

**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
AGENDA**

January 18, 2022

6:00 PM Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

COVID-19 Update

Bill Webb, Health Officer, Kent County Health Department
Pandemic Update

Public Notices

Building is Open for In-Person Attendance, for Remote Participation Dial 1-872-239-8359,
Conference ID 927 287 04#

Alcoholic Beverage License Hearing
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Consent Items

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Public Comment/Media Review

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For Your Information

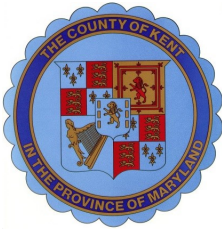
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Contingency Fund

Contingency and Use of Fund Balance Report

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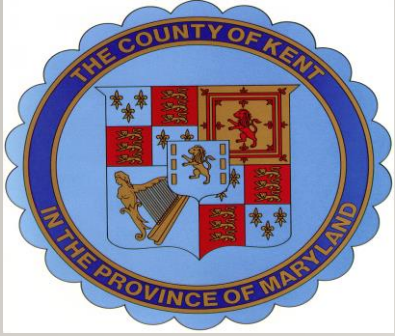
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Pandemic Update

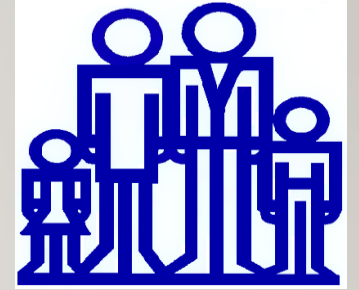
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Commissioners COVID-19 Update 1-18-22



COVID-19 UPDATE JANUARY 18, 2022



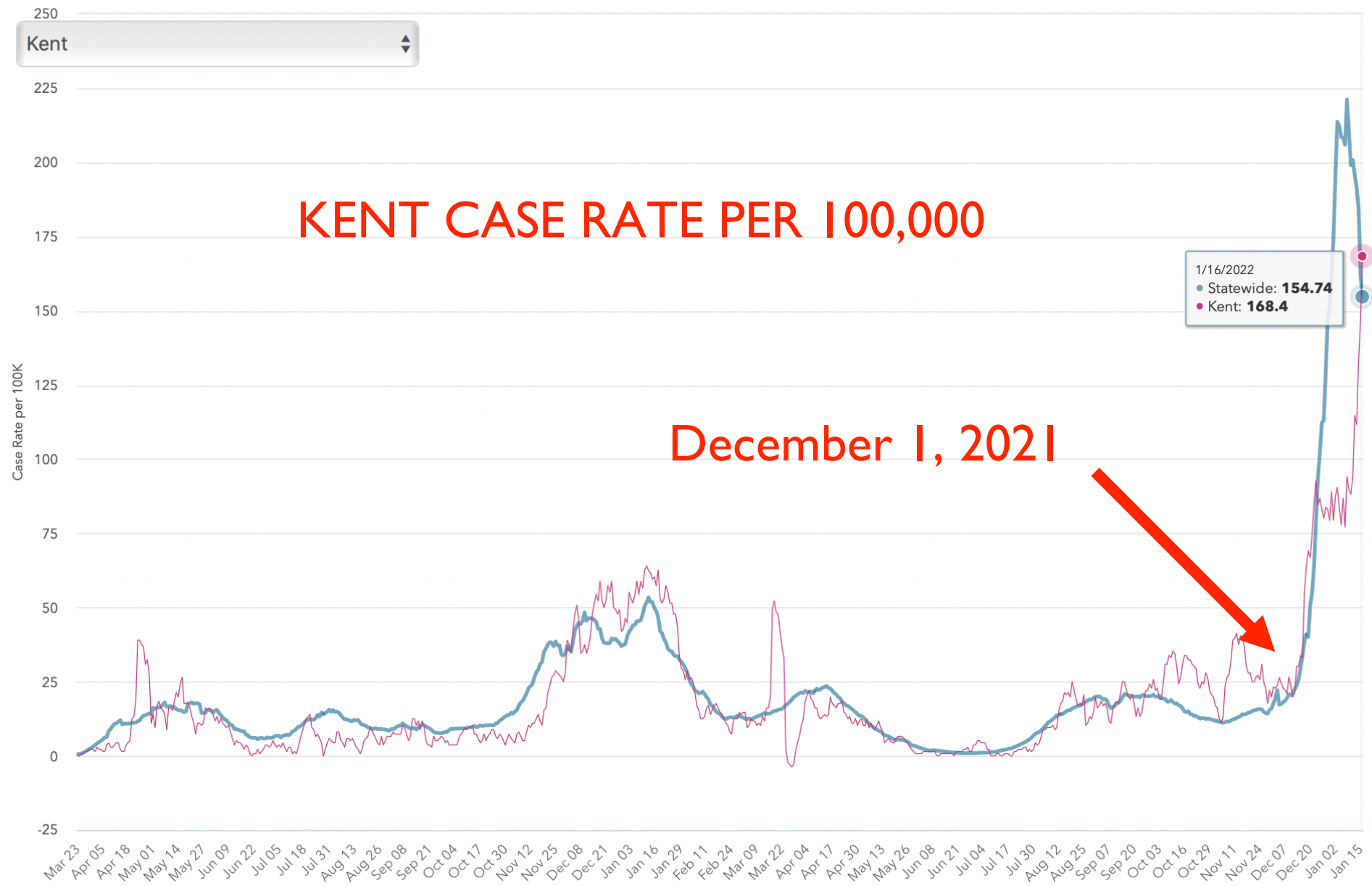
KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

