The letter says West Virginia received $2.1 billion in relief funds and initially allotted $300 million of that for local government. That allocation ended up being adjusted to $130 million.

In the letter, O’Malley urges local governments to continue to apply through the application process.

“"There could soon be a third stimulus package by the Congress," O’Malley noted that state and local government aid could be included in any future aid package and with the combination applications of our local governments, the state will be prepared to resume filling requests if those funds materialize.”

In October, the city of Morgantown used CARES money to buy personal protection equipment — mainly N-95 and P-100 face masks — for its first responders. O’Malley said he was waiting in line with his grandmother at the Department of Health last Friday when an elderly lady with a cane got in the line. "A lady Evans said when the gentle young soldier stepped aside, the elderly lady said she was impressed. This young kid recognized our military gave up his spot in line for someone else," Evans said. "When the gentle young soldier stepped aside, the lady said she held her cane, too. The gentle young soldier kept her company until she got in line." O’Malley said it was a "small gesture that made a big difference."
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As of many students and colleagues know, I say this often: "I've had a healthy home life, too," she said. "But, given the risks, it's our job to help them feel safe and to do this...

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A variant identified in South Africa. This variant (B.1.351) has multiple mutations that early research suggests that this variant spreads more easily and aggressively among people. The variant has been detected in many countries, including the U.S. There is no evidence that this variant might spread more easily among people and be less vulnerable to antibodies generated by previous COVID-19 infection or a COVID-19 vaccine.

There is no evidence that these COVID-19 variants cause more severe disease with COVID-19 or an increased risk of death due to COVID-19.

In addition, research that still needs to be finalized suggests that the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine was effective against the variant that first appeared in the U.K. and the variant that first appeared in South Africa. Further research is needed to keep following precautions for avoiding infection with COVID-19.