



## Bayard Rustin PTA Meeting

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## October 5 Agenda

- PTA Business (6:30-7 p.m.)
  - Welcome
  - Approval of Minutes
  - Upcoming Events & News
  - Membership Report
  - Treasurer Report
  - Advocacy Report
  - Principal Report
- COVID-19 & Tick Safety (7-8 p.m.)
  - Dr. Stephanie Hart
  - Gabriela Wijegunawardena
- Adjourn (8 p.m.)



# Secretary Report

Julia Elam



# Meeting Minutes

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## Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA Membership Meeting

September 9, 2021  
Via Zoom Teleconference

### I. Attendance

Attendance as captured from names provided by attendees in the Zoom session.

Abhllash Venugopalan	Becky Chou	Emily Lincoln	iPhone	Julie Heister	Mkublanowa	Ruth Steinmetz	Siddhanth Das
Adina Braun	Billy Wong	Erika Melcher	Jas Zuluaga	Kathryn West	Nancy Keller	Saminda Wijegunawardena	SL
Aesah Lew	Calandra Moore	ESM Phone	Jennifler Jackson	Kirsten	Natalie	Sandra	Somas mom
Alexa Nguyen	Candice Nero	Farheen Hussain	Jen Strohm	Leydi Fig	Nicole Retterer	Sarah Getty	Tania
Alissa	Chau Nguyen	G	Jess	Liz Coppolecchia	Paula Tully	Sarah Yeh	Weirong Zhu
Alyse MacDonald	Chris & Kate Petros	Gena's iPhone	Joanna Wang	Louisa Kujurgjis	Piacy3	SC	Yee San Su
Amanda Innes	Christine Richards	Gideon	Jonah	Manda Kumar	Priyanka S.	Seth Hem	yixinghan
Andria Apo	Craig Pettinati	Giovanna Rondon	Josh Schnell	Mary-Hwang	Rebecca Robins	Shalin Narula	Zack
Ase	Danielle Snowflack	Gita S	Julia Elam	Melissa Goldberg	Romao Varela	Shannon Weaver	301-phone number
Ayaan	Edward Hudgins	Grace Adjokou	Julia Jackson	Mindy Chong	Ronna Popkins	Sherri Stevens	301-phone number

### II. Call to Order/Welcom – PTA President, Jennifer Strohm

- a. Called to order at 6:31pm

### III. Reports of Officers

#### a. President's Report– President, Jennifer Strohm

- i. BRES PTA Mission & Board Introduction
- ii. 2021-2022 PTA highlights include supporting academic need; advocates for important issues; and
- iii. 2021-2022 Advocacy for Issues
  - Purchased seating and portable tents for events and special needs
  - Preventing outbreak and minimizing disruptions- Plan is on our website.
  - We would like to see more shade on our playground and work with MCPS
  - Diversity, equity, inclusion-and closing the achievement gap

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- Wellness- Annual fun run and fitness Fridays
- iv. 2021-2022 Community engagement (Posted on PTA website and Facebook page)
  - Back to school picnic on 9/10
  - Afterschool enrichment programs- Mad Science, dance etc.
  - Rock Creek Church
  - Teacher Appreciation
  - Kindergarten orientation
  - Beard Rustin Day
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion

#### v. Accomplishments- Increasing connections

- Grade Meetups
- Launch new spirit wear

#### vi. Upcoming Events

- Hispanic Heritage Month- Sept. 15-Oct. 15
- Kindergarten Playdate- Sept. 19
- Dine Out at Wintergreen Chipotle- Sept. 28
- Walk to School Day- Oct. 5
- Black History Month- February
- Chinese Lunar New Year - February

#### vii. Value of Being a Member

- Get and Stay connected
- Advocate
- Enhance education
- Make connections
- Partner

#### b. Membership Report- Mindy

- i. There are 124 members to date. Those includes 52 family memberships, 43 individual memberships and 29 teachers/staff.
- ii. Goals

#### c. Treasurer's Report [As of 8/31/2021] – Weirong Zhu

- i. Weirong Zhu presented the Treasurer Report for the Annual Budget Approval.

