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- PPE Distribution
  - Very earlier on demand far exceeded supply
    - Dozens of request per week, now 1-2
  - To date have distributed over 5 million units of PPE to healthcare facilities processed 865 requests for PPE
    - Hospitals, dental offices, ALF, long term care facilities, school health suites, behavioral health/substance abuse providers, private/specialty practices, urgent care, city shelters
    - PPE – N95s, surgical masks, gowns, gloves face shields, hand sanitizer
- COVID-19 Vaccination Update
  - POD sunset June 2, has been operating since Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. (Under Armour and BCCC)
    - 63 clinics
    - Just under 25,000 doses of vaccine administered (Moderna and J&J\_
    - Mutli agency effort
      - Baltimore City Community College
      - City Convention Center
      - Baltimore City Department of Public Works
      - Baltimore City Department of Transportation
      - Baltimore City Fire Department
      - Baltimore City Labor Commissioner
      - Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management
      - Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights
      - HealthCare Access Maryland, Inc.
      - Baltimore City Recreation and Parks
      - Baltimore Police Department
      - Coppin State University (School of Nursing)
      - Maryland Department of Health
      - Maryland Emergency Management Agency (not sure they did anything concrete, but I guess we probably need to thank them anyway?)
      - Maryland National Guard
      - Mayor's Office
      - Morgan State University (School of Nursing)
      - Notre Dame of Maryland University (School of Pharmacy)
      - University of Maryland (School of Nursing)
    - In addition, we deployed over 100 Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps volunteers
  - Other BCHD vaccination numbers
    - IZ Program – 852 dose (largely BCHD Staff)
    - Mobile- over 15000 doses (immigrant & Latinx, Pregnant/Lactating women, homeless/congregate housing, individuals with disabilities, young men, older adults)
  - BCFD is supporting vaccinating the City's homebound pop
    - Started May 11<sup>th</sup> and have vaccinated over 60 ppl so far, 2-3 times a week
    - Will be requesting NG support to expand homebound work to additional individuals

- COVID Community Testing
  - Testing is down significantly (not just BCHD, this is across all providers). The last couple weeks we're seeing what looks like the largest or one of the largest decreases in testing since it became widely available.
  - Testing is still important! It's the only way we know about cases, it drives our ability to isolate and treat cases, it's important in identifying breakthrough cases and understanding the spread of COVID variants.
  
- Code Red Extreme Heat season launched May 15
  - Currently in a heatwave (temps about 90 degrees the last few days)
    - Encourage everyone to stay hydrated (water) and find an air-conditioned space
  - BCHD conducts daily weather monitoring throughout the season
  - Based on the weather forecast and heat index, the Commissioner will make a Code Red Extreme Heat declaration, usually by close of business the day before the extreme heat event.
  - BCHD puts out a press release and handles public messaging for heat safety and BCHD encourages partners to share heat messaging
    - BCHD Senior Centers will be serving as primary cooling centers this season
  - DOP: leveraging their ongoing work with City resiliency hubs with targeted activities for the extreme heat season
  - New this year:
    - OEM: providing support in updating and implementing the Code Red plan for this season, and coordinating with our city agency and community partners who serve as cooling centers
    - some of the Resiliency Hubs will be serving as resource centers and will distribute water and a limited number of box fans to help residents with cooling in their homes

Thanks again,