



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

February 19, 2021



Agenda



- Opening Remarks
- Deputy Secretary Update
- COVID-19 Regional Update
- Questions

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- The DDA is committed to transparency with all of our stakeholders to ensure we are all working with the same information to support our shared missions
- Thank you for your continued support in joining me during these webcast so that we can stay in-touch and be able to provide you with the most current information

Deputy Secretary's Update



Director of Fiscal Services and Operations

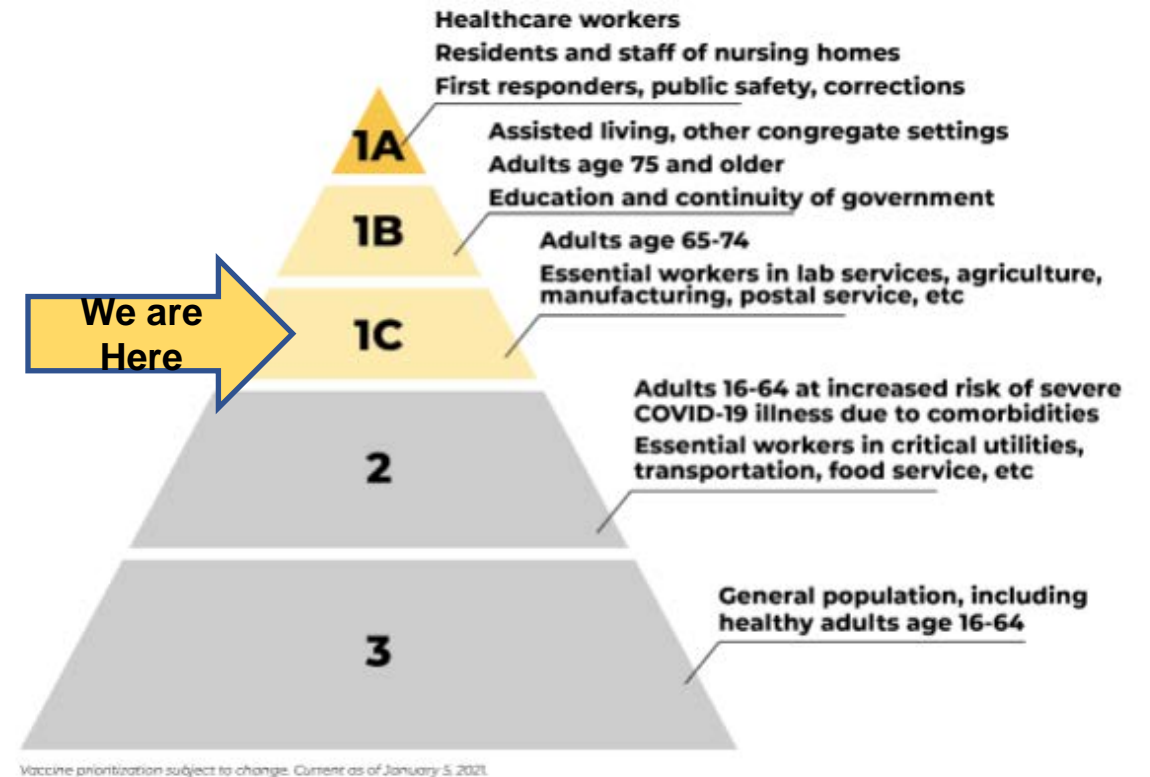
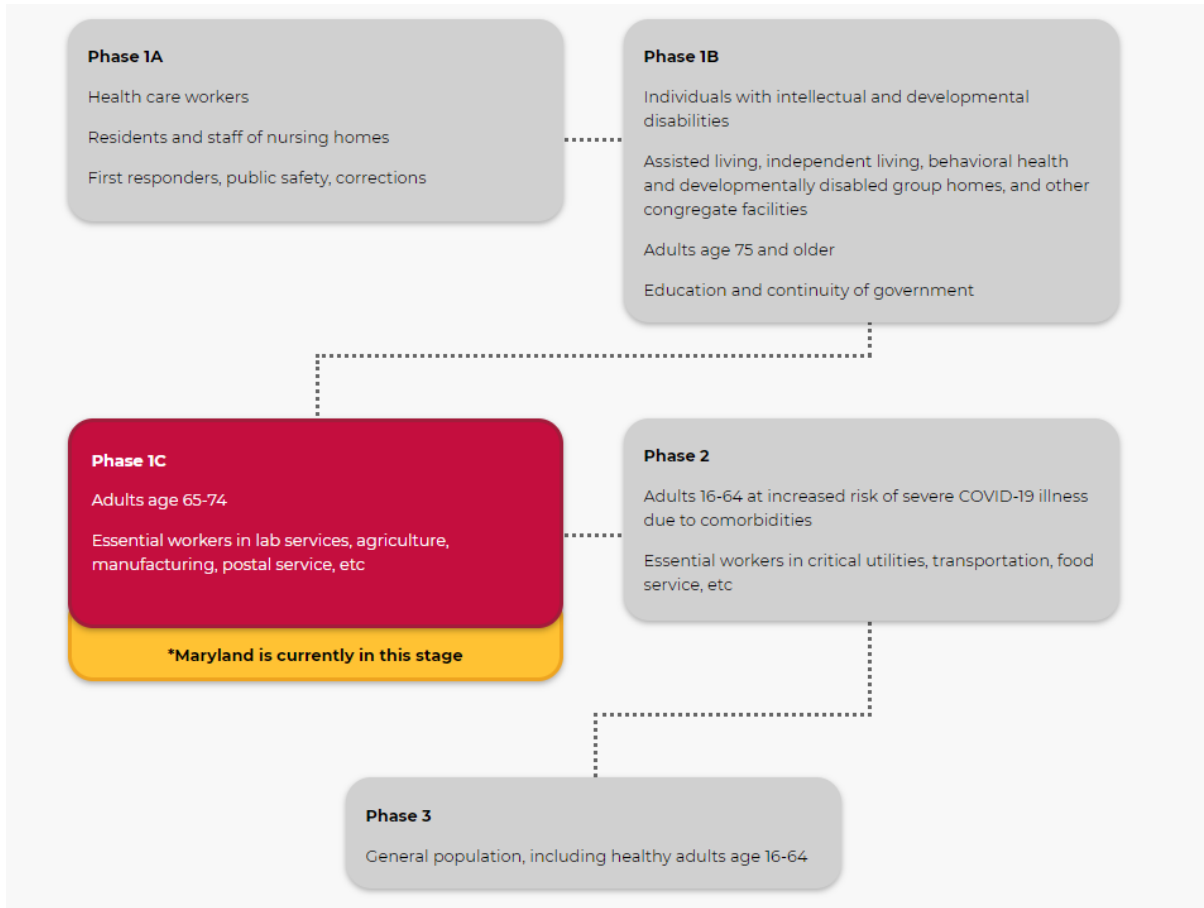
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Robert White is an innovative and results-oriented healthcare executive with more than 20 years of progressive management and leadership experience in operations, supply chain, and finance, including service in the United States Navy. A truncated list of his expertise includes service line management, organizational structure, quality improvement, and Lean Six Sigma