	2021-2022	Proposed Annual Budget
BALANCE ON HAND beginning	15,800	15,800
Contributions	2,400	2,400
Donations	1,100	1,100
Other Income	21	21
Expenses	(2,224)	(2,224)
Balance on hand ending	17,097	17,097
Other Income	1,100	1,100
Total Available	18,197	18,197
Expenses	(18,197)	(18,197)
Balance on hand ending	0	0

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- ii. Paula Tully made a motion to approve the budget. Ruth Steinmetz seconded the motion.
- iii. 30 hands were raised supporting the budget. The budget was approved.

#### IV. Special Election

- a. There was a special election for the Treasurer position.
- b. A motion was made in support of Ronna Popkin. The motion was seconded. There were 31 votes in support of Ronna Popkin for Treasurer and she was approved.

#### V. Presentation Getting Involved, Calandra Moore, Delegate

- a. MCPTA- has a board comprised of delegates from each school in the county. She and Chau serve as delegates for BRES.
- b. They look at common concerns across the county. NAACP PC- serving as cluster representative.

#### VI. Principal's Update

- a. Kathryn West discussed Trending Topics including updated quarantine guidance; Rapid testing for in schools; Random Weekly COVID Testing and that it is currently Opt-in.
- b. She also reviewed an example of a draft Individual Student Quarantine Schedule.

#### VII. Overview of Benchmark Reading Curriculum

Candice Nero, Reading Specialist presented on the Benchmark Reading Curriculum. The main focus for the next few weeks is on a successful climate in the classroom. Some grade levels will not see homework until they begin Unit 1. The progress report will not have a reading or writing grade because they are not graded during the Foundations and Routines portion.

#### VIII. Eureka Math

Sherri Stevens, Staff Development Teacher, presented on Eureka Math. 57% of elementary teachers use the curriculum. It contains fluency, application problem, concept development & problem set, and debrief and exit card. Parent Tip Sheets are available on greatminds.org and parents can register on the website.

#### IX. Meeting Closing

- a. Next PTA Meeting is October 5
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

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## Upcoming Events

[www.brespta.org/calendar](http://www.brespta.org/calendar)



- **Walk to School Day-** Tomorrow! Oct. 6 8:45-9:15 a.m.
- **Book Fair @ BRES-** Oct. 7-15 varying hours during the day
- **Book Fair Carnival & Family Picture Night-** Oct. 14 4:30-7 p.m.
- **Dine Out Night Panera (Jefferson St.)-** Oct. 18 5-9 p.m.
- **Fall Festival @ BRES-** Oct. 29
- **Happy Halloween!** Oct. 31



# PTA News

- ★ New Volunteer Procedures
- ★ Volunteer Opportunities
- ★ Spirit Wear Store Open Online
- ★ Pre-order Distribution: Week of Oct. 11

## Volunteers Needed



Online Store Now Open!  
[brespta.org/store-1](https://brespta.org/store-1)



BRES 2021-2022 Tie-dye T-Shirt  
 \$15.00



BRES Car Magnet  
 \$5.00



BRES Original T-Shirt- Youth  
 Large Only  
 \$5.00



Youth BRES Mask  
 \$10.00



Adult BRES Mask  
 \$10.00



Rockville Rewards Card  
 \$25.00



# Membership Report

Mindy Chong

# Value of Being a Member



- **Get and stay connected**– find out what’s going on in our school and receive a parent directory
- **Advocate**– speak up on behalf of our children and the school and have your voice heard
- **Enhance education**– help fund school assemblies, field trips, and other educational opportunities
- **Make connections**– support school-wide and family events
- **Partner**– support the teachers and staff to enhance experiences and strengthen the school

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## 2021-2022 Membership Updates

**Members:** 147 members to date! (in Sept.=124)  
61 family, 52 individual, and 35 teacher/staff

**Goals:** 280 members (150 families, 100 individuals, 30 teacher/staff) ... which is about 35% of families and teachers/staff

Please join BRES PTA today if you haven't already. Membership must be renewed annually. Reach out if you would like to help with member recruitment or have any suggestions.

