



MONTGOMERY HOUSING ALLIANCE

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A coalition of organizations focused on increasing the rate of preservation and development of affordable housing in Montgomery County

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CALL TO ACTION

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COVID-19 CRISIS: BEND THE CURVE TOWARDS EQUITY AND JUSTICE

The Montgomery Housing Alliance (MHA) is a coalition of organizations working to increase the rate of preservation and development of affordable housing in Montgomery County. Collectively, our members provide affordable housing to thousands of low income residents and people of color in many communities in our County. And it is underresourced low income communities and communities of color -- with higher comorbidity factors and limited access to testing -- that have been disproportionately harmed by the COVID-19 crisis. Disproportionately high infection rates*. Disproportionately high hospitalization rates. Disproportionately high death rates. Let us not stand idly by. Our County must respond and time is of the essence. We call upon the County to protect the residents of our most highly impacted communities by immediately implementing a comprehensive rapid testing and tracing program. Let's take action now.

A comprehensive rapid testing and tracing program is our most powerful tool to stop the spread of COVID-19. Our government is correct to carry out 70,000 tests for residents and staff of all 227 of Maryland's nursing homes. We must be equally committed to testing and tracing for all residents of our most highly impacted communities. The 26,000 residents of Silver Spring (zip code 20903) cannot wait. Silver Spring 20903 has the highest per capita number of Covid positive individuals in Montgomery County at triple the County average. Silver Spring 20903 is 76% residents of color with typical household incomes almost 50% below the County's household median income. Wheaton 20902 cannot wait. Gaithersburg 20877 cannot wait. Aspen Hill 20906 cannot wait. Community by community. Let's take action now.

**All four Montgomery County zip codes with the highest per capita infection rates are: a) in the top quartile for percentage of residents of Black and Hispanic origin; and b) in the lowest quartile for household median income. More detailed data can be found in the spreadsheet below:*

 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NETWORK OF MARYLAND

The Montgomery Housing Alliance is a coalition of the Community Development Network of Maryland

