

Harford County Health Department

# ***The Health of Harford County***

Board of Health

October 18, 2022

Marcy Austin, Acting Health Officer



# *Agenda*

- Harford County Health Department FY22 Annual Report
- Program Highlights
- Special topics

# Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report

## FY 22 Annual Report

HARFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



### Snapshot of Services

Administration			
4,829	7,195	35,571	
Birth Certificates Issued	Death Certificates Issued	Medicaid Transport Rides	
Behavioral Health			
3,440	14,283	2,030	
Psychiatric Visits Completed	Total Services Provided	Substance Use Appointments Held	
Care Coordination			
799	581	2,796	
New CC+ Referrals	Navigated Through Health Care System	Translation Services Used	
Clinical Health			
2,524	1,689	755	
Flu Vaccinations Elementary School	Family Planning Visits	Client kept immunization visits	
Environmental Health			
1,297	599	1,742	
Total Food Inspections	Animal Bite Investigations	Total Building Permit Reviews	
Family Health			
3,126	4,055	718	890
Dental Clinic Visits	WIC Clients Seen Monthly (Avg)	MCHP Applications	Family Home Visits

### Highlights:

- 35,571 Medicaid transport rides
- 14,283 Total behavioral health services provided
- 1,742 total building permit reviews
- 4,055 WIC clients seen monthly (avg.)



# Program Highlights: Care Coordination

## HUD Grant: Healthy, Happy Homes

- **Eligibility**
  - Homeowner
  - At Least 62 years of age
  - Low-income Harford County resident
- **Home Modifications May Include**
  - Temporary ramp
  - Shower chairs
  - Handheld shower head
  - Raised toilet seat
  - Risers for chairs & sofas
  - Non-slip strips



## HEALTHY, HAPPY HOMES

A program to help seniors age comfortably in their own homes.

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### About The Program

The senior population is an important part of the Harford County community, and they deserve to be provided with care and comfort to lead healthy lives.

To help seniors age in place, this grant program will provide minor to moderate home modifications that promote aging in place, reduce fall risk and decrease the housing cost burden.

Call 410-877-1031, or email [kimberly.proutt@maryland.gov](mailto:kimberly.proutt@maryland.gov) for more information!



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# Program Highlights: Family Health

## Our Community/ Nuestra Comunidad Pilot Program

- **Uninsured and no other options**
  - Care Coordination
  - Dental
  - Behavioral
  - Pediatric Primary Care



### Our Community/ Nuestra Comunidad Pilot Program

Uninsured with no other options? We can help!

1 N. Main St. Bel Air, MD 21014

410-638-3060

- **Care Coordination Services**
  - Assists with determining eligibility for the program and will help link individuals to services.
- **Dental Services**
  - For uninsured children ages 1-20 and pregnant and postpartum women. Those who qualify will be referred to these services.
- **Behavioral Health Services**
  - Counseling and group sessions for all ages.
- **Pediatric Primary Care**
  - Health services for uninsured children.
  - Well check and sick visits, along with referrals to specialty care.

#### How does it work?

Interested families first meet with a care coordinator who will assess their needs and decide if they are eligible for the program or if they need to be referred to others. If eligible, the family will be enrolled and assisted with making appointments. Bilingual staff is available to help make this process easy and understandable. Services are free or low-cost.



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# Program Highlights: Clinical Health

## Bivalent COVID booster

- Now available at our Woodbridge location!
- Pfizer and Moderna available Wednesdays by appointment for ages 12 and up.
- Must be spaced out two months after last COVID booster received.
- Primary doses of Pfizer and Moderna for children 6 months-4 years and boosters for 5-11 years on Fridays by appointment.

# Let's Get VACCINATED

The updated Bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster is available at the Harford County Health Department on Wednesdays from 9am-3pm!

Call  
410-612-1779  
to make an  
appointment



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# Program Highlights: Behavioral Health

## Rise of Mental Health Need in Youth

- The Behavioral health unit is in the process of hiring a youth and adolescent counselor and/or Spanish-speaking counselor to help meet the growing needs of mental health support in the county.