Deputy Secretary's Update

- The State's next mass vaccination site will open at **M&T Bank Stadium** on Thursday, February 25. To receive updates on appointments for mass vaccination sites, text 'MdReady' to 898-211
- More than 200 providers are now listed on covidvax.maryland.gov, where you can search to find a vaccination clinic near you, or call 211 for assistance. Vaccinations are by appointment only, and some providers may allow you to pre-register

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MDH has asked that each Health Department begin to vaccinate:

- At least one independent living facility/community a week, in partnership with its local area agency on aging; and
- At least one congregate living facility for people with disabilities (IDD or BH) or a DDA funded provider which serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) a week
- We ask that local health departments partner with the Maryland Departments of Aging and Disabilities in order to coordinate the distribution of vaccines

Reference: [MDH Notice - Bulletin COVID 19 Vaccine Distribution Updates \(Week 10\) – February 16,2021](#)

Deputy Secretary's Update

- The Arc Prince George's County has been selected as a pilot to help more people with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities and their caregiver in Prince George's County access to the COVID vaccine
- They will be hosting a couple of clinics in partnership with GIANT Pharmacy starting on February 24, 2021
- There are some priority groups that they will honor first. Click this link to submit your information <https://forms.gle/cfWEADhMESXgsXTn6>

Deputy Secretary's Update

- The DDA is working with the Department's Public Health Services and Maryland Department of Disabilities to create a plan for disability specific clinics as more vaccinations become available
- We are also establishing a reporting and tracking system to monitor our progress with vaccinations in the DD Community. This mean that we will be reaching out to all DDA providers so that we can find out who is left to vaccinate and our next course of action

Deputy Secretary's Update

DDA Agency Vaccinations--Weekly Update

Please respond to the following questions by Friday of the current week. If you have difficulty filling out the form, please contact Chris Kinling at christopher.kinling@maryland.gov.

* Required

Agency Name *

Your answer

Do you have new vaccination information to share with DDA since the prior week's update? If not, please submit the form after this question. *

- Yes
 No

Has your agency held a vaccine clinic?

- Yes
 No

If you have not held a vaccine clinic, have you been contacted to schedule one?

- Yes
 No
 N/A

To get a thorough understanding of the vaccination status for the DD community:

- Providers will receive a weekly email with a short vaccination form
- Responses will be utilized to assist agencies with obtaining vaccinations for their participants
- Emails will be sent every Monday and provider responses are due by the Friday of the same week

Deputy Secretary's Update

- This week we shared guidance memos related to the Family Supports Waiver, Community Supports Waiver, and Community Pathways Waiver Amendment #3 2020 as approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services on January 19, 2021
 - [Reference: DDA Amendment #3 - 2020 Memo/Guidance](#)
- The DDA will conduct a webinar on Friday, February 26, 2021 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. to review the guidance and answer questions. Click on the link below to register
 - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2020610314813079054>

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- [Memo #1 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Waiver Eligibility** – February 16, 2021](#)
- [Memo #2 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Person Centered Plan Changes** - February 16, 2021](#)
- [Memo #3 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Virtual Supports** - February 16, 2021](#)
- [Memo #4 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Acute Care Hospital Supports** - February 16, 2021](#)
- [Memo #5 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Personal Supports** - February 16, 2021](#)
- [Memo #6 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Dedicated Hours to Support More than One Participant** - February 16, 2021](#)
- [Memo #7 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Nursing Support Services Provider Program Service Plan Update** - February 16, 2021](#)
- [Memo #8 - DDA Amendment #3 - **Coordination of Community Services – Certification** - February 16, 2021](#)

Deputy Secretary's Update

Accelerated Provider Rate Increase

- The DDA payment system operates as a prospective payment model, as mandated by statute
- The payments made to providers in January 2021 were in progress at the time of the Governor's announcement to ensure a timely receipt and included payment for services provided in July, August, and September 2020. Unlike payments made in July 2020 and October 2020, the January and April 2021 payments do not include an advance
- Rates in the legacy system will be updated to reflect the addition of the provider rate increase as of January 2021

Deputy Secretary's Update

YEAR 1			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Yr 1 Advance = 4 months	Yr 2 Advance = 3 months	Yr 1 Q1 earned	Yr 1 Q2 earned
			Take back 1 month of Q1 advance
YEAR 2			
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Yr 2 Advance = 4 months	Yr 2 Advance = 3 months	Yr 2 Q1 earned	Yr 2 Q2 earned
Yr 1 Q3 earned	Yr 1 Q4 earned		Take back 1 month of Yr 2 Q1 advance
Take back 3 months of Yr 1 Q1 advance	Take back 3 months of Yr 1 Q2 advance		

Prospective Payment Schedule

Deputy Secretary's Update

Accelerated Provider Rate Increase

- The accelerated provider rate increase of 4% has been applied to the rates in *LTSSMaryland* and were operational on January 1, 2021
- The 4% was applied to the wages for each service to maintain the integrity of the new rate methodology
- DDA will adjust the claims made since January 1, 2021 through a data patch to *LTSSMaryland*
- Contact Ron Peele, at Ronald.peele@maryland.gov if you have any questions