## Membership Report

Mindy Chong, VP Membership [membership@brespta.org](mailto:membership@brespta.org)





# Treasurer Report

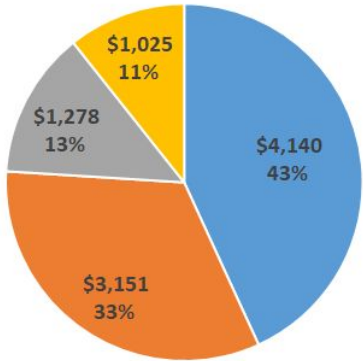
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# Treasurer Report

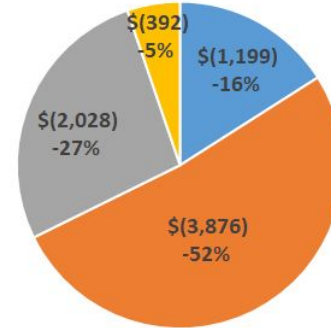
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YTD Receipts: \$9593



- Membership dues
- Fundraising
- Program generated revenue
- Donations

YTD Expenses: \$7495



- Organizational expenses
- Fundraising expenses
- PTA objectives (Program Service)
- Operating expenses



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	<u>Sep</u>	<u>YTD FY22</u>	<u>Approved Annual Budget</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND Beginning</b>	<b>18,437.3</b>	<b>\$ 15,802</b>	<b>\$ 15,972</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
4100 Membership dues	1,300.0	\$ 4,140	\$ 8,300
4200 Fundraising	2,000.0	\$ 3,151	\$ 12,200
4300 Program generated revenue	1,277.7	\$ 1,278	\$ 700
4400 Donations	1,000.0	\$ 1,025	\$ 200
4500 Grants/Rewards	-	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>5,577.7</u>	<u>\$ 9,593</u>	<u>\$ 21,400</u>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
5100s Organizational expenses	(1,123.5)	\$ (1,199)	\$ (2,575)
5200s Fundraising expenses	(3,876.4)	\$ (3,876)	\$ (3,000)
5300s PTA objectives (Program Service)	(909.6)	\$ (2,028)	\$ (20,100)
5400s Operating expenses	(205.0)	\$ (392)	\$ (1,700)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>(6,114.5)</u>	<u>\$ (7,495)</u>	<u>\$ (27,375)</u>
Net income/loss (Carryover)	<u>(536.7)</u>	<u>\$ 2,098</u>	<u>\$ (5,975)</u>
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Revenue raised at Back  
to School Picnic:  
**\$768**



# Advocacy Update

Chau Nguyen, Delegate

# Engagement Opportunities

*We Need You!*

- MCCPTA [Draft Advocacy Priorities](#)
- MCPS [Survey on Gender Equity in Sports](#)



- ★ BRES Representation Requested in MCCPTA Committees
  - ❖ COVID-19
  - ❖ Green Schools
  - ❖ Curriculum
  - ❖ Special Education
  - ❖ Gifted and Talented

Please contact [Delegate@brespta.org](mailto:Delegate@brespta.org) if interested.





# Principal Update

Kathryn West, Acting BRES Principal

# COVID-19 & Tick Safety



7-7:25 p.m. Dr. Stephanie Hart- COVID-19 & Elementary Aged Children  
7:25-7:35 p.m. Gabriela Wijegunawardena, BSN, RN- Lyme Disease/Tick Safety  
7:35-8 p.m. Questions & Answers