We had a successful 2022 Recovery Month. Special thanks to all of our community partners!



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# Program Highlights: Environmental Health

## Bay Restoration Fund

- During FY22 the Bureau of Environmental Health **utilized over \$535,000 in grant money from the Bay Restoration Fund to financially assist Harford County residents** with the repair of their failing septic systems.
- The FY22 completed projects consisted of **32 onsite septic repairs and 1 public sewer connection.**
- This is the third fiscal year in a row where the **health department has been approved for over \$500,000 in grant money** for septic system repair.






# Program Highlights: Administration

## Vital Records open to walk-ins

- The Harford County Health Department is open for walk-ins from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Monday – Friday
- Must apply in person
- Can visit harfordcountyhealth.com for the applications

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Charge \_\_\_\_\_



**Harford County Health Department**  
120 S. Hays Street  
P.O. Box 797  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014-0797

FOR ISSUING OFFICE ONLY

Photo ID     Mailed

File Number \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 A.M. AND 4 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF MARYLAND BIRTH RECORD**  
**WE DO NOT ACCEPT MAIL-IN APPLICATIONS**  
Certified Birth Certificate Fee (non-refundable)  
\$25.00 Cash or Credit Card  
Military Service (Veterans and Active Service Only) – No charge with DD214 or Military I.D.

PLEASE PRINT Request Date: mo. \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name at Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Age at Last Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: **STATE OF MARYLAND ONLY** City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_

Full **Maiden (Birth)** Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Person on the Certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e., self, parent or legal guardian)

PHOTO ID REQUIRED: The individual requesting the record should present a VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID with completed application. (Examples: state issued driver's license or non-driver photo ID with requestor's current address; passport.) If you do not have a government-issued photo ID, read and sign the following statement: I declare that I do not have a government-issued photo ID and that I am presenting the attached two documents that include my name and current address as proof of identification. (Note: These documents must include two of the following: Utility bill, car registration form, pay stub, bank statement, copy of income tax return/W-2 form, letter from a government agency requesting a vital record, or lease/rental agreement. Please submit photocopies since these documents will not be returned to you. If you do not have a government-issued photo ID, the certificate(s) will be mailed to the address listed on the documents that you present.)

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN FULL. (TOP & BOTTOM)!**  
PLEASE INDICATE IN THE BOX BELOW NUMBER OF CERTIFIED COPIES REQUESTED.  
[    ]

Applicant's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Any person who willfully uses or attempts to use the requested certificate(s) for fraudulent or deceptive purposes is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 in accordance with Maryland Health General Article, Annotated Code, Section 4-221.



# Program Highlights: Population Health



## Community Health Event

**WE WILL HAVE:**  
HEALTH SCREENINGS  
HEALTHY SNACKS  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
AND MORE!



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Sunday, October 23rd  
will be located at the Mary Risteau  
Courthouse parking lot.  
2 S. Bond Street, Bel Air, MD 21014.  
12:00pm - 4:00pm

Come to our Community Health  
Event and receive information  
on all services available thru  
the Health Department and  
various organizations within  
our community.

Get Free  
Screenings from  
HEALTHLINK

Blood pressure  
Diabetes Risk Assessment  
A1C Testing



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UPPER CHESAPEAKE HEALTH

**SAVE MART**  
INTERNATIONAL FOOD

For more information:  
Alejandra Huezo 443-752-4027  
alejandra.huezo@maryland.gov

## CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

We invite you to attend our "Youth Symposium"




### I·YOU·WE MATTER

#### SLUMBER PARTY SYMPOSIUM


Free to all young ladies in Harford county!