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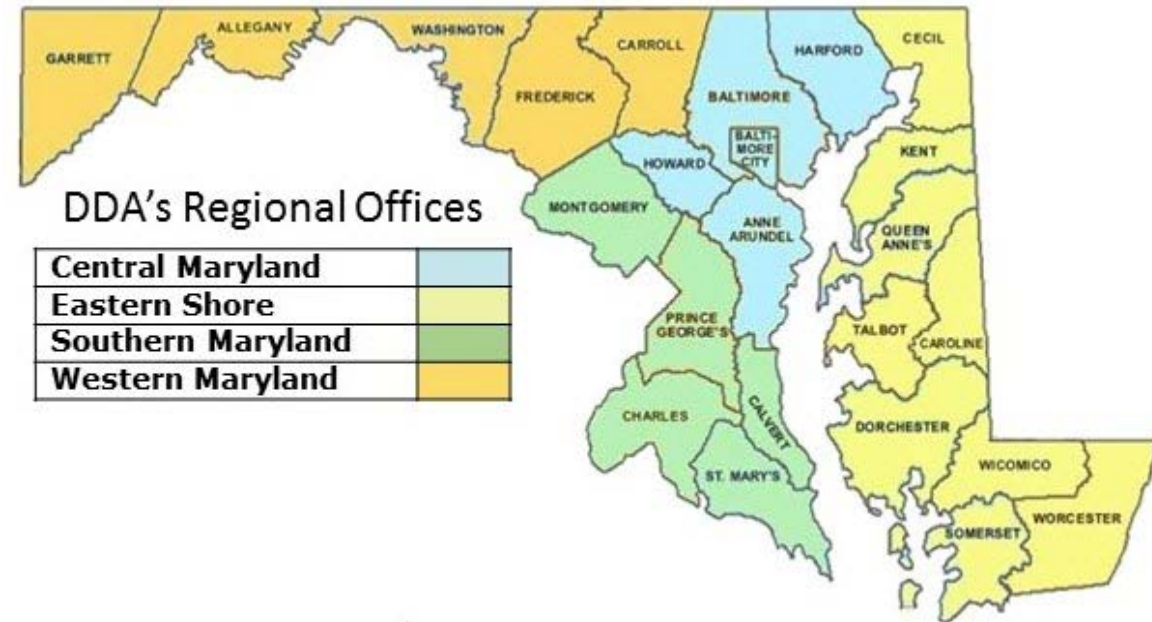
Error Update and Retainer Day Policy Guidance input:

- Extend timelines
- Provide additional clarification and guidance on the Guardrails

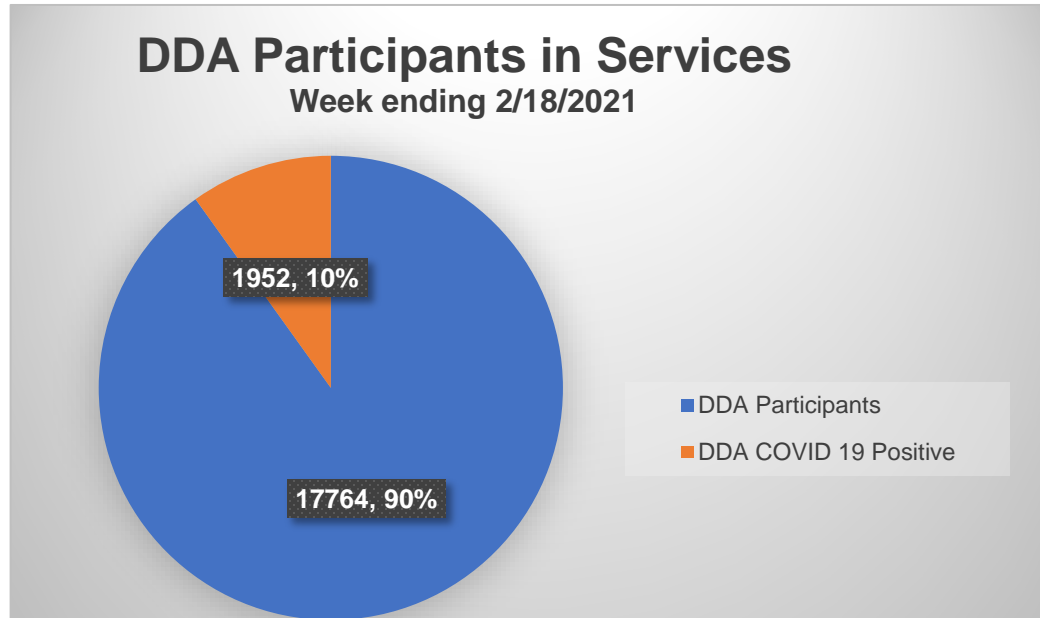
The Operations team is in the process of going through the questions from Wednesday's webinar and will provide additional information/guidance.