# COVID-19 and Children

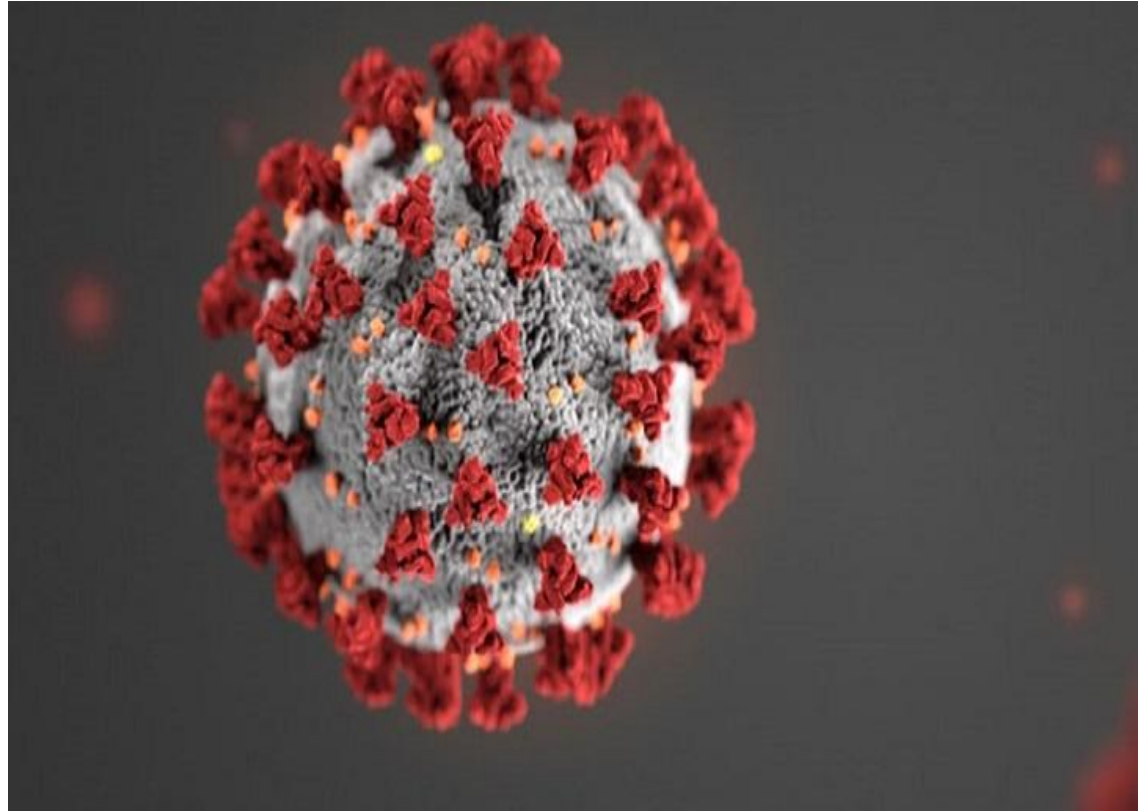
Stephanie J. Hart, M.D.