DATE, TIME & PLACE	ACTIVITIES	DISCUSSION TOPICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, November 18th</li> <li>6:30PM-12:00AM</li> <li>Aberdeen EpiCenter (21 Aberdeen Shopping Plaza Aberdeen, MD 21001)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snacks and Chic-fil-A dinner will be provided</li> <li>Pajama fashion show</li> <li>Vision boards</li> <li>FREE robe, swag bags, hygiene kits, and much MORE!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benefits of self care</li> <li>Cyber bullying/Social media etiquette</li> <li>Mental Health topics: Depression &amp; anxiety and cultural competencies</li> </ul>

Guest Facilitator  
Arif A. Vega, MD, PhD, MBA  
Chief D.E.I. Officer of Programs  
& Cultural Competencies  
Minority Health and Health  
Disparities  
Maryland Department of  
Health (MDH)

Special Guest  
Taylor Williams . MED  
Miss Maryland  
International 2022

Please scan to register

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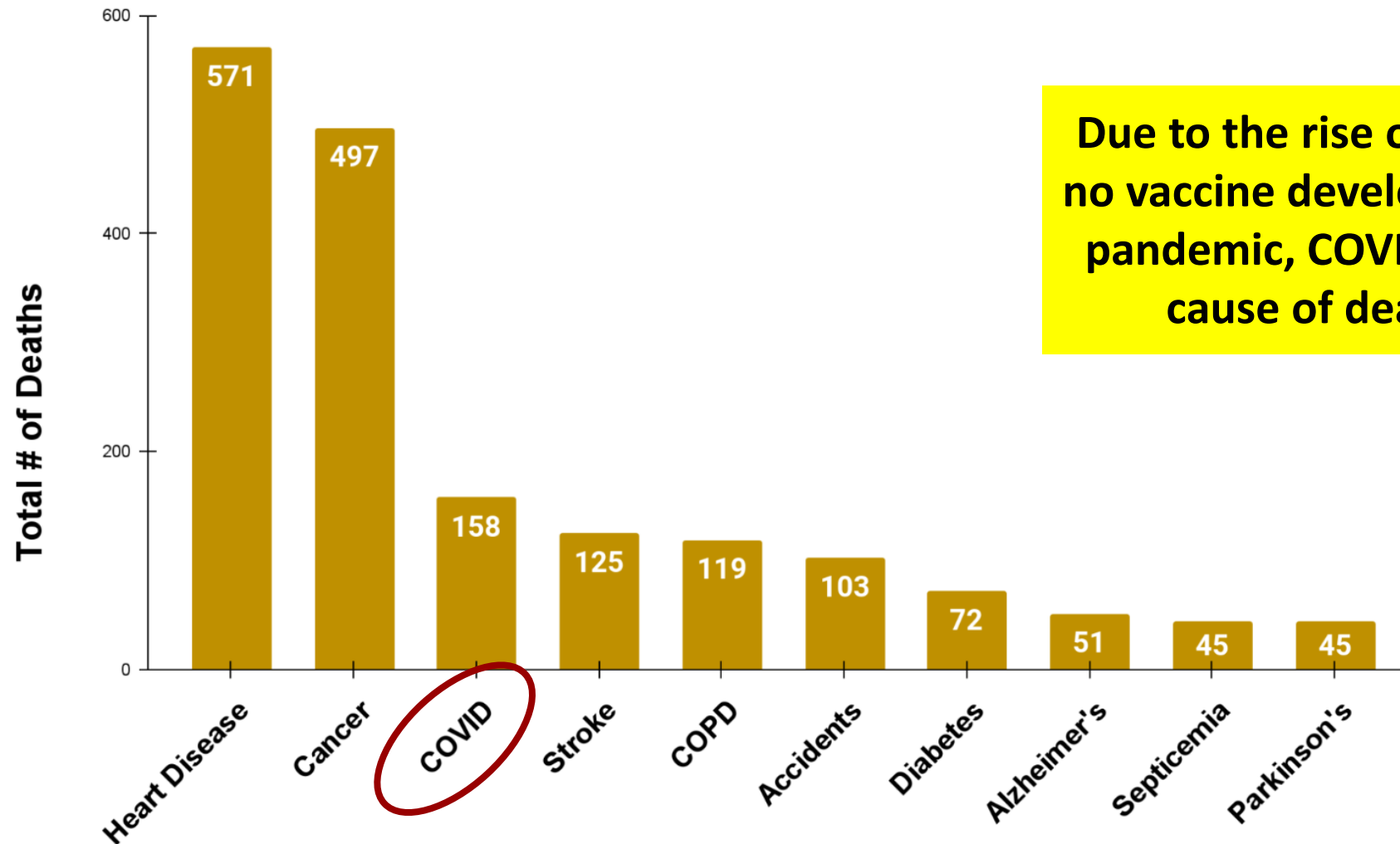
# Harford County Local Health Improvement Coalition

