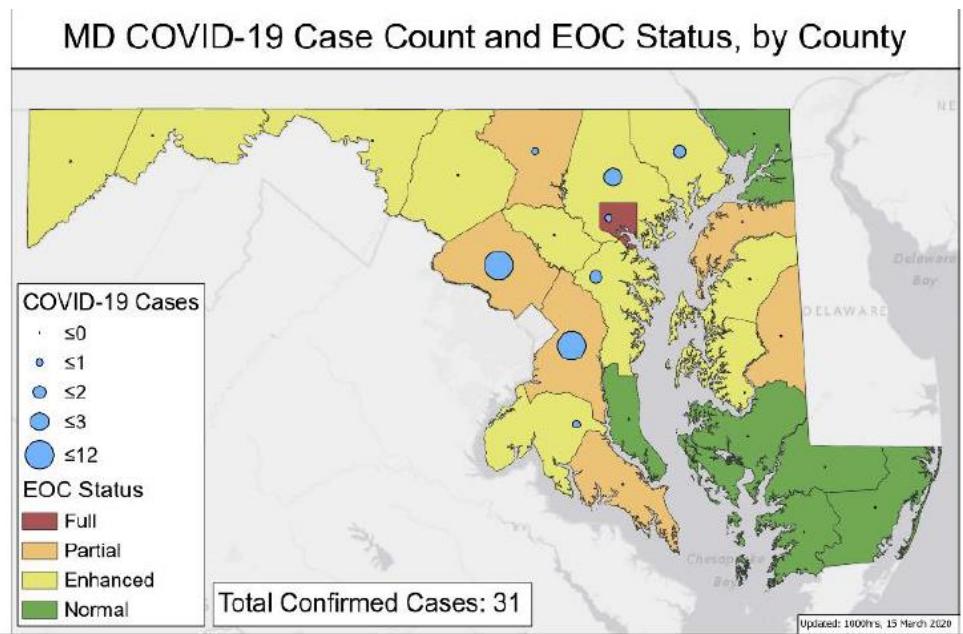


Charles County Emergency Services
Sit Rep #4

<u>SITUATION</u>	
<i>Situation Summary:</i>	<p>Global COVID-19 Infections have exceeded 100,000. COVID-19 See situation map here</p> <p>MD COVID-19 Case Count and EOC Status, by County</p>  <p>COVID-19 Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≤0 ≤1 ≤2 ≤3 ≤12 <p>EOC Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Partial Enhanced Normal <p>Total Confirmed Cases: 31</p> <p>Updated: 1000hrs, 15 March 2020</p>
<i>Websites that include the official information:</i>	<p>Printable CDC Handouts & Posters: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html</p> <p>CDC COVID-19 website for informational purposes: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</p> <p>Maryland Dept of Health Coronavirus website: https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx</p> <p>Charles County Dept of Health Coronavirus website: http://www.charlescountyhealth.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-in-the-u-s/</p> <p>Charles County Government: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/health-and-human-services/covid-19</p>
<i>Closures:</i>	<p>All closures for Charles County will be listed here: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/operating-schedule</p> <p>Multiple closures based upon Governor Protective Orders. See attached Protective Orders</p>

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COVID Confirmed cases in Charles County	1
<u>EXECUTIVE ACTIONS</u>	
EOC Activation:	<p>Enhanced Activation – Monday-Friday 0800 to 1700 – <i>Virtual on Weekends 11am Daily Conference Call/meeting with Core Planning Team</i></p> <p>MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700.</p> <p><i>Virtual on Weekends.</i></p>
State of Emergency:	<p>State of Maryland Declared on 3/5/2020</p> <p><i>County Declared 3/16/2020</i></p>
Protective Actions:	<p><i>Social Distancing programs in effect from State Recommendations. See attached Protective Actions</i></p>
County Government:	<p>Modified operations for specific facilities, athletic activities, and locations.</p> <p><i>Promoting telework for non-essential workers and some essential staff that is can telework.</i></p> <p>Closures for County Government here:</p> <p>See here for Recreations, Parks and Tourism https://www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/covid-19</p> <p>See here for Operating Status updates:</p> <p>https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/operating-schedule</p>
PIO:	County PIOs are actively coordinating with other agency PIOs and providing support to the Dept of Health.
Schools:	<p>Schools will be closed beginning Monday 3/16/2020 and will be closed through 3/27/2020.</p> <p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p> <p><i>Distributing food to students at multiple sites during the day.</i></p>
<u>HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES</u>	
Total Casualties:	None in Charles County at this time.
Shelter Operations:	Not Activated

