
Deputy	Melanie Gardiner			
Deputy	Tony Rose			
Safety Officer	John Filer	<b>a. Branch V</b>	<b>Governance</b>	
Public Information Office	Jennifer Harris	Donna Fuqua	Linda Warner	
Intell Officer	Jason Stoddard			
<b>4. Agency Representative</b>		Charles County Govern.	Michele Lilly	
Agency	Name	Town of LaPlata	Chris Becker	
Intell officer Deputy	Mike Meiser	Town of Indian Head	Ryan Hicks	
Lifestyles	Sandy Washington			
CC Public Schools	Michael Meiser			
		<b>b. Branch VI</b>	<b>Business</b>	
		Branch Director	Darrell Brown	
		Deputy	Marcia Keeth	
		Economic Development	Darrell Brown	
		Chamber of Commerce	Bonnie Grady	
<b>5. Planning Section</b>		<b>c. Group</b>	<b>Peer Support</b>	
Chief	Joe Hoffmaster	Group Supervisor	Courtney Shannon	
Deputy	Bill Smith	Deputy	Pam Gantt	
Resource Unit			Debbie Gianinni	
Situation Unit	Jen Adams			
Documentation Unit	Bill Smith			
Demobilization Unit				
Human Resources				
<b>Technical Specialists</b> (name / specialty)		<b>d. Branch VIII</b>		
		Branch Director		
		Deputy		
<b>6. Logistics Section</b>				
Chief	Nick Ellis			
Deputy	need to fill	<b>e. Branch IX</b>		
<b>Support Branch</b>				
Donations	Ed Tucker			
Supply Unit				
Facilities Unit	Nick Ellis	<b>10. Finance Section</b>		
Ground Support Unit		Chief	Jen Adams	
<b>Service Branch</b>		Deputy	need to fill	
Service Branch Dir.		Time Unit		
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## COMMUNICATIONS LIST (ICS 205A)

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<b>3. Basic Local Communications Information:</b>					
Name - Last	Name-First	Representing	Email	Phone	
Adams	Jennifer	DES FSC	<a href="mailto:AdamsJen@Charlescountymd.gov">AdamsJen@Charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Baker	Cari	CCSO	bakerce@ccso.us		
Becker	Chris	La Plata Police	<a href="mailto:cbecker@townoflaplata.org">cbecker@townoflaplata.org</a>		
Brown	Darrell	Business Director Econ Dev	Brownd@charlescountymd.gov		
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Ellis	Nick	DES- Logistics	<a href="mailto:DESLogistics@charlescountymd.gov">DESLogistics@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
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Kaufmann	Mark Jr	PS Branch Dir. Vol Fire Chief	<a href="mailto:markeng1trk@hotmail.com">markeng1trk@hotmail.com</a>		
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Lilly	Michelle	CCDES Director, Unified Command	<a href="mailto:LillyM@charlescountymd.gov">LillyM@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Lilly	Mary	C C Dept. of Health	<a href="mailto:Mary.Lilly@maryland.gov">Mary.Lilly@maryland.gov</a>		
Lowry	Susan	MDH	<a href="mailto:suzan.lowry@maryland.gov">suzan.lowry@maryland.gov</a>		
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O'Malley Simpson	Katie	CCBOE PIO	<a href="mailto:Komalley@ccboe.com">Komalley@ccboe.com</a>		
Proctor	Destiny	DES	<a href="mailto:proctord@charlescountymd.gov">proctord@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Quade	Thomas	MSP	<a href="mailto:Thomas.Quade@maryland.gov">Thomas.Quade@maryland.gov</a>		
Rose	Tony	DES Deputy Director, Unified	<a href="mailto:RoseT@charlescountymd.gov">RoseT@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Russell	Cindy	DSS	<a href="mailto:cindy.russell@maryland.gov">cindy.russell@maryland.gov</a>		
Schmidt	Louis Chris III	CCSO	<a href="mailto:schmidtlo@ccso.us">schmidtlo@ccso.us</a>		
Seaman	Kevin	CCEMS	<a href="mailto:seamank@charlescountymd.gov">seamank@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Smith	Bill	CCVFA/CCAEMS	<a href="mailto:Smithb@ccvfireems.org">Smithb@ccvfireems.org</a>		
Spalding	Andrew	Volunteer EMS Chief	<a href="mailto:chiefems@ccvfireems.org">chiefems@ccvfireems.org</a>		
6. Prepared by: Name: <u>Joe Hoffmaster</u> Title: <u>PSC</u> Signature: _____					
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Stoddard	Jason	Intell	<a href="mailto:jstoddard@ccboe.com">jstoddard@ccboe.com</a>		
Ranston	Harvey	CCDOH	<a href="mailto:Ranston.harvey@maryland.gov">Ranston.harvey@maryland.gov</a>		
Laschatt	Lisa	CCDOH	<a href="mailto:lisa.laschatt@maryland.gov">lisa.laschatt@maryland.gov</a>		
Meiser	Michael	CCPS	<a href="mailto:mlmeiser@ccboe.com">mlmeiser@ccboe.com</a>		
EOC- CC		CCEOCC	<a href="mailto:DESEOC@charlescountymd.gov">DESEOC@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Cherry	Lori	LOGS- Deputy	<a href="mailto:Cherry@charlescountymd.gov">Cherry@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Herbert	Scott	PS LOGS	<a href="mailto:sherbert@hvdems.org">sherbert@hvdems.org</a>		
Haft	Howard	CCDH	<a href="mailto:Howard.haft@maryland.gov">Howard.haft@maryland.gov</a>		
Raley	Jennifer	SMECO	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Raley@SMECO.Coop">Jennifer.Raley@SMECO.Coop</a>		
Farr	Courtney	SMECO	<a href="mailto:Courtney.Farr@SMECO.Coop">Courtney.Farr@SMECO.Coop</a>		
Law	Natasha	SMECO	<a href="mailto:Natsha.Law@SMECO.Coop">Natsha.Law@SMECO.Coop</a>		
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Barnes	Raena	DH-Liaison	<a href="mailto:raena.barnes@maryland.gov">raena.barnes@maryland.gov</a>		
Wolf	Theresa	PH-DSS	<a href="mailto:Therese.Wolf@maryland.gov">Therese.Wolf@maryland.gov</a>		
Higgins	David	Safety Officer-Assistant	<a href="mailto:HigginsD@charlescountymd.gov">HigginsD@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Jones	Robbie	HD-Liaison	<a href="mailto:JonesRob@Charlescountymd.gov">JonesRob@Charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Hicks	Ryan	Indian Head	<a href="mailto:ryan@townofindianhead.org">ryan@townofindianhead.org</a>		
Lewis	Mitchell	Volunteer EMS Chief, Assistant	<a href="mailto:mlewis@WaldorfVFD.com">mlewis@WaldorfVFD.com</a>		
Mott	Robert (Bob)	VEIP Manager Document Facil.	<a href="mailto:capt302a@gmail.com">capt302a@gmail.com</a>		
Rands	Ray	VEIP Manager	<a href="mailto:raymond.rands@maryland.gov">raymond.rands@maryland.gov</a>		
Edge	Bill	CCSO-Safety			
Peer	Support	Peer Support Team	<a href="mailto:DESPeersupport@charlescountymd.gov">DESPeersupport@charlescountymd.gov</a>		
Courtney	Shannon	Peer Support Team Leader	<a href="mailto:Shannonc@charlescountymd.gov">Shannonc@charlescountymd.gov</a>		