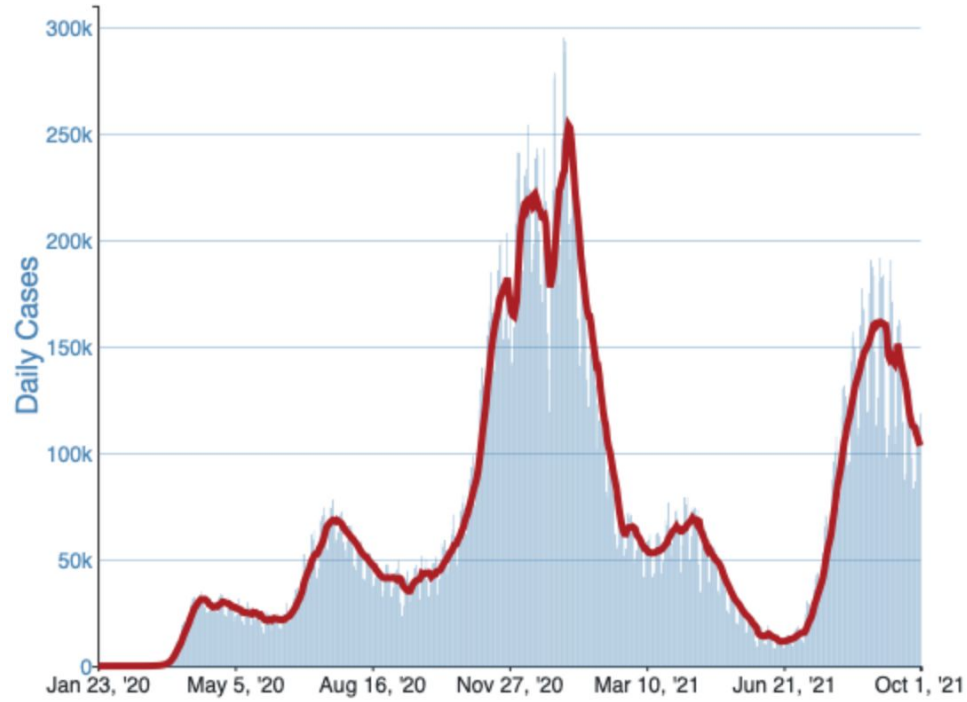
# COVID News

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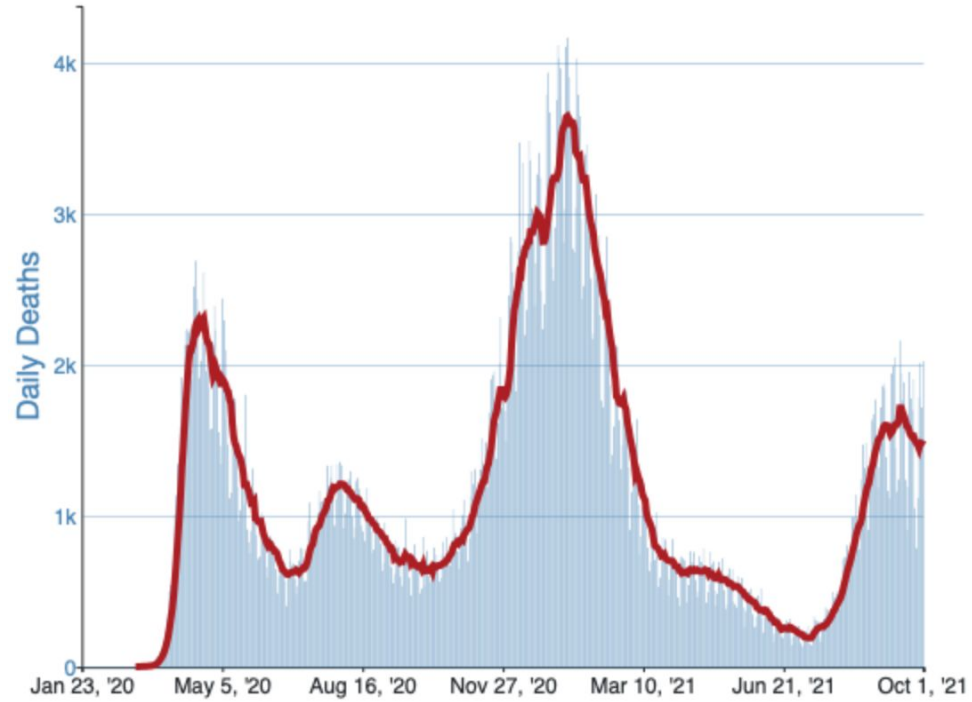


Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in The United States Reported to CDC



Pandemic Cases

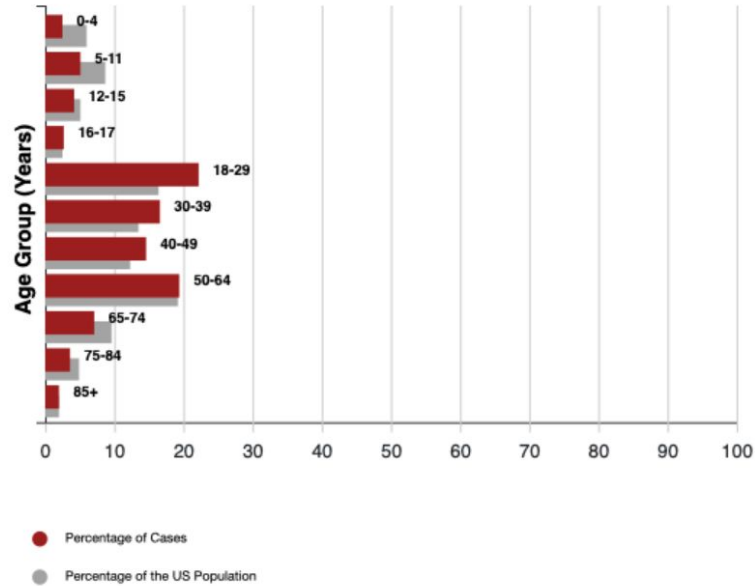
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Pandemic Deaths