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Recreations, Parks & Tourism:	No report requested at this time. See cancellations here: https://www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/covid-19
Department of Health:	Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management. <i>A call center hotline is established on Monday 301-609-6717. There has been significant call volume and they may extend the hours.</i> <i>See attached Partner Meeting Notes for updates</i>
Community Services:	No report requested at this time.
Lifestyles:	<i>LifeStyles is not able to operate the shelter for various reasons. The first of which staff is uncomfortable not knowing the extent of COVID-19; secondly, the need to provide two meals a day and transportation would be difficult for us; lastly, we have limited supplies to meet the needs of the participants</i>
Charles Regional Medical Center	Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management. Implemented restricted visitor policy, effective Wednesday, March 11, 2020. These changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors must check in at front desk. • All visitors will be required to wear a wristband. • No one under age 18 (except if the parent of a patient) is permitted to visit the hospital or outpatient areas, including waiting areas and common spaces. • Only 1 adult visitor allowed per patient for all areas of the hospital and outpatient facilities. • Visitors may be screened for flu-like symptoms — runny nose, fever, cough —and are not permitted to visit the hospital if symptoms are present. • Visitors with international travel may not visit for 14 days after arrival into the U.S. <i>In early planning stages of preparing a drive through collection site for COVID-19 testing.</i>
<u>OPERATIONS</u>	
Career EMS:	Signed Special Order 2020-1 for transport of infectious disease patients under investigation for COVID-19

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	<p>Working to draft an exposure control plan to be shared with Volunteer Leadership & Sheriff's Office for coordination.</p> <p><i>Working with Vendors to order PPE through the MWCOG.</i></p>
<i>HazMat:</i>	Providing logistical support to Emergency Management
<i>Law Enforcement: MSP & CCSO</i>	<p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p> <p><i>CCSO is NOT limiting services at this time.</i></p> <p><i>Correctional Divisions have a limited supply of test kits and will do their own in house testing.</i></p>
<i>Volunteer Fire:</i>	<p>Prepared to respond to any COVID-19, No additional report requested at this time.</p> <p><i>Putting together resource requests for Emergency Management through MEMA.</i></p> <p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p>
<i>Volunteer EMS:</i>	<p>Signed Special Order 2020-1 for transport of infectious disease patients under investigation for COVID-19</p> <p><i>Putting together resource requests for Emergency Management through MEMA.</i></p> <p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p>
<i>Special Operations Collapse Team:</i>	No report requested at this time.
<i>Emergency Management:</i>	<p>Actively monitoring and supporting the Health Department and Public Informational efforts.</p> <p><i>Hosting coordination meetings daily at 11am in the EOC</i></p> <p><i>Coordinating resource requests through MEMA</i></p> <p><i>Creating and Laminating screening cards for LE/Fire/EMS</i></p> <p><i>Requested and received Petty Cash on hand for emergency operations.</i></p>
<i>Animal Control/CART:</i>	<i>Animal Control (&CCSO has followed) is no longer responding to urgent care centers to interview animal bite patients for the MDH exposure and animal quarantine report. Instead, the officers are obtaining the information needed to complete the report and respond to the animal's location to place it in quarantine by telephone or after the victim leaves the urgent</i>

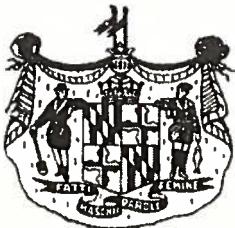
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	<i>care center. This action is greatly reducing the exposure risks of the officer from the myriad of sick people inside the urgent care center.</i>
<u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u>	
<i>Power Outages: (SMECO)</i>	None at this time
<i>County Roads:</i>	No report requested at this time.
<i>Debris Removal:</i>	Not activated
<i>Communications:</i>	Providing 9-1-1 call screening for Possible COVID-19 cases. Per the signed Special Order2020-1. Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.
<i>Utilities:</i>	Not activated
<i>PGM(DA Teams):</i>	Not activated
<i>County CIP/B&T:</i>	Not activated
<u>LOGISTICS</u>	
<u>FINANCE</u>	
	Begin tracking any response costs your agency may have now.
<u>STATE SUPPORT</u>	
	Actively coordinating with MEMA & MDH MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700. Virtual on Weekends.

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	<p>Do not have plans to go to 24 hour shifts for the duration of the 90 day planning period that has been established.</p> <p>State Coordination calls will occur every Tuesday & Thursday at 1500 hours for the duration of the event.</p>
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The State of Maryland

Executive Department

ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

CLOSING CASINOS, RACETRACKS AND SIMULCAST BETTING FACILITIES

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in five Maryland counties;

WHEREAS, To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend canceling large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings;

WHEREAS, The currently known and available scientific evidence and best practices support limitations on large gatherings and social distancing to prevent exposures and transmissions, and reduce the threat to especially vulnerable populations, including older individuals and those with chronic health conditions;

WHEREAS, To reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