COVID-19 Regional Updates

- **SMRO**- Onesta Duke
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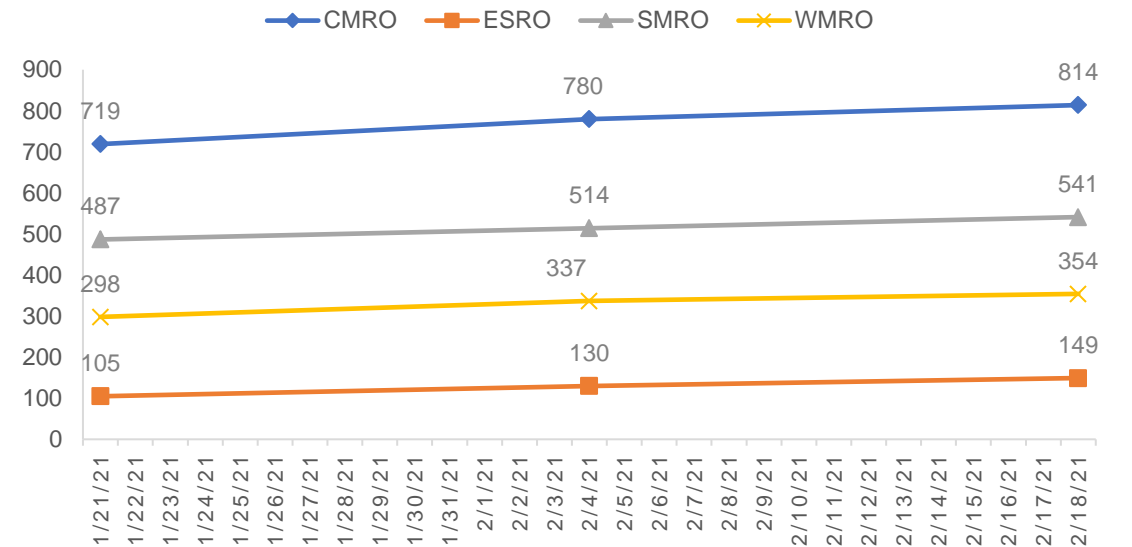


DDA Tracking



There are 17,764 people supported in services by the DDA of which 9% (1,952) have tested positive for COVID-19.