## Top Health Priorities for the Harford County Health Department Local Health Improvement Coalition (established in 2017 and reconfirmed in 2021).

- Behavioral Health (Mental Health/Substance Use).
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness.
- Family Stability and Wellness.



# Top Causes of Mortality

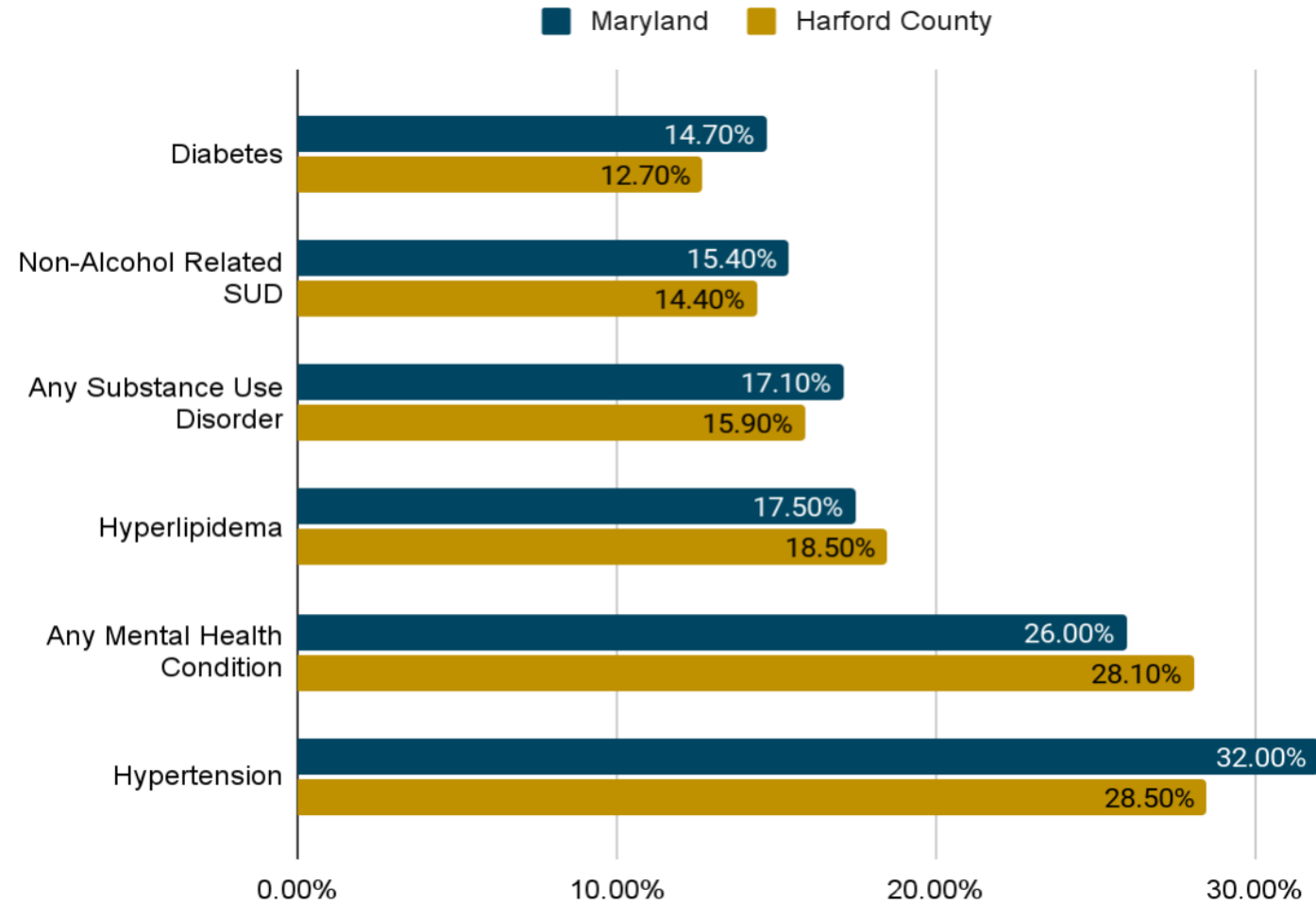


Due to the rise of COVID cases in 2020 and no vaccine development at that stage in the pandemic, COVID became the 3rd leading cause of death in Harford County.



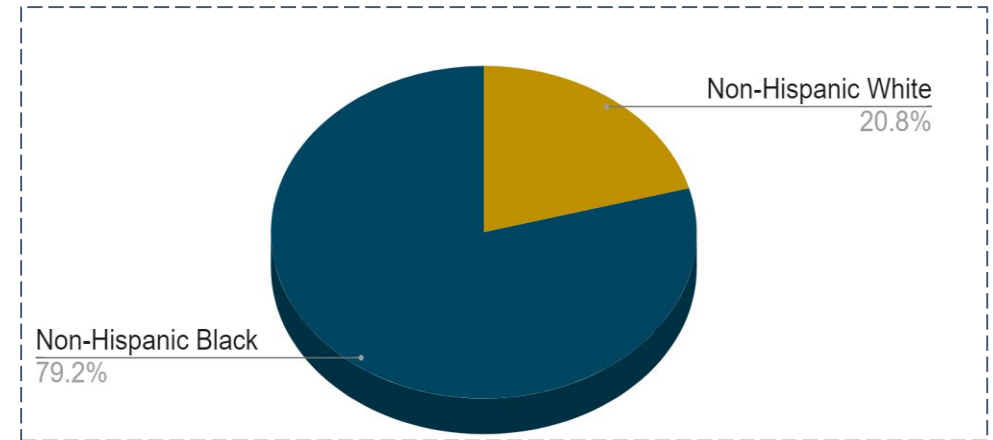
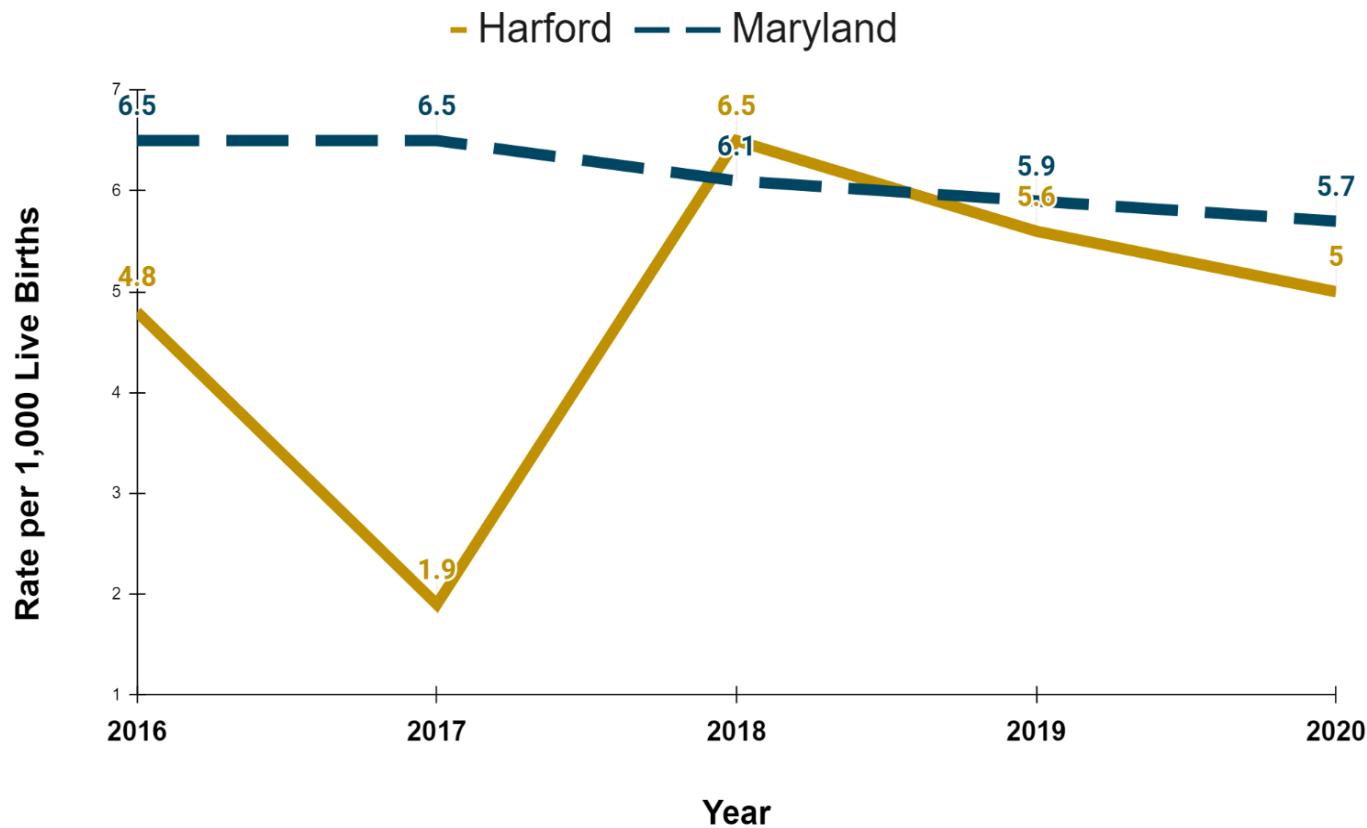
# Leading Chronic Conditions