## Cases by Age Group:

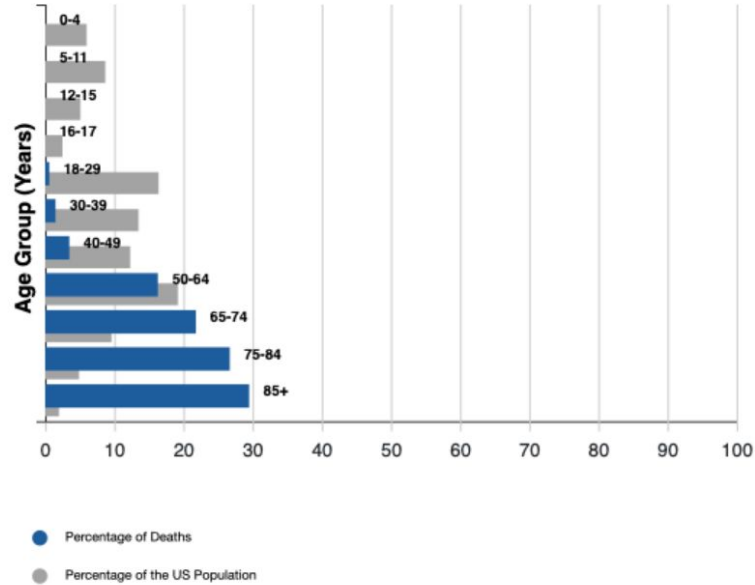
Data from 34,430,784 cases. Age group was available for 34,070,823 (98%) cases.



Show Percentage of the US Population that is in this demographic category

## Deaths by Age Group:

Data from 567,775 deaths. Age group was available for 567,704 (99%) deaths.



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# COVID Numbers:

US: 43.5 Million Cases

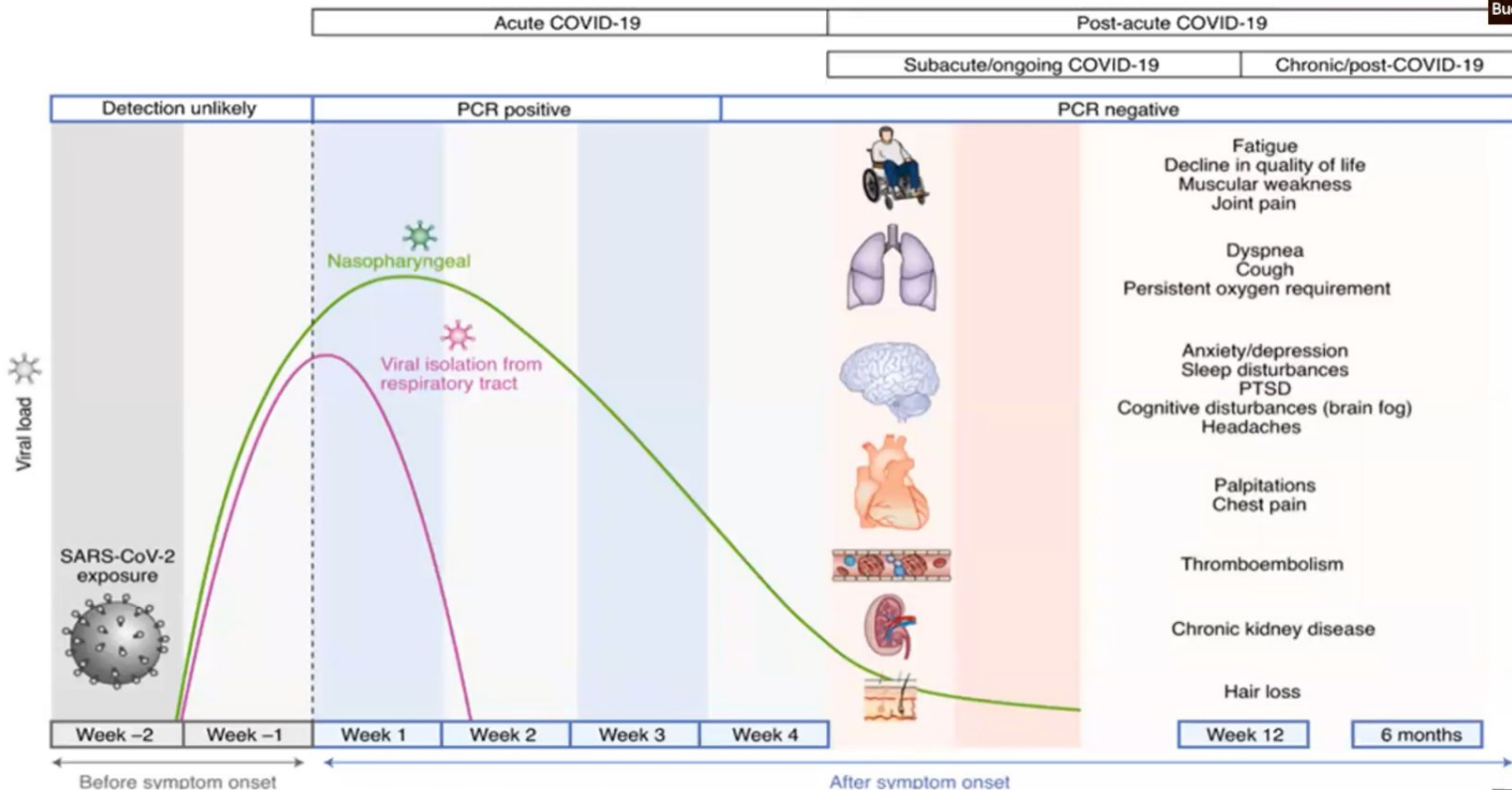
700,000 Deaths

Children: 637 Deaths (**0%**)

MIS-C: 4661 Cases

41 Deaths

# What about "Long-COVID"?





## **PANDEMIC PROBLEMS:**

Obesity

Diabetes

Depression

Anxiety

Suicide

Homicide

Child Abuse

Myopia



# RETURN TO SCHOOL IS MITIGATING THESE



# VACCINES FOR CHILDREN:





## OTHER WAYS TO STOP SPREAD:

Masks

Social Distance

Ventilation

Smaller gatherings

Outside Activities

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# THE FUTURE



**END OF THE  
PANDEMIC**

# Tick Safety

Gabriela Wijegunawardena  
October 2021

# Background

- Lyme Disease patient
- 20 years in nursing
- Public Health Nurse





# The Facts

- Lyme is fastest growing vector-borne disease in U.S., but still underreported
- Nearly 500,000 new cases/year of Lyme (per CDC)
- 250,000 cases from other tick-borne diseases (per CDC)
- 20% treated for Lyme have persistent illness
- Prevention is key!
- 15% increase in ticks 2021
- Maryland is “high incidence state”
- Estimated 8K cases in 2019
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever & Ehrlichia behind Lyme as top tick diseases
- Dogs are good indicators / tested more often than humans
- 1/20 dogs tested had Lyme in MD in 2020



# Tick Habitats

- Ticks are not only in the woods!
- Ticks are found at a high rate in:
  - Parks
  - Playgrounds
  - School campuses
  - Your own backyard
- Ticks like cool / dark places
  - Tall grass, grassy coastal areas, and (small numbers in) short grass
  - Shrubs and bushes
  - Stone walls and wood piles
  - Leaf litter





# Prevention

- Repellent
  - Must have EPA-approved / 20% or more of active ingredient
  - Oils do not repel ticks!
  - Picardin is good for clothes/skin
  - Permethrin is good for clothes only
- When going outdoors:
  - Spray clothes, shoes, and socks with Permethrin (effective for multi-washes)
  - Use Picardin on exposed skin
  - Tuck pants into socks
  - Stay on path (while hiking)
  - Avoid tall grass, leaf debris, sitting on logs/rocks, and grassy coastal areas
  - Do not lie down in grass without a blanket!



# Prevention

- When returning home
  - Carefully remove clothing immediately
  - Throw clothes into dryer for 20+ mins on high heat
  - Take a shower immediately
  - Do a tick check
    - Ears
    - Behind knees
    - Armpits
    - Hairline
    - Belly button
- Check/treat your pets regularly
- Treat your yard
  - Ticks found wherever wild animals go
    - Deer
    - Squirrels
    - Rats
    - Mice
    - Birds

# If Bitten..

- Pull out with fine-tipped tweezers in straight motion (don't break off head)
  - Grab right at point of insertion
  - Proper removal minimizes disease risk
  - Not every case will present with a rash
- Save tick in a Ziploc bag -> testing
  - Ticknology - <https://www.ticknology.org/>
  - Ticknetics - <https://ticknetics.com/>
  - Will test for type of tick and tick-borne diseases
- See a Lyme-literate MD (LLMD)
  - <https://www.lymedisease.org/find-lyme-literate-doctors/>
  - Antibiotic treatment recommended if bitten by a black-legged tick





## Next PTA Meeting

Tuesday, November 2  
6:30 p.m.

Featuring:

Ms. Tracy R Jeffcott and internet safety including the digital citizenship curriculum as well as resources available to parents in the virtual media center

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