## SAFETY MESSAGE/PLAN (ICS 208)

1. Incident Name Charles County	2. Operational Period COVID-19	Date From: Time From:	5/12/20 8:00	Date To: Time To:	5/14/20 8:00
<b>3. Safety Message/Expanded Safety Message, Safety Plan, Site Safety Plan:</b>					
<b>"Sanitize communal electronic devices regularly... to help prevent the growth and spread of diseases. "</b>					
<p>1. Total identified PUI's transported as of 5/13: 679 Total # of patients testing positive : 119</p> <p>2. PPE stockpiles remain stable with an estimated supply range of 10+ days based on current call volumes.</p> <p>3. EMSOP Special Order 2020-01 Version 4.1 has been updated to include new travel guidance from MIEMSS as well as out of County decon best practices.</p> <p>4. As this is a rapidly changing landscape, leaders should review any changes with their personnel each morning.</p> <p>5. Speical Order 2020-04 Version 1.1 was released on 05-05-2020. New guidelines for personnel at the beginning of their shift, end of their shift and at the station.</p> <p>6. Personnel who report having a fever, sore throat, cough or other respiratory related symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate until they are symptom free for a period of 72 hours.</p> <p>7. The County's Peer Support Team has been activated and will make weekly wellness checks with our County's first responders.</p> <p>8. Please remember that PPE caches are for EVERYONE. We are all in this TOGETHER so there is NO career and volunteer PPE caches.</p> <p>9. Special Order 2020-03 V2.1 was updated on 05-06-20. New guidelines added on employee return to work procedures.</p> <p>10. Collection and limited re-use of PPE is starting this week as a Contingency Plan. Procedures are outlined in Special Order 2020-05 V1.1. The primary plan of single use PPE is still in Place.</p>					
<p><b>Site Safety Plan(s) Located At:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>5. Prepared by:</b> Name: <u>John Filer</u> Title: <u>Safety Officer</u> Signature: _____</p>					
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## EOC Operational Period Meeting Schedule

Time	<u>Meeting Schedule</u>	<u>Attendees and Mission</u>	<u>Deliverables</u>
7:30	<b>Hospital Liaison</b>	Attended by Hospital Liaison Officer to communicate patient count numbers, PUI's, PUI's transported by EMS	PUI's transported by EMS. Follow up information passed to Infection Control Officers.
8:00	<b>EOC UC Objectives Meeting</b>	Attended by Unified Command and Planning Section to adjust the objectives and voice concerns for the upcoming operational period.	Post Objectives Changes to Command and General Staff
9:00 Monday only	<b>Strategy Meeting</b> (C&GS) modified	Attended by Unified Command and General Staff to adjust the objectives and voice concerns for the upcoming operational period.	Post Strategy Changes to Branch Directors
After 09:30	<b>BRANCH Tactics Meeting</b>	Attended at Branch level, Branch Directors, PSC, LSC, SOF for the upcoming operational period.	Post unfilled needs outside of Branch Level to LOGS, PSC
After 09:30	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Immediately following the Tactics meeting. Attended by Command Staff to support the IAP.	Open Action Items
10:00	<b>State EMS Conference Call</b>	EMS Chief conferences with MD State EMS Officials to share information and discuss	
13:00 M, W, F	<b>Coordination Briefing</b>	Attended by all Operations personnel especially Branch Directors and DIVS.	
15:00	<b>IAP Deliverables</b>  Brief Deliverables	Following the Tactics meeting, all deliverables need to be sent to the Planning Section.	All Branch Directors will submit daily briefs and information bulletins to DESPlanning
15:00	<b>MEMA Conference Call</b>	Emergency Manager conference call with State Emergency Managers to discuss State Situational Updates	
16:00	<b>IAP and Briefs Delivered</b>	No Meeting	
16:15	<b>Health Dept, EOC, Hospital</b>	Conference call to discuss situational updates	
as needed	<b>Critical Exchange</b>	Branch Director, Section Chief, report up the chain	Written report up the chain as necessary to follow up after critical moment is being handled.



# Safety Officer's Report

## Charles County EOC

05-14-20

John Filer  
Chief of EMS and SOD  
Charles County Department of  
Emergency Services

**Today's Safety Message:** "Your frontline arsenal for the war on COVID-19.  
Keep your workplace clean and keep the viruses on the run."

Total number of PUI's transported to date: 679

Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 119

Total number of first responders on self-isolation: 1

Total number of first responders on quarantine: 3

Total number of first responders + for COVID-19: 9

Total number of first responders out for COVID related mental health: 0

Total number of fire stations sanitized: 6

Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 20 sets/day



10425 Audie Lane  
La Plata, MD 20646



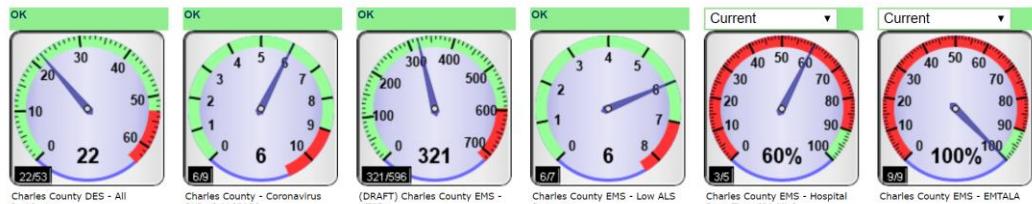
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[DESafety@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:DESafety@charlescountymd.gov)



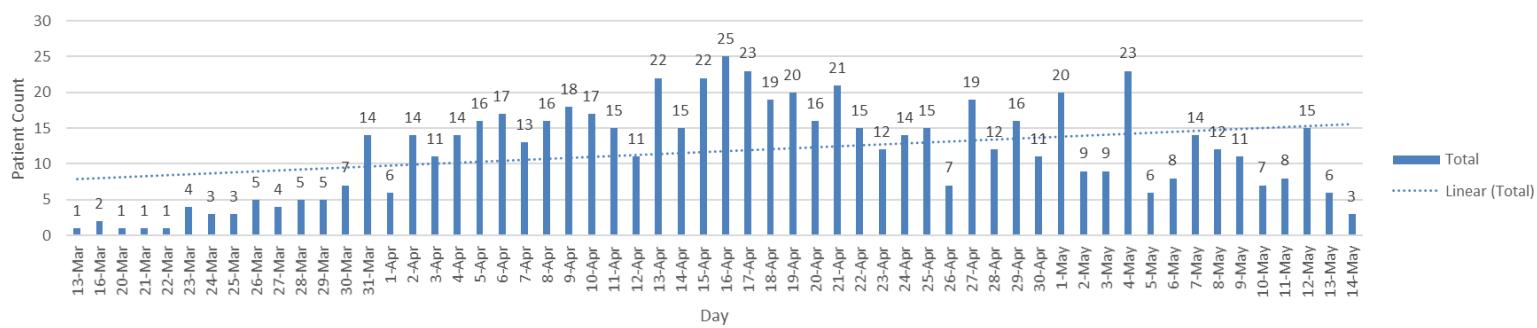
[www.charlescountymd.gov](http://www.charlescountymd.gov)