Montgomery County

| Zip Code (Population >3000) | Per Capita Infection Rate (Per 100,000) (as of 6/3/20) | # of Infections (as of 6/3/20) | 2018 Data* Median Income | 2018 Data* # Black | % Black | # Hispanic | % Hispanic | # Black and Hispanic | % Black and Hispanic | 2018 Data* Total Pop. |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Montgomery County Median Rate | | 959 | | | | | | | | |
| 20903 (Silver Spring) | 3,011 | 789 | 66,343 | 7,443 | 28% | 12,553 | 48% | 19,995 | 76% | 26,206 |
| 20902 (Wheaton) | 2,041 | 1071 | 90,324 | 8,660 | 17% | 18,999 | 36% | 27,659 | 53% | 52,484 |
| 20877 (Gaithersburg) | 2,014 | 783 | 68,896 | 7,077 | 18% | 16,487 | 42% | 23,564 | 61% | 38,885 |
| 20906 (Aspen Hill) | 1,921 | 1348 | 74,598 | 16,561 | 24% | 23,228 | 33% | 39,789 | 57% | 70,174 |
| 20886 (Montgomery Village) | 1,543 | 526 | 79,131 | 7,263 | 21% | 11,253 | 33% | 18,516 | 54% | 34,100 |
| 20904 (Fairland) | 1,529 | 872 | 85,504 | 25,609 | 45% | 8,384 | 15% | 33,993 | 60% | 57,035 |
| 20912 (Takoma Park) | 1,524 | 400 | 73,978 | 9,682 | 37% | 5,169 | 20% | 14,851 | 57% | 26,239 |
| 20901 (Silver Spring) | 1,433 | 518 | 108,357 | 8,930 | 25% | 7,845 | 22% | 16,775 | 46% | 36,154 |
| 20851 (Rockville) | 1,238 | 187 | 92,581 | 1,360 | 9% | 5,695 | 38% | 7,055 | 47% | 15,106 |
| 20853 (Aspen Hill) | 1,228 | 383 | 116,391 | 3,710 | 12% | 7,701 | 25% | 11,411 | 37% | 31,178 |
| 20879 (Gaithersburg) | 1,148 | 320 | 91,393 | 6,745 | 24% | 7,999 | 29% | 14,744 | 53% | 27,871 |
| 20910 (Silver Spring) | 1,033 | 443 | 84,645 | 13,246 | 31% | 5,787 | 14% | 19,033 | 44% | 42,868 |
| 20876 (Germantown) | 961 | 278 | 94,891 | 5,205 | 18% | 6,565 | 23% | 11,770 | 41% | 28,919 |
| 20874 (Germantown) | 901 | 550 | 90,273 | 13,552 | 22% | 15,078 | 25% | 28,630 | 47% | 61,045 |
| 20905 (Cloverly) | 899 | 163 | 124,549 | 4,784 | 26% | 2,718 | 15% | 7,503 | 41% | 18,123 |
| 20895 (South Kensington) | 815 | 160 | 144,054 | 1,571 | 8% | 2,631 | 13% | 4,202 | 21% | 19,637 |
| 20850 (Rockville) | 811 | 418 | 110,102 | 6,394 | 12% | 5,157 | 10% | 11,551 | 22% | 51,568 |
| 20866 (Burtonsville) | 810 | 131 | 98,139 | 7,794 | 48% | 1,617 | 10% | 9,412 | 58% | 16,171 |
| 20855 (Redland) | 727 | 104 | 134,776 | 715 | 5% | 1,416 | 10% | 2,131 | 15% | 14,302 |
| 20814 (Bethesda) | 712 | 206 | 126,077 | 2,314 | 8% | 2,517 | 9% | 4,831 | 17% | 28,930 |
| 20852 (North Bethesda) | 659 | 309 | 95,572 | 4,690 | 10% | 6,426 | 14% | 11,116 | 24% | 46,904 |
| 20882 (Gaithersburg) | 572 | 77 | 147,957 | 1,076 | 8% | 1,681 | 13% | 2,757 | 21% | 13,450 |
| 20815 (Chevy Chase) | 560 | 171 | 154,734 | 1,220 | 4% | 2,227 | 7% | 3,448 | 11% | 30,512 |
| 20854 (Potomac) | 549 | 270 | 206,040 | 3,444 | 7% | 3,542 | 7% | 6,986 | 14% | 49,194 |
| 20832 (Olney) | 541 | 143 | 132,292 | 2,883 | 11% | 2,645 | 10% | 5,528 | 21% | 26,448 |
| 20878 (Gaithersburg) | 533 | 342 | 127,653 | 8,336 | 13% | 8,080 | 13% | 16,416 | 26% | 64,126 |
| 20817 (Bethesda) | 523 | 192 | 187,731 | 3,301 | 9% | 3,448 | 9% | 6,749 | 18% | 36,681 |
| 20841 (Germantown) | 515 | 54 | 170,682 | 1,740 | 17% | 838 | 8% | 5,278 | 25% | 10,481 |
| 20837 (Poolesville) | 434 | 27 | 157,333 | 473 | 8% | 610 | 10% | 1,083 | 17% | 6,225 |
| 20816 (Bethesda) | 342 | 56 | 204,432 | 818 | 5% | 1,031 | 6% | 1,849 | 11% | 16,367 |
| 20833 (Olney) | 0 | 0 | 154,886 | 775 | 10% | 907 | 12% | 1,682 | 22% | 7,750 |
| 20871 (Clarksburg) | 0 | 0 | 132,277 | 3,862 | 19% | 3,001 | 15% | 6,863 | 34% | 20,008 |
| 20872 (Damascus) | 0 | 0 | 117,541 | 1,307 | 10% | 1,501 | 12% | 2,808 | 22% | 12,940 |

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