The 2021 chronic conditions resulting in the most ED visits in Harford County are Hypertension, Mental Health Conditions, and Hyperlipidemia.



# Infant Mortality

## Harford County and Maryland Infant Mortality Rate, 2016-2020



**Black women have higher rates of infant mortality each year. In 2020, 79.2% of infant mortality cases were Non-Hispanic Black women, and only 20.8% were Non-Hispanic White women.**



# Annual LHIC Meeting

2022 LHIC  
Annual Meeting



11.15.22 | 8:00-11:30AM

Harford Community College  
Chesapeake Center

Breakfast will be provided by the  
Harford County Health Department.

We hope to see you there!

RSVP by November 1st here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022LHIC>

- The 2022 Annual LHIC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center.
- We hope the Board of Health will join us!



# Partnerships: Drive-Thru Flu Clinic

Harford County Health Department, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, and Maryland Department of Transportation are partnering together to provide a FREE drive-thru flu vaccination clinic.



**FREE Drive-Thru Flu Vaccination Clinic**  
Sunday, October 30 from 9 am to 1 pm



- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the VEIP station in Forest Hill.
- Must be 6 months and older. High-dose vaccines available for people over 65 years.
- No appointments are necessary and no need to park or exit your car.
- Everyone who gets a flu vaccine will receive a free COVID test kit.







**The Harford County Health  
Department welcomes new Deputy  
Health Officer Physician,  
Dr. Jamie Sibel!**

*Thank you!*

410-838-1500

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