ePCR

Count of Incident Reported

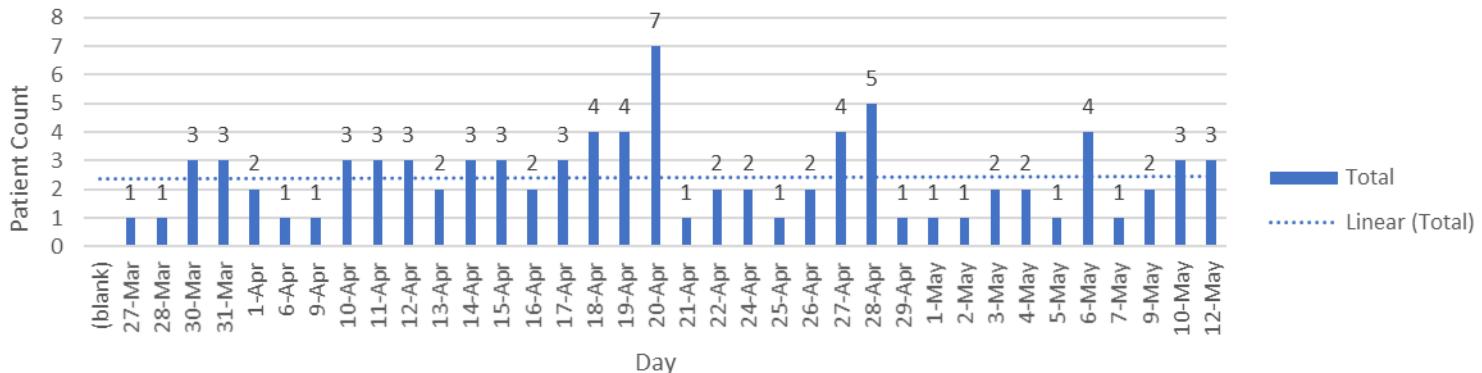
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Sent to Queue

Count of Patient Name

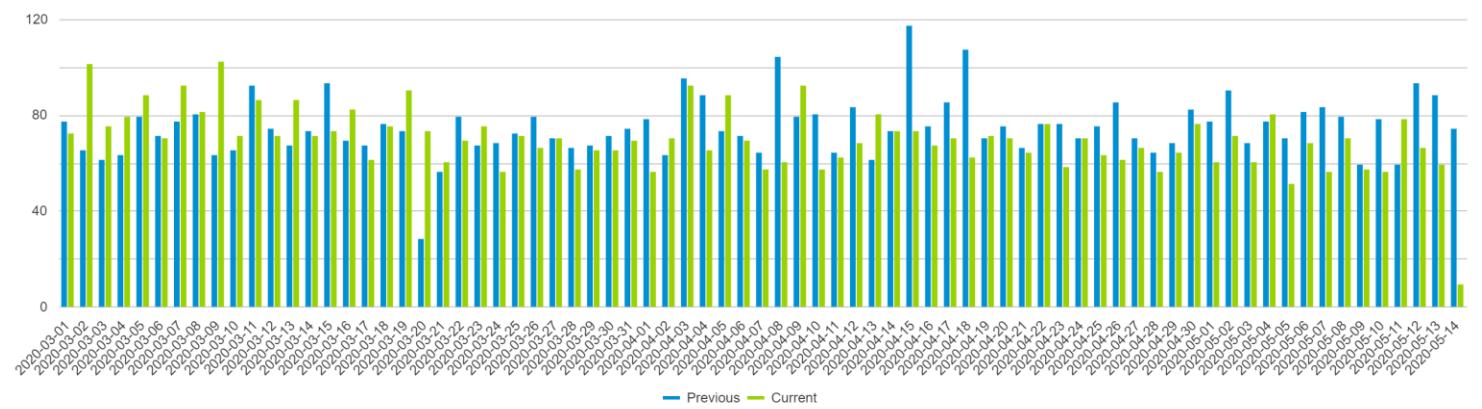
### YTD COVID+ Patients Transported by EMS



Date of EMS Transport ▾

Count of Incident Reported

Compare To: One Year ▾





# Your Frontline Arsenal for the War on Covid-19.

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the viruses on the run.



## PUBLIC HEALTH BRANCH BRIEFING COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

**May 14, 2020**

### GENERAL REPORTING INFORMATION

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE

##### CASE COUNT—CHARLES COUNTY

As of 5/14/2020, total case count for Charles County is 799.

- *The line list with confirmed case counts for Charles County is continuously updated as lab reports are received from MDH, hospitals, and commercial laboratories.*
- *Contact tracing efforts are continuous with a focus on healthcare workers, EMS, and police.*

#### CALL CENTER UPDATE

- Operation time: 0800 to 2200.
- The numbers to call remain the same: 301.609.6717 or 301.609.6777
- Volume for new system is approximately 60 call per day.

#### MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

- PIO working on acquiring a new digital billboard at CCDOH.

#### PARTNER/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

##### LTC/AL

- The Long-Term Care and Assisted Living call will be held today at 3 p.m. by CCDOH nurse liaisons.

##### ALL-PARTNER

- The all-partner call will be held today at 4 p.m. by CCDOH nurse liaisons.

## **EPI SURVEILLANCE PROFILE FOR STATE**

### **Case Investigation, Surveillance, and Infectious Disease Response (D, Blythe)**

- 1) Latest case counts – total: 35,903 (142,551 negative)
- 2) New cases: 1091
  - a) Age distribution:
    - i) under 18 years - 2 %
    - ii) in 19-64 age range 74%
    - iii) in 65+ age range 24%
  - b) Geographic distribution:
    - i) National Capital 53%
    - ii) Baltimore Metro area 41%
    - iii) Eastern Shore 3%
    - iv) Southern 2%
    - v) Western 1%
  - c) Of cases, 53% female; 47% male
  - d) Hospitalizations (-12 last 24 hours); total current 1,538; total ever 6,553
  - e) Deaths -- Total 1,748 (54 last 24 hours)
  - f) Release from isolation – 2,569

**CONFIDENTIAL – (INFORMATION BELOW IS FOR CORE PLANNING GROUP ONLY)**

## **RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION**

- Several orders (4) were picked up today.
- No new requests were received yesterday.
- EM shipment is expected to arrive today.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **MARYLAND MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**

- No new responders were accepted into MMRC today

### **CAREGIVER SERVICE CORPS**

- Nothing new to report.