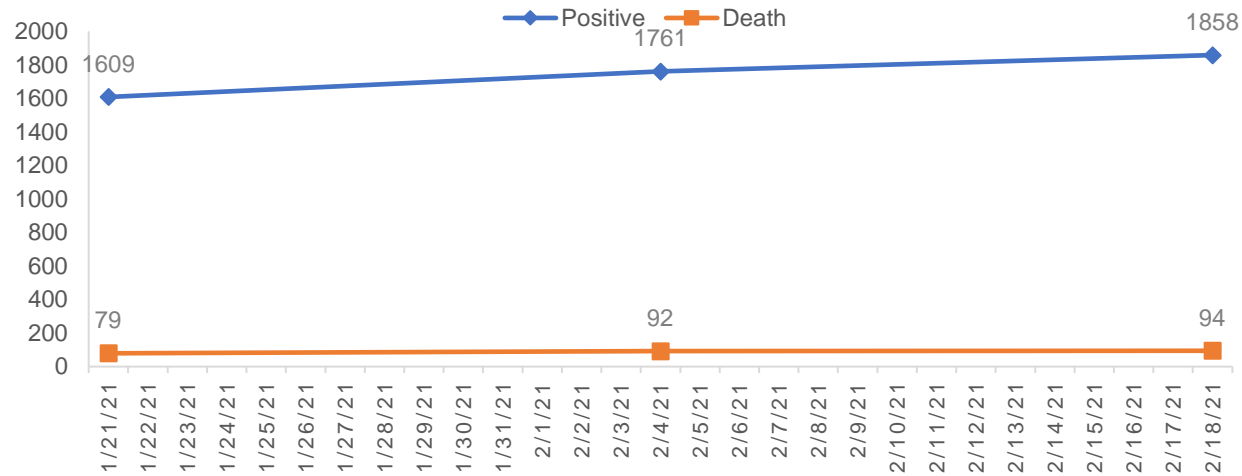
POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS BY REGION WEEK ENDING 2/18/2021



CMRO 814 Positive; Increase of 34
 ESRO 149 Positive; Increase of 19
 SMRO 541 Positive; Increase of 27
 WMRO 354 Positive; Increase of 17

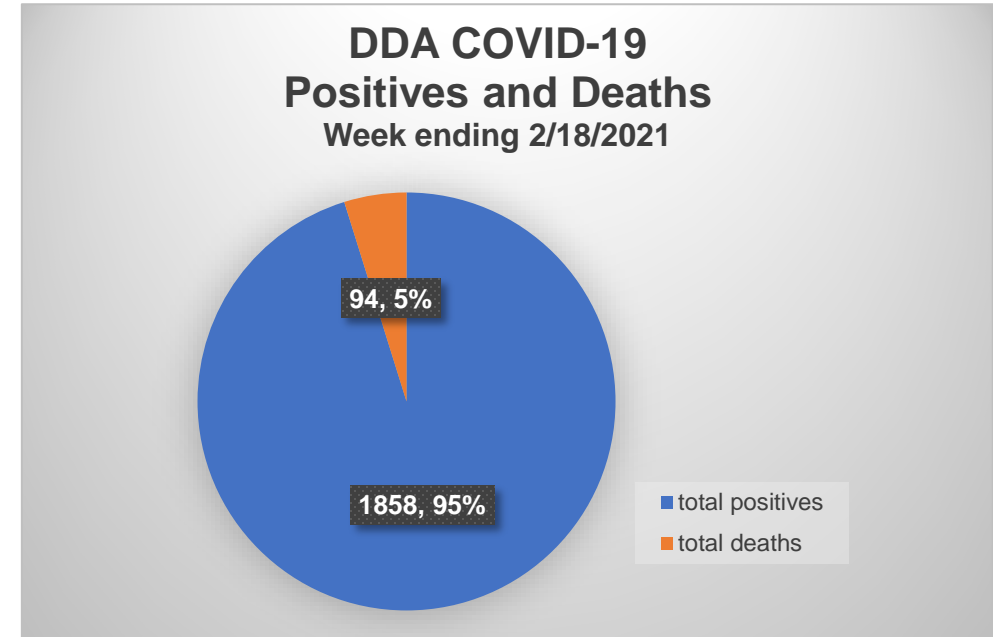
DDA Tracking

**POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS STATEWIDE
WEEK ENDING 02/18/2021**



There have been 1,858 participants reported as having tested positive for COVID-19 of which there have been 94 deaths. This is an increase of 2 from the last report