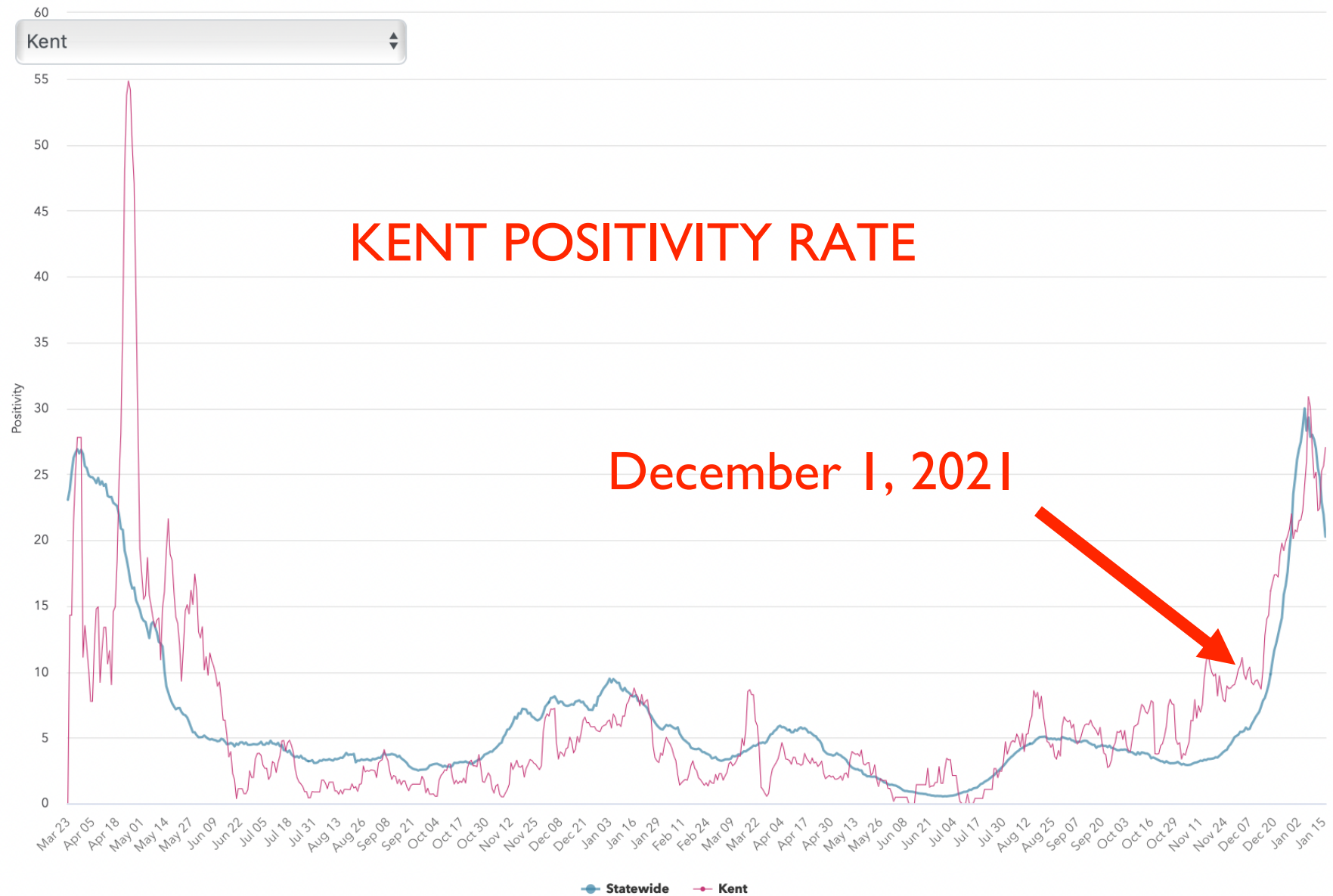
MR. BILL WEBB MS

HEALTH OFFICER

COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS

- Since Early December the Omicron variant has exploded in the USA
- Kent County has experienced the largest surge of cases since the beginning of the Pandemic
- 772 case have been recorded since 12/1/21 (29% of all cases)
- Kent Positivity and Case Rates hit all time highs in last 2 weeks. (31% on 1/7) (168 on 1/16)
- Outbreaks currently exist in almost every Nursing and Residential facility in the County.
- Healthcare providers and inpatient facilities are struggling to meet the overwhelming demand
- Numerous Guidance Changes from the CDC has created confusion





OMICRON VARIANT

- Omicron represents the most infectious variant to date.
- It is Very Contagious. Spread in households is very common.
- Omicron infections appear to result in milder cases of COVID-19
- Vaccinated and Boosted people can contract Covid-19 and infect others
- Vaccination and boosters provide SIGNIFICANT protection from severe disease
- Omicron cases appear to incubate more quickly

HOSPITAL STATUS

- UM Shore Regional Health Issued Urgent Press Release 1/11/22
- The surge threatens to overwhelm their capabilities
- 70% of those hospitalized are unvaccinated, Fewer than 5% have had Booster
- Do not come to the hospital for a COVID test.
- Expect significant wait time in the ED
- Call 911 / EMS for true emergencies

Vaccinations in Kent County, Maryland

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	14,472	12,638
% of Total Population	74.5%	65.1%
Population ≥ 5 Years of Age	14,472	12,638
% of Population ≥ 5 Years of Age	77.6%	67.8%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	14,177	12,427
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	81.1%	71.1%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	13,547	11,913