## **TESTING**

### **VEIP TESTING SITE UPDATE**

- 135 appts were opened for Tuesday, May 12. Tested: 98 (*30 empty slots / 2 cancelled / 2 rescheduled / 1 bad phone number / 1 no show / 1 tested elsewhere*)
- VEIP testing appt slots for today were 144. Testing underway
- Tested to Date: 971

## **EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE**

### **Charles County**

***Epidemiologist's Note:*** All data presented in the Charles County profile is a snapshot of the COVID-19 situation at one specific time period. Please be cognizant that data may differ from numbers presented later in the day since new positive lab results are being received by the state and local health department and entered into NEDSS electronic surveillance system throughout the work day. This explains any discrepancies in the total count or denominator being used to calculate each data measure; therefore, the date and time of data extraction for each data source is provided for your reference.

**As of 5/14 at 9 a.m., total case count for Charles County was 799 cases.**

*MDH is working to get the Charles County cases from 20607 moved back into the Charles County line list and case count. They have added any new cases from 20607 to the line list, but we are still waiting for the previous 20607 cases to be moved back. After discussions with other local health department epidemiologists in the state, this has happened to several counties that share zip codes. MDH is overburdened at this time, so patience is needed as we sort out these problems.*

There have been 57 confirmed deaths associated with COVID-19. This equates to 7.1% of total confirmed cases. The Charles County death rate of 7.1% is higher than the MD state average death rate of 4.9%. However, it should be noted that the majority of deaths in Charles County are associated with outbreaks in skilled nursing facilities. There are 2 probable COVID-19 deaths. COVID-19 is listed as the cause of death, but laboratory testing has not yet confirmed.

- Average age of fatalities: 77.6 years

#### **Age Distribution of Fatalities:**

- 0-39 years: 0
- 40-69 years: 11 (18.6%)
- 70-79 years: 24 (40.7%)
- 80+ years: 24 (40.7%)
- Gender breakdown among fatalities: 39 or 66.1% Female, 20 or 33.9% Male

#### **Racial breakdown among fatalities:**

- 45.8% Non-Hispanic White
- 49.2% Non-Hispanic Black
- 1.6% Non-Hispanic Asian
- 3.4% Hispanic
- Number of negative lab results: 3905
- Positivity Rate: 17.0% (State positivity rate: 20.1%)
- Recovered and released from isolation: 184
- Partially recovered with improved symptoms: 46
- Known asymptomatic cases: 10

- 164 or 20.5% required hospitalization.
- Among confirmed cases, 455 (56.9%) Female; 344 (43.1%) Male
- 13.3% Healthcare Workers
- 1.6% First Responders: EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement
- 27.8% have underlying health conditions
- Age range of positive COVID-19 cases: 0-100 years

#### **Age Distribution for Charles County cases:**

- Under 18 years: 22 (2.7%)
- 18-64 years: 604 (75.6%)
- 65+ years: 173 (21.7%)

**ESSENCE** data for urgent care utilization at Patient First in Waldorf had no alert for Wednesday, May 13th. Patient volume was 40 patients on 5/13. Patient volume was similar to the 42 patients seen on Tuesday, 5/12. All were discharged to home for self-care. On 5/13, 20 patients presented with ILI or at least one COVID-19 like symptoms (50% of total patient volume). This high percentage is partially due to the COVID-19 drive up testing being performed at this location. They account for 9/20 patients with COVID-19 like illness. Diagnoses for ILI patients on Wednesday included contact with and exposure to other viral communicable diseases, unspecified fever, mild intermittent asthma with acute exacerbation, Streptococcal pharyngitis, pain in throat, pneumonia, encounter for screening for respiratory Tuberculosis, cough, allergic rhinitis, shortness of breath, bronchitis with or without tracheitis, and acute pharyngitis. On 5/13, there were 7 “Visit of Interest” CDC Classifier tags. It was due to COVID-19 exposure to a positive case, and all seven cases presented for a COVID-19 test. They completed a total of 9 COVID-19 tests in their drive-up testing site on 5/13.

#### **Surveillance of EMS call data and alerts**

The epidemiologist monitors the Charles County DES First Watch trigger alerts. The number of daily trigger alerts for COVID-19 cases or COVID-19 persons under investigation was 5 for 5/13. PUI EMS call volume has some fluctuation but remains low.

- 5/9: 11
- 5/10: 8
- 5/11: 12
- 5/12: 16
- 5/13: 5

**Epidemiologist’s Note Concerning Race breakdown:** *The data is now being captured in the MDH line lists of confirmed cases in REDCap. Data was accessed on 5/14 at 9 a.m. Please be cognizant that data may differ from numbers pulled later in the morning since new positive lab results are being received by the health department and entered into NEDSS throughout the work day. This explains any discrepancies in the total count or denominator being used to calculate each data measure.*

**Total: 781 cases on 5/13 at 9 a.m. MDH line list assessed through REDCap:**  
*Data on race and ethnicity changes daily as case investigations are completed and more information on demographics is updated in the electronic reporting disease*

*system. Additionally, when there is an influx of new cases in electronic reporting disease system, data on race and ethnicity may not be available immediately for new cases since race information is not typically captured on a lab report and must be obtained during the investigation.*

### **Race Breakdown**

- Asian: 14 (1.7%)
- Black/African American: 330 (41.3%)
- White: 197 (24.7%)
- Other or 2+ races: 46 (5.8%)
- Data not available/Declined to Answer: 212 (26.5%)

### **Ethnicity Breakdown**

- Hispanic 37 (4.6%)
- Non-Hispanic 541 (67.7%)
- Data not available/Declined to Answer: 221 (27.7%)

### **Nursing Home Outbreak Data: (Confidential: Not for public dissemination)**

- Positive resident cases in Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living Facilities: 144
- Positive staff cases in Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living Facilities: 53
- Among those 144 resident cases, 109 are in skilled nursing facilities and 35 are in assisted living facilities.
- Current residents or staff who are Persons Under Investigation (PUI) in Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living Facilities: 4
- Total currently hospitalized: 2
- Deaths: 46
- Pending tests for residents or staff at Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living Facilities: 10

### **Charles County Efforts to Address the Governor's Executive Order regarding testing in Skilled Nursing Facilities:**

- All 4 skilled nursing facilities in Charles County received testing kits for their residents and completed resident testing by the close of business on Friday, 5/1. Lab results have been received for each facility. A total of 371 residents in skilled nursing facilities were tested. 35 or 9.4% of those tests have come back positive for COVID-19. Health department staff is looking at previous line lists to determine which of those cases are previously positive cases and which are new positives for the facilities.
- Testing for staff members has been put on hold. MDH released information on 5/7 to the skilled nursing facilities regarding the Governor's Order to test all residents and staff of nursing homes. Their protocol will involve the National Guard teams coming in to do all of the testing at once. We are waiting for information on whether SNF residents will be retested using this National Guard protocol. On the Friday call with Dr Haft, skilled

nursing facilities conveyed their readiness to test staff now while they have the ability to cover all patients even with possible staff shortages. Dr Haft was able to get approval from the National Guard team lead for the Genesis locations and Restore to go ahead and test their residents. A weekly call is scheduled with the skilled nursing facilities for Friday, 5/15 to provide updates on next steps.