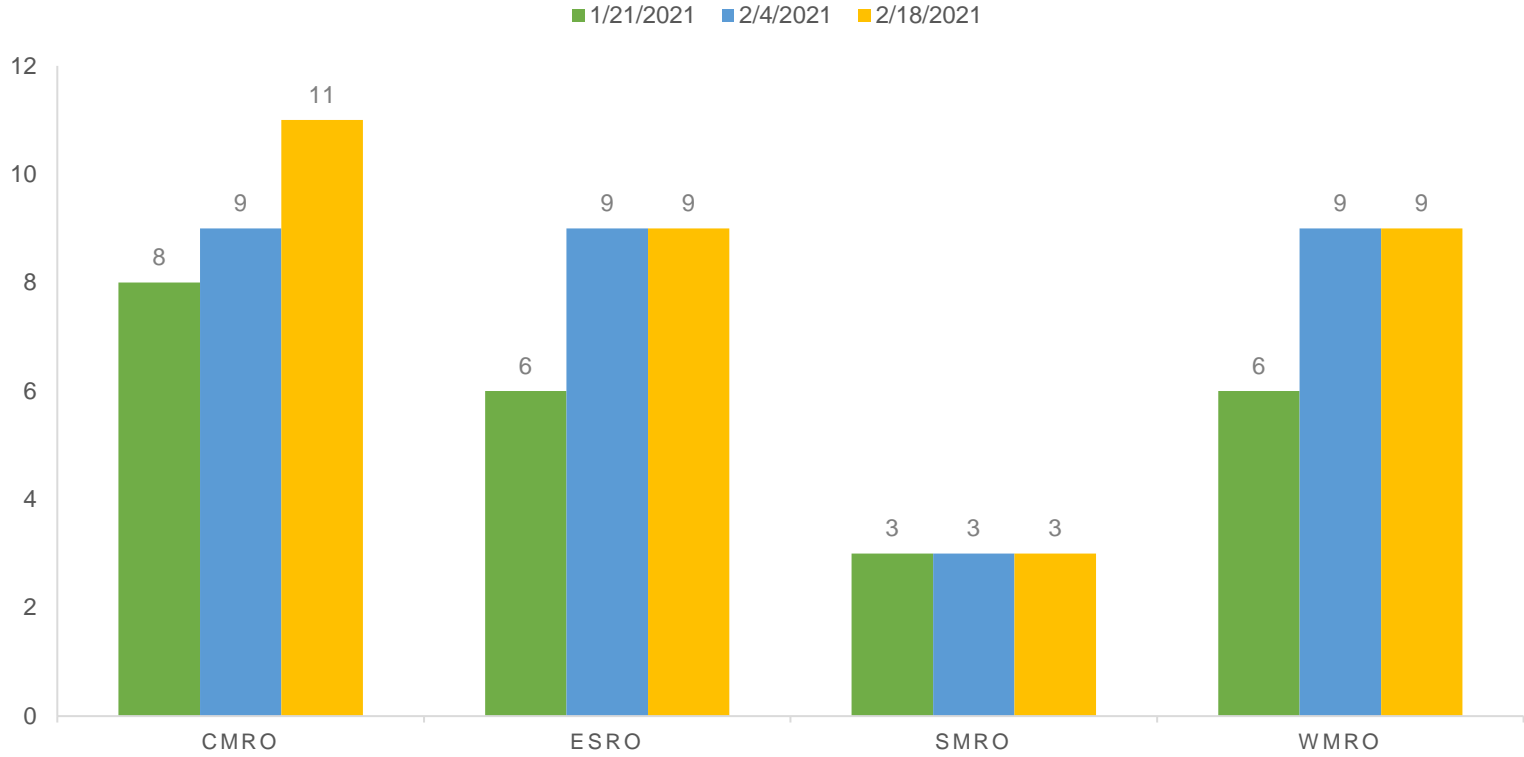
**DDA COVID-19
Positives and Deaths
Week ending 2/18/2021**



The 94 deaths represents approximately 5% of all (1,858) participants that tested positive.

DDA Tracking

PARTICIPANTS IN SELF-DIRECTION
WEEK ENDING 02/18/2021



32 COVID-19 Positive
0 Deaths



Questions



Please join us for our 2021 Webinar Series:

- March 5 and 19 at 1pm
- April 2, 16, and 30 at 1pm
- May 14 and 28 at 1pm