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	82.5%	72.5%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	5,504	4,911
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	95%	93.3%



BOOSTED PERCENTAGE

People Fully Vaccinated with a Booster ‡

	Boosters
Total	6,639
% of Fully Vaccinated Population with a Booster Dose	52.5%
Fully Vaccinated Population ≥ 18 Years of Age with a Booster Dose	6,566
% of Fully Vaccinated Population ≥ 18 Years of Age with a Booster Dose	55.1%
Fully Vaccinated Population ≥ 50 Years of Age with a Booster Dose	5,296
% of Fully Vaccinated Population ≥ 50 Years of Age with a Booster Dose	64.8%
Fully Vaccinated Population ≥ 65 Years of Age with a Booster Dose	3,543
% of Fully Vaccinated Population ≥ 65 Years of Age with a Booster Dose	72.1%



OUTLOOK

- Current surge appears to have peaked but it is still too early to say.
- Omicron surge in South Africa fell off quickly after a similar spike
- Critical metric to watch is COVID hospitalizations...Declines for the last 5 days
- Infections in the vaccinated appear to be mild to moderate
- Availability of At-Home test kits is steadily improving.
- At Home test kits will be a game changer
- Newly approved oral medications for COVID will also be a game changer

CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

- Get fully vaccinated and boosted when eligible
- Wear a mask in indoor public places.
- Limit social interactions and distance when interacting with others
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash hands regularly or use hand sanitizer
- Monitor your health and stay at home if you are not feeling well
- If you test positive isolate for 5 days, if exposed quarantine for 5 days & then get tested

HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINATION ACTIVITY

- KCHD Offers COVID Vaccinations Every Thursday By Appointment
- KCHD Offers all Three Approved Vaccine Products
 1. Moderna
 2. Pfizer
 3. Johnson & Johnson