**Epidemiologist Note:** Please use caution when drawing any conclusions regarding race or ethnicity. There is still a percentage where race data is not available, and information regarding this missing population cannot be assumed. Additionally, it should be noted that the greatest number of cases (59.6%) are the Waldorf zip codes of 20601, 20602, and 20603. Over half of the county population lives in those zip codes. Additionally, those zip codes have a very diverse population with minority populations comprising the majority of the zip code level population and with African Americans being the largest racial group in those zip codes.

Zip Code level data was also analyzed using the MDH line lists of confirmed cases in REDCap. Data was accessed on 5/14 at 9 a.m. (*Zip code level data with counts less than 7 cases cannot be shared publicly and must remain confidential.*)

#### Confirmed cases by zip code:

#### COVID-19 Positive Case rate per 1,000 residents as of May 14, 2020:

Case rates are only calculated for zip codes with 5 or more confirmed COVID-19 Cases.

COVID-19 Positive Case Rate per 1000 residents for each zip code with 5 or more confirmed cases:	4/30	5/5	5/6	5/8	5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14
20601	3.188	4.057	4.098	4.512	4.926	5.009	5.175	5.464
20602	3.967	4.688	4.849	5.249	5.610	5.690	5.730	5.810
20603	5.316	5.834	6.041	6.490	6.801	6.801	6.835	6.973
20611	2.783	2.783	2.783	2.783	2.783	2.783	2.783	2.783
20616	2.732	3.756	3.927	4.098	4.268	4.268	4.439	4.610
20622	0	1.429	1.429	1.429	1.633	1.633	1.633	2.041
20637	2.766	3.135	3.319	3.504	3.688	3.872	3.872	3.688
20640	2.108	2.683	2.778	2.874	2.970	2.970	2.970	2.970
20646	3.759	4.817	4.923	4.976	5.082	5.082	5.188	5.241
20662	3.067	3.067	3.067	3.067	3.067	3.408	4.090	4.431
20664	1.674	2.678	2.678	3.013	3.013	3.348	3.348	4.017
20675	3.591	4.189	4.189	4.189	4.189	4.189	4.189	4.189
20677	2.153	3.445	3.876	3.876	3.876	3.876	4.307	4.307
20695	5.446	6.476	6.623	6.918	7.507	7.507	7.654	7.801

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*Respectfully submitted by Charles County PHEP*



## **HOSPITAL BRIEF 5-14-2020**

- The trigger point for starting up the tent operations outside of the hospital has not yet been activated. Activation will be determined by both staffing levels and patient census presenting to the ED.
- Hospital Bed Capacity = 166. Census = 76
- Hospital ICU Census = 14
- Hospital ICU in now a dedicated COVID-19 Unit, and 3 East is for ICU overflow.
- Isolation Room Capacity = 12
- Isolation Rooms Occupied = 8
- Confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 patient admissions = 13
  - Of the total thirteen (13) COVID-19 positive patients, five (5) of the patients are located in the ICU. Eight (8) are located in the 3 South dedicated COVID-19 unit.
- PUI admissions = 6
- Ventilated COVID-19 positive patients = 7
- Ventilators not in use = 13
- COVID-19 related deaths = 33 (Total to Date)
- CRMC has implemented a policy that requires ALL staff, visitors (which would be very limited), and contractors of any kind to wear a mask while in the hospital at all times.
- The 3 South patient unit at CRMC is dedicated to COVID-19 positive patients only.
- EMS staff transport to CRMC on Wednesday, 05/13/2020 = One (1) PUI patient.
- CMCR total Lab tests to date = 1260
- Total COVID-19 positive Lab results to date = 261

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**Updated Infection Numbers:** As of 1132 hrs.

Total worldwide: 4,383,360 **+85,091** since the 5-13-20 brief.

**Worldwide increase of confirmed cases by 24-hour period over the last 10 days**

5-4/5	5-5/6	5-6/7	5-7/8	5-8/9	5-9/10	5-10/11	5-11/12	5-12/13	5-13/14
79,860	79,091	90,538	90,975	107,394	79,665	68,472	93,341	82,755	85,091

Total fatalities worldwide: 298,195 **+4,671** since the 5-13-20 brief

Total confirmed cases in the US: 1,391,238 **+18,383** since the 5-13-20 brief

**US increase of confirmed cases by 24-hours period over the last 10 days**

5-4/5	5-5/6	5-6/7	5-7/8	5-8/9	5-9/10	5-10/11	5-11/12	5-12/13	5-13/14
22,293	23,841	24,616	27,883	34,128	20,823	17,276	21,449	21,607	18,383

Total fatalities in US: 84,144 **+1,596** since 5-13-2020

**Maryland Numbers:** As of 1000 hrs. via <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

Total confirmed cases in State in of MD: 35,903 **+1091** since the 5-13-20 brief

Total tested in the State of MD: 142,551 **+3,789** over 5-13-20

Percent of those test that test positive: **25.1%**

Total Fatalities in State of MD: 1,748 **+54** change since the 5-13-20 brief

Number of probable deaths: 118

Total Ever Hospitalized: 6,553

Persons currently hospitalized: **1,538 -13** since 5-13-2020

5-1/2	5-2/3	5-3/4	5-4/5	5-5/5	5-6/7	5-7/8	5-8/9	5-9/10	5-10/11	5-11/12	5-12/13	5-13/14
-9	-22	+14	+44	+14	-24	-33	-9	-25	-96	+19	-13	-12

**First Responder Numbers in Charles County: NUMBERS AS OF 5-13-2020 @1230**

6 Quarantine: means exposed and they can't come to work **+1** since last report

3 Self Isolation: means sick or tested positive **+1** since the last report

**Weather:**

Friday 84-62 sun, Sat 80-57 rain, Sunday 75-57 sun

**Local:**

Several stores have been visited in the last 24 hours. Inventories are increasing. Paper products are becoming more available. Meat inventories are reducing and prices have increased substantially.

Commissioners conducting meeting to map the recovery for Charles County

**Maryland Update:**

Maryland stay at home order lifted as of Friday at 1700

ReOpenMD protest scheduled in Annapolis Friday 1430 - 1700. Locations listed are Church Circle and or State Circle in Annapolis.

**Region:**

Over 41,046 cases in the NCR as of 1000 5-13-2020,

68,142 cases in Maryland, DC, and Virginia as of 1100 on 5-13-2020.