CALL 410-778-1350 to Make An Appointment

OR Visit [KentHD.org](https://kenthd.org) to find a Vaccination Site Near You

Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or Guardian

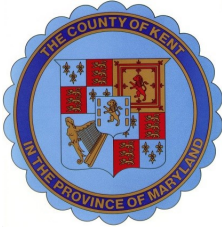
HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID TESTING SERVICES

- KCHD Offers COVID Testing Services on Mon - Thurs by Appointment (PCR Only)
- Hours 8:30 - 12:00 Noon
- Appointments available via Self Scheduling via kenthd.org or Call 410-778-1350
- All testing happens at 514 Washington St. Next to LabCorp
- At-Home test kits are in limited supply. We receive a delivery every 2 weeks
- Kits are currently being distributed to partner agencies, schools, and congregate
- Easton Hospital testing site to open this week (7 Days: 9AM-3PM)

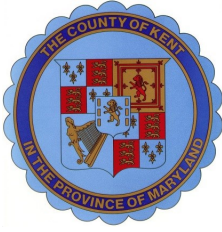
MDH CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT

- On December 5, 2021 MDH experienced a cybersecurity incident that impacted the Department Statewide
- KCHD had to activate its COOP plan as most systems were taken offline
- KCHD has not yet recovered from the situation. We are still significantly impacted
- Full IT recovery will not occur for another 4-6 weeks.
- KCHD wants to thank the County and partner agencies for its support of loaner computers.

QUESTIONS?



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Alcoholic Beverage License Hearing 1/18/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Bayside Market, Inc. trading as Bayside Market

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02.01.22 Bayside Market, Inc. Public Hearing Notice

The Board of License Commissioners of Kent County

P. THOMAS MASON
PRESIDENT
CHESTERTOWN, MD

RONALD H. FITHIAN
MEMBER
ROCK HALL, MD

ROBERT N. JACOB, JR.
MEMBER
WORTON, MD

R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Kent County Government Center
400 High Street
Chestertown, Maryland 21620
TELEPHONE Cell: 443-282-5785

www.kentcounty.com/alcoholic-beverage

SHELLEY L. HELLER
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

THOMAS N. YEAGER
COUNTY ATTORNEY

BRANDON MCFAYDEN
INSPECTOR

NOTICE

Application has been made by Andrew M. Carroll, President, and Casey C. Carroll, Vice-President, representing Bayside Market, Inc. trading as Bayside Market for a Class A, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License on the premises known as:

Bayside Market
21309 Rock Hall Avenue
Rock Hall, MD 21661

which shall authorize the holder thereof to sell Beer, Wine, and Liquor at retail, at the place therein described, for off-premises consumption. A hearing on the said application will be held by the undersigned in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr. Government Center, 400 High Street, Chestertown, MD on February 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at which time any exceptions to the application will be heard.

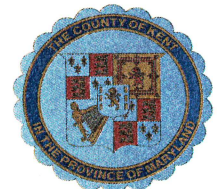
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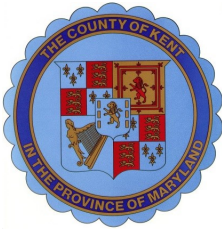
THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
FOR KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND



Sondra M. Blackiston
Clerk

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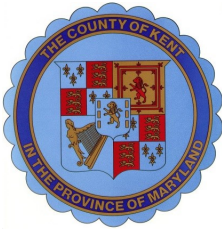




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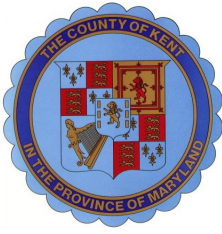
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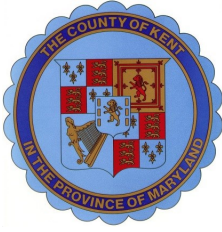
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**#3 - Public Hearing Minutes, January 11, 2022
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**Edwin Thomas, Co-Chairman, Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task
Force
1/18/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

Item Summary:

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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01.18.22 National Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation

Kent County, Maryland



Proclamation

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is a serious problem on the Eastern Shore, where traffickers use violence, threats, deception, and other manipulative tactics to force and coerce young and adult individuals to provide labor or services against their will; and

WHEREAS, The Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force is engaged in Anti-Human Trafficking actions by encouraging and promoting awareness and prevention of Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month across the Nation, which formally recognizes that human trafficking consistently occurs in the United States and emphasizes the need for the public and private sectors to come together to focus on prevention, prosecution, partnerships, and support for survivors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland do hereby support the Nation in proclaiming January 2022, as "NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" in Kent County and supports the increase of public awareness, stronger laws, and the promotion of justice to reduce the exploitation of all peoples.