DC extends stay at home order to June 8th

**National:**

AP infection map: <https://apnews.com/7b5a2994d351e5c1697e2c7478e2969c>

DHS continues to warn about the possibility of domestic terrorism (see attached)

Meat processing is at 73% capacity, creating a backlog of 300,000 pigs that need to be depopulated. Depopulation will need to begin by May 18. FEMA Region V (May 13)

Gasoline demand has risen nearly 5%, causing gasoline prices to rise as supply remains low. The industry has raised refinery utilization to 70.5% suggesting that gas prices will continue to rise with increased consumer demand until supply reaches parity. NBEOC (May 12)

Issues with conspiracy theorist and 5G technology continues to be an issue

The White House has partnered with retail companies and independent pharmacies to increase access to testing sites. By May 17, it is anticipated that more than 300 retail testing sites will be operational in 47 states and D.C., prioritizing access in underserved communities. CISA (May 12) Analysts suggest that meat supply chain disruptions could see 20% higher prices than last year and potential spot shortages of meat in certain markets by the end of May (NBEOC Update, May 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m. ET)

Fourteen major meatpacking facilities in the U.S. have resumed or plan to resume operations after implementing the CDC and the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines (CISA Update, May 12, 2020, 4:12 a.m. ET)

WV: On May 11, National Guard began assisting Department Health and Human Resources with COVID-19 testing for all 940 employees at a meat processing facility in Moorefield (FEMA Region III Update, May 12, 2020, 2:37 p.m. ET)

VA: 3,100 poultry plant workers were tested; 280 (9%) workers tested positive (FEMA Region III Update, May 11, 2020, 2:17 p.m. ET)

WI: USDA approved the state's request to provide online purchasing of food to SNAP households (ESF-6 Update, May 12, 2020, 1:57 p.m. ET)

NY: Department of Health is investigating approximately 85 children with possible COVID-19 related illness and having symptoms characteristic of Kawasaki disease (inflammation, swelling, and redness in blood vessels throughout the body) and toxic shock syndrome (DHS NOC Update, May 10, 2020, 8:18 p.m. ET)

**Local critical infrastructure:**

No outages or disruptions are reported or are appear to be likely as of today.

**Predications/ Analysis:**

- The cascading effects of the prolonged closures, along with community fear and anxiety have led to unintended consequences that we likely have not explored. The recent reports of increasing measles outbreaks due to children not being inoculated likely due to fear and limited availability is a terrific example. It would be wise if task forces or committees were established to better identify, develop proactive frameworks for future responds, and potential solutions prior to full reopening.
- Pediatric Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome is receiving increasing media coverage (100+ cases in NY, 3 at WDC Children's). We are likely to see increased reports from fearful parents who have limited knowledge but high fear. Factual information spread is needed, ongoing and open channel communication with local pediatricians must start now, redistribution of PPE may be needed, and we should likely begin adding them to EOC operations.
- We appear to be on the downward side or at least seeing a leveling of this crisis. Commander should take this time to review and collect documents needed to begin the AAR process of the tactical portion of this event. Logistics should begin placing orders to build stockpiles for the next round.
- The change at the Gov. Office re: to releasing nursing home case counts and fatalities this week is likely to create more questions than answers. In addition, it is likely to create a public uproar and increase anger.
- The length and scope of this situation have exposed large cracks in food supply chains, medical supply chains, fossil fuel industries, and other major portions of everyday life. Local leaders should begin a gap analysis and start the after-action process so they can create and modernize resiliency plans, local stockpiles, and coming up with other forward leaning solutions so when the next disaster occurs they are more self-sufficient and better prepared.
- While we have concentrated our efforts on peer support and helping our responders, a proactive approach to including families of first responders is quickly emerging. The command structure should consider a Family Support liaison or expand the Peer support branch.

- The increased discussions about opening the economy, added with the on-going conversation about health care in-equity and racial disproportionality of infections is causing increased polarization, angry, and hate. Social media is rampant with spirited discussions. It is only a matter of time before we begin to see emotions spill over into the public. The small protest we have witnessed thus far could pale in comparison to what is to come. LE should be reviewing plans, manpower, and boosting intelligence gathering to better prepare for potential situations.
- Protests over the continuing of stay at home orders, and business closures are becoming more prevalent and boisterous. Law enforcement should begin to make plans on how to track these groups and respond to events.
- First responder staffing and exposure issues will likely continue to increase. Priority messaging about PPE, manpower reduction strategies, and outside the box thinking should be continued and solutions expedited.
- FOIA and PIA requests for detailed records on infections in assisted living and nursing homes will increase as investigative reporting on this issue increases.
- Grocery stores could become a hotbed of fear and anxiety due to limiting numbers of patrons, assigning shopping days, mask requirements, and now limited meat supplies.
- As critical case in Charles County remain low (outside of nursing homes and assisted living homes), needs in other local jurisdictions are growing. Resources should be prioritized and plans should be made to share/deploy critical resources, personnel, and/or facility space to meet the needs regionally.
- The longer this crisis continues the more likely we are to experience critical events that may not be related to the COVID crisis (incidents within the incident). Those in leadership positions need to be prepared to step into dual leadership/managerial roles at a moment's notice. This requires taking care of yourself and staying up on the latest tactics, strategies and knowledge.
- Planning for crisis recovery starts as soon as the crisis begins. Monday marks the 8<sup>th</sup> weeks of this crisis, 6<sup>th</sup> week of schools being closed. Partners and stakeholders should begin planning for what the return to the "new normal" looks like in their organization. Sharing of these plans will help each organization build more comprehensive processes.
- Over the weekend the US will likely eclipse 500,000 cases and 15,000 deaths. Md numbers will likely pass 5000 and 150 fatalities by Friday. These numbers will cause increased pressure to ratchet up rhetoric re: "stay at home orders" and could result in further sanctions and restrictions.
- As the confirmed case numbers continue to rapidly ascend the likelihood of jurisdictions issuing "travel bans" increases. Law enforcement should begin researching the constitutionality of these potential edicts and have plans in place for implantation and begin to develop a public communication strategy. Standardizing local "travel authorization documentation" should be explored by the lead jurisdiction having authority.
- Due to diverted attention, the international and domestic terrorism threat is rapidly increasing. Responders should be reminded to remain vigilant and of the DHS guidelines for spotting suspicion activities and terrorism indicators.

- As we enter into the reported peak of this situation communication, along with sharing of individual branch capability and capacity is more important now than ever. “We don’t know what we are going to need to know until we need to know it.”
- First responder organizations should begin surveying members for pre-existing conditions and other complicating medical conditions. Responders found to have pre-existing conditions should be placed in limited citizen contact roles.
- A review of the 179 countries that report COVID-19 cases, only two (South Korea and China) have somewhat “flattened the curve” of NEW infections. Both showed flattening roughly 30 to 45 days after the initial spikes. The initial spike in the US began around 3-18-2020.
- Reduced stability in the supply chain along with increased fear and anxiety can be expected with today’s “stay at home order.”
- After 3 weeks of social distancing and schools being closed non-english speaking communities within Charles County are likely feeling further isolated due to a lack of language specific communications. Direct and increased messaging to Spanish speakers is likely necessary.
- As mass transit continues to shrink in availability, plans should be made to ensure those who rely on it for essential supplies and trips have delivery resources.
- LE and EMS screening protocols should include questions about recent travel to NY, NJ, CT, and FL.
- Immediate attention is needed to direct companies and organization on the proper processes and appropriate contact to use (Donation Manager at the EOC) to donate PPE and cleaning materials to essential personnel
- The next 7 days will likely see a stabilization of a majority of the grocery supply chain. However, the potential for disruption moving forward continues to remain high.
- FOIA and PIA request from media and citizens groups will likely begin to increase the longer this event lasts. “New normal” processes need to be established as soon as possible.
- Lack of child care options will likely add to family stress. Additional resources, activity and options are needed.
- JIC staff should substantially amplify community resource communications
- As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of social distancing stress, anxiety, and fear will likely increase. Continuous reminders of patience and focusing on kindness will become increasingly important.
- Many stores restock overnight. Seniors and the vulnerable populations should be strongly encouraged to shop during the early morning hours when supplies are likely to be at their highest.
- As testing increased the confirmed cases in MD will increase. This will likely cause additional life restrictions.
- Supply chain issues will continue and likely increase as further life interruptions and travel restrictions are ordered. The possibility of violence increases as stress increases, especially at grocery stores.

- Commanders of responders and essential staff should have robust plans for potential quarantines and updated continuity of operations including plans for diminished manpower. Further, responder organizations should begin reviewing existing integration plans with the National Guard.
- Obtaining medical supplies and PPE will continue to be an issue for the foreseeable future. All services should use the command ordering process so orders can be tracked.
- The community of Charles County is showing increased signs of pulling together and assisting one another. The JIC should continue to encourage civility and increase positive press of good news stories occurring throughout our community.

“The most effective leaders in crises ensure that someone else is managing the present well, while focusing their attention on leading beyond the crisis toward a more promising future” (Nutley and Marcus, 2019, Harvard Business Review)

Respectfully submitted by Jason Stoddard



14 May 2020

**(U//FOUO) Domestic Violent Extremists and Others Continue to Discuss Targeting Critical Infrastructure During the COVID 19 Pandemic, Arson Attacks in the United States and Europe Maybe Inspired by 5G Conspiracy Theories**

**(U) Scope**

(U//FOUO) This *Joint Intelligence Bulletin (JIB)* is intended to highlight targeting and attacks globally against critical infrastructure during the COVID-19 pandemic, and advise of online threats against critical infrastructure made by individuals including domestic violent extremists (DVEs) in the United States, and others possibly driven by conspiracy theories.<sup>a,b</sup> Critical infrastructure has been a longstanding target of DVEs, and current targeting observed appears to be focused primarily on locations associated with the fifth-generation telecom network (5G) and the electric grid. The FBI, DHS, and NCTC advise federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government counterterrorism, law enforcement officials, and private sector security partners responsible for securing critical infrastructure sites and workers could potentially be targeted for attacks by DVEs or others driven to violence by conspiracy theories. This *JIB* is provided to assist federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial counterterrorism and law enforcement officials to effectively, detect, prevent, preempt, or respond to incidents and terrorist attacks in the United States.

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<sup>b</sup> (U//FOUO) FBI and DHS define a **domestic violent extremists (DVE)** as an individual based and operating primarily within the United States or its territories without direction or inspiration from a foreign terrorist group or other foreign power who seeks to further political or social goals wholly or in part through unlawful acts of force or violence. The mere advocacy of political or social positions, political activism, use of strong rhetoric, or generalized philosophic embrace of violent tactics may not constitute extremism, and may be constitutionally protected.

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## (U//FOUO) Calls to Target Critical Infrastructure Build on Link between COVID-19 and 5G Network Conspiracy Theories

(U//FOUO) Multiple social media posts brought to the attention of the FBI, DHS and NCTC share calls to target critical infrastructure including cell towers, locations associated with the electric power grid, and other sites associated with perceived impending government action against citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since December 2019, dozens of arsons of cell towers in Western Europe and at least six in the United States have been reported. Online calls for targeting have focused particularly on those facilities believed to be equipped with 5G wireless technologies, probably in part because of the recent proliferation of conspiracy theories that falsely link the COVID-19 pandemic spread with 5G infrastructure development, including beliefs that 5G towers cause the spread of COVID-19 or weaken the immune system allowing transmission of COVID-19.

- » (U//FOUO) On 9 April 2020, suspected arsonists set fire to the ground of a secure cell tower with smoldering wire insulation in Portland, Oregon, according to a local incident report. Separately, from 4 December 2019 to 17 February 2020, five arson attacks against cell phone towers, in Memphis, Tennessee occurred, according to press reporting.
- » (U) There have been approximately 61 arson attacks and dozens of cases of harassment against telecom workers in the United Kingdom since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to open source reporting. In early April, a 70-foot cellphone mast in Birmingham, UK was set on fire reportedly by individuals believing in conspiracy theories linking 5G with COVID-19, although the tower did not have 5G capability. Additionally, some 50 fires targeting cell towers and other equipment have been reported in Britain this month, leading to three arrests according to trade group Mobile UK.
- » (U) As of late April 2020, the Netherlands had experienced 16 arson attacks on mobile network masts, according to open source reporting. The Netherlands' National Coordinator of Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV) indicated the arson attacks were concerning due to the need for telecommunications networks to obtain emergency medical services. In Belgium, 5G conspiracy theories have caused a Belgian telecommunications company to halt deployment of its 5G network.

(U//FOUO) Multiple social media posts, including some by racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVE) and possible anarchist extremists, shared instructional videos for the destruction of radio and cell towers, as well as online calls for “international days of action” to potentially vandalize 5G towers, often citing the dozens of arson incidents in Europe as inspiration or guidance as to how to impact society.<sup>c,d</sup>

- » (U//FOUO) On 22 March 2020, an instructional video was posted on Telegram on the destruction of radio tower support wires and encouraged followers to target electrical stations in California, New York or Washington State, in addition to locations overseas.

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<sup>c</sup> (U//FOUO) FBI, DHS, and NCTC define **racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism (RMVE)** as threats involving the potentially unlawful use or threat of force or violence, in furtherance of political and/or social agendas, which are deemed to derive from bias—often related to race or ethnicity—held by the actor against others, including a given population group.

<sup>d</sup> (U//FOUO) The FBI and DHS define **anarchist extremists** as individuals who seek, wholly or in part, through unlawful acts of force or violence, to further their opposition to all forms of capitalism, corporate globalization, and governing institutions, which they perceive as harmful to society. The mere advocacy of political or social positions, political activism, use of strong rhetoric, or generalized philosophic embrace of violent tactics may not constitute extremism, and may be constitutionally protected.

- » (U//FOUO) On 14 April 2020, an unidentified individual shared a call for a coordinated attack on 5G cell towers on social media. The individual stated 3 May would be “International Burn Down 5G Day,” in furtherance of the belief that 5G towers or signals cause COVID-19.
- » (U//FOUO) On 22 April 2020, an identified Facebook group encouraged individuals associated with anarchist extremist ideology to commit acts of sabotage by attacking buildings and 5G towers around the world on 30 April or 1 May in furtherance of an “International Day of Sabotage.” This call for sabotage was in conjunction with the annual May Day occurrence, celebrated by some as International Workers’ Day, no related activity was observed on these dates.

### (U) Outlook

(U//FOUO) Beyond the threat specific to 5G facilities, critical infrastructure has long been a target of DVEs spanning the ideological spectrum. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, DVEs inspired by conspiracy theory narratives against a range of targets could emerge. Some RMVEs who advocate for the superiority of the white race and advance their version of accelerationism, are likely to encourage intentional damage to critical infrastructure or vulnerable targets so long as these incidents contribute to their ideological goals and the potential downfall of society.<sup>e</sup> The FBI, DHS, and NCTC remain concerned previous and future successful attacks against critical infrastructure globally could further enable DVE messaging against infrastructure targets, increasing the observed violent extremist rhetoric and possible attack plotting that could go undetected.