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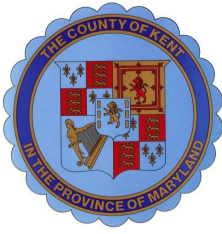
P. Thomas Mason, President

Ronald H. Fithian

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Robert N. Jacob, Jr.

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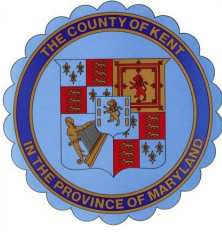
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In-kind Response

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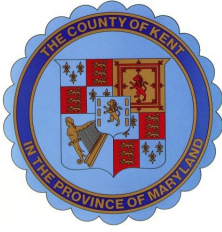
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Maryland Community Development Block Grant, COVID-19 Round 1 Grant 1/18/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

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Quarterly Progress Report, 2nd Quarter

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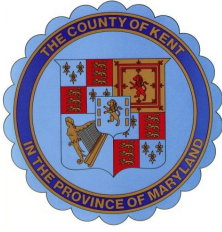
01.10.22 Maryland CDBG COVID Round I Quarterly Progress Report, Grant Number CV-1-7, 2nd Quarter October 1 - December 31, 2021

MARYLAND CDBG COVID ROUND I QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting Period			
1st Quarter July 1 – September 31, 2021_ Due October 10th	2nd Quarter October 1 – December 31, 2021 Due January 10th	3 rd Quarter January 1 – March 31, 2022 Due April 10th	4 th Quarter April 1 – June 30, 2022 Due July 10th
Section I: Grant Information			
Grantee: Kent County		Grant Number: CV-1-7	
Section II: Grant Progress			
The project is fully underway. Kent County has completed nearly all of it’s requirements for participation in the CDBG Covid 1 grant. Any outstanding requirements are in progress and on-track. Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) “ERAP Support” Case Managers are on the job and actively working on case management. Renters have been assisted with ERAP funding but the Case Managers have not yet begun to draw on this CV-1 funding, therefore no reimbursement request has been received/sent yet. Mid Shore Pro Bono (MSPB) has been providing service since prior to this grant award and continues to do so. No reimbursement requests have been received/sent yet. Upper Shore Aging has completed meal service to elderly members of the community via Meals on Wheels and has spent out the funding.			
Grant Award Amount: \$134,246.39 USA \$50,000.00 MSPB \$5,006.39 KeCo Admin \$4,000.00 MRDC ERAP Support \$75,240.00		Total Grant Funds Drawn to Date: \$53,094.99 USA \$50,000.00 - spent out MSPB \$0 KeCo Admin \$3,094.99 MRDC ERAP Support \$0	
Section III: Person Completing Report			
Name: Neoma Salvaje		Title: Covid 1 Grant Manager	

MARYLAND CDBG COVID ROUND I
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Phone: 302.223.4044		Email: Staff@EleventhHouseSolutions.com
Section IV: Certification by Chief Elected Official – I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in this report is true and correct.		
Signature: P. Thomas Mason	Title: President of County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland	Date: 2022-01-10



**Maryland Community Development Block Grant, Housing Counseling
Grant
1/18/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

Item Summary:

Semi-annual Report Housing Counseling

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01.10.22 Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program Semi-Annual Report Housing Counseling, Grant Number MD-22-CD-1, July 1 - December 31, 2021

MARYLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT HOUSING COUNSELING

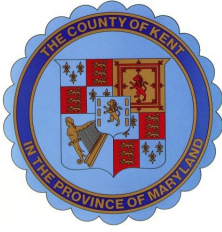
REPORTING PERIOD			
July 1 – December 31, 2021 (Due January 10 th)		January 1 – June 30, 20__ (Due July 10th)	
SECTION I: PROJECT INFORMATION			
Grantee: Kent County		Subrecipient: Maryland Rural Development Corporation	
Project Name: Housing Counseling	Grant Number: MD-22-CD-1	Grant Start Date: August 24, 2021	Grant End Date: August 31, 2023
National Objective: Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons – Limited Clientele		Proposed # of Units: 300	
Is the project on schedule? Yes ☒ No ☐			
Will you be able to meet the expenditure deadline for this grant? Yes ☒ No ☐			
Was a single audit required during this reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒ - to be completed by April			
Did you hold your official second hearing? Yes ☐ No ☒ - we are just at the beginning of the grant cycle			
SPECIAL REMINDER: Please refer to the <i>Special Terms and Conditions</i> section in “Exhibit A” and <i>Implementation Schedule</i> in “Exhibit C” of the grant agreement for the grant schedule and deadlines.			
SECTION II: PROJECT PROGRESS			
(please report beneficiaries and attach the beneficiary tracking sheet)			
Discuss grant progress during the reporting period and, if applicable, discuss any problems or challenges: The Housing Counselor is on staff and serving citizens. We’re still waiting for documentation from MRDC on the Housing Counselor’s activities to be able to report and request for reimbursement.			

SECTION IV: COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR THE FINAL REPORT	
Is this the final report for this Project? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the questions on page 3 of this report.	
SECTION V: GRANTEE CONTACT PERSON	
Contact Name: Neoma Salvaje	Title: MD-22-CD-1 Grant Manager
Phone Number: 302.223.4044	Email Address: Staff@EleventhHouseSolutions.com

**MARYLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT HOUSING COUNSELING**

SECTION VI: CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL		
I certify that the information in this report is accurate and correct:		
Signature: 	Title: President of the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland	Date: 2022-01-10

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS (TO ANSWER UPON GRANT COMPLETION?)
1. Did the project meet the national objective, as defined in the grant agreement?
2. Are 100% of grant funds spent?
3. Where there changes to the locations of project activities as described in the application and the environmental review record?
4. If required, have liens been finalized and recorded? - n/a
If any of the answers to questions #2 – 5 are <i>No</i> then grant activities are not complete and ongoing reporting is required.
COMMENTS:



Procedures for Public Comment 1/18/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

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Procedures for Public Comment

01.18.22 Public Comment Sign In Sheet

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In addition to public appearance, the meeting is also being held virtually, via teleconference and viewable on the County website at www.kentcounty.com/government.

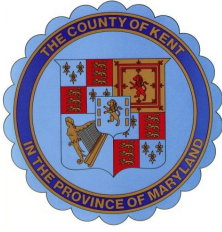
It is our desire that everyone who wishes to comment be given a fair and uninterrupted opportunity to express their views to the County Commissioners during this public comment period.

- Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes in length.
- Comments longer than three (3) minutes will be required to be submitted in writing.
- The Board President will open the meeting to Public Comments, citizens are asked to state their name, address, and the topic of interest. Citizens are to ask that all views be expressed in a respectful and civil manner. The Board respects your desire and right to convey your message freely. We ask as a courtesy to the Board and our citizens that you respect the Commissioners' request to refrain from naming citizens and name calling when offering any critique.

The County staff will acknowledge each caller, in the order they called in, announce the last 4 digits of the phone number that was used to call in, and will ask the caller to unmute their phone allowing them to comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
SIGN IN SHEET
January 18, 2022**

NAME (please print)	ADDRESS	TOPIC



Atlantic Broadband, Breezeline 1/18/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Atlantic Broadband Rebranded

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01.18.22 Breezeline, Atlantic Broadband Rebranded



January 10th, 2022

Dear Business Partner:

We are writing to inform you that **Atlantic Broadband** has rebranded as **Breezeline™** effective today. In addition, the operating legal entity names shall be changing from "Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC" to "Cogeco US Finance, LLC" in an effort to better align with our parent company COGECO. This change is effective today.

Note that neither of these changes involve a change in ownership, control, or a transfer of the company. Nor does it impact our existing agreement and services. It therefore requires no action on your part. However, please note that the address for legal notices, under the agreement, is now:

Breezeline™
3 Batterymarch Park, Suite 200
Quincy, MA 02169
Attn: General Counsel

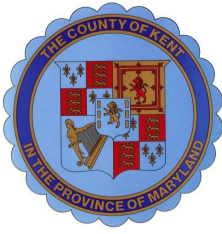
Note that our checks to our vendors will be issued from Cogeco US Finance, LLC d/b/a Breezeline or other applicable legal entity.

Should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

BREEZELINE

County Commissioners
Office
Date 1-14-22 *LLC*



Contingency and Use of Fund Balance Report 1/18/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

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01.18.22 FY22 Contingency & Expense Summary Revised

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