(U//FOUO) Complicating the issue, the assertion and conspiracy theories related to 5G may be socialized by public figures and others unaffiliated with DVE ideologies or groups potentially spurring non-affiliated actors to attack infrastructure. The FBI, DHS, and NCTC caution against assuming attribution of an attack based solely on prior attacks and socialization in DVE online venues.

### (U) Related Products

(U//FOUO) A recent product may provide additional context on the threats to the Homeland referenced in this JIB. All products listed are available on HSIN:

- » “(U//FOUO) 5G, COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories Inciting Attacks Against Communications Infrastructure,” *Homeland Intelligence Article*, published 13 May 2020
- » “(U//FOUO) Domestic Violent Extremist likely to continue exploiting COVID-19 Pandemic to Incite or Engage in Violence,” *Joint Intelligence Bulletin*, published 7 April 2020

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<sup>e</sup> (U//FOUO) **Accelerationism** is a concept suggesting the existing social order should be pushed to such a degree that Western countries become failed states, giving rise to changes that would reshape the world in radical ways. Some RMVE adherents advocate for acts of social disruption up to and including violence, and taking violent action to prompt responses that would gain support from those advocating for the superiority of the white race.

**(U) Report Suspicious Activity**

**(U) To report suspicious activity, law enforcement, Fire-EMS, private security personnel, and emergency managers should follow established protocols; all other personnel should call 911 or contact local law enforcement.** Suspicious activity reports (SARs) will be forwarded to the appropriate fusion center and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force for further action. For more information on the Nationwide SAR Initiative, visit <http://nsi.ncirc.gov/resources.aspx>.

**(U) Administrative Note: Law Enforcement Response**

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# Law Enforcement Branch Briefing

## COVID-19 Charles County IMT

### May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### **Buildings:**

Charles County Sheriff's Office: District 1 Lobby is closed for scheduled remodeling. The District 1 clerks have moved to the CCDC Annex building in the same parking area and that lobby is open as normal.

Maryland State Police: Restricted to public

Maryland Transportation Authority: Closed to Public

La Plata Police Department: Closed to the public

Natural Resources Police: Building Closed

#### **Operations:**

Charles County Sheriff's Office: Operations have gone to emergency scheduling in accordance with a CCSO level 3 All-Hazards activation. Patrol operational periods are 12 hours from 0700-1900 and 1900-0700. All other operations sections running with normal services being provided from modified locations. Services provided have not been reduced or augmented.

Maryland State Police: Operations as normal.

Maryland Transportation Authority: Operations as normal.

La Plata Police Department: Operations as normal; Doing screening in and screening out.

Natural Resources Police: Operations as normal.

#### **Internal COVID-19:**

Charles County Sheriff's Office:

- 1 Sworn Officer quarantined
  - 1 Officer who had contact with COVID positive person off-duty, estimated return date of 05/27/20.
- 2 Sworn Officers isolated
  - Officers isolated based on symptoms and doctor order for testing.
- 2 Correctional Officer quarantined
  - 1 Correctional Officer who has family members who is sick with symptoms. Estimated return date - 05/19/20.
  - 1 Correctional Officer who has family member with a positive test. Estimated return date - 05/25/20.
- 0 Correctional Officers isolated.
- 0 civilians quarantined.

- 0 civilians isolated.

Charles County Detention Center Population:

- 117 inmates
- 0 COVID positive inmates
- 0 Inmates with symptoms

Maryland State Police: None local

Maryland Transportation Authority: None local

La Plata Police Department: None

Natural Resources Police: None local

### **Definitions**

*Quarantine:* Quarantine is the process of keeping an asymptomatic (no symptoms) person who had a reported exposure away from other people.

*Isolation:* Isolation is the process of keeping a symptomatic or positive person away from all other people.

### **Crime Stats:**

Crime continues to be down in all aspects.

### **TRU:**

Charles County Sheriff's Office: Open and working; triage site for COVID-19 calls for service.

Maryland State Police: Open and working.

Maryland Transportation Authority: Open and working.

La Plata Police Department: Open and working.

Natural Resources Police: Open and working.

### **Call Restrictions:**

Charles County Sheriff's Office: None

Maryland State Police: None

Maryland Transportation Authority: None

La Plata Police Department: None

Natural Resources Police: None

**Governor's Order Violations since Emergency Orders Issued:**

Violation sustained calls for service: 57

Warnings: 54

Charges later: 2

On-scene arrest: 1

**Health Department Order Violations (Between 04/16/20 and 04/18/20):**

*Calls for Service*

Founded: 5

Unfounded: 10

*Dispositions*

Warnings: 5 issued

**Items of Note: (Not for redistribution)**

Changes denoted in red.

Charles County Public Schools Briefing 5-14-2020  
COVID Charles County

**48-hour Priorities:**

- Maintaining instructional continuity
- Expanding and maintaining food service
- Expanding and maintaining WiFi service
- Develop a plan for closing SY 19-20

**Meals:**

Wednesday, 5/13/20 CCPS served 4641 meals at the 11 meal distribution sites. The total is +363 from the meals served on Monday, 5/12/20.

**Closure:**

Nothing new to report.

State Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon announced all Maryland public schools will remain closed until the end of the 2019-20 school year. Distance learning will continue for Charles County Public Schools students. All schools, buildings and centers will remain closed to the public.

**Instruction:**

Nothing new to report.

As Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) moves into the fifth and sixth weeks of distance learning, new assignments are now available for students online at [www.ccboe.com](http://www.ccboe.com) . Paper packets with the new material are available at our 11 meal distribution sites.

**Community Wifi:**

Nothing new to report.

All four sites are up and running and seeing use. CCPS in process of 3 other additional WiFi sites, will enable students and staff to access CCPS network not just the internet. Installation will begin the week of 5/10/20 at Dr. Mudd Elementary, Somers Middle School, and Gail Bailey Elementary School, adding to the other four hot spots of Piccowaxen Middle School, Henson Middle School, TC Martin Elementary School, and Mt. Hope Nanjemoy Elementary School.

**Misc:**

Montgomery County PD are reporting continued burglaries and vandalism to schools during the shutdown. This is something for us to keep an eye on here in Charles County.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Stoddard and Michael Meiser



Serving Charles County

# Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

Post Office Box #21, La Plata, Maryland 20646

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Re: Volunteer Fire/EMS Brief

### **Items Being Worked On:**

- Reduction of Force Policy – *Information gathering occurring.*
- After Action Items being compiled.

### **Stations/Apparatus:**

- No Station's with contamination issues.
- No Apparatus with any contamination issues.
- No Service Deliverability Issues with Apparatus O.O.S.

### **Personnel – 1 Members across 1 Stations:**

- EMS Station 3 – 1 Quarantined due to a Family Member testing positive.

### **Incidents/Call Volume:**

- No Major Incidents to Report related to COVID-19
- Yesterday's EMS Call Volume was below average, and Fire Call Volume was below average  
44 Ems Related Incidents ----- 14 Fire Related Incidents

### **Other Information:**

- Continue to push out information about Social Distancing in the Stations.
- Continue to push out Peer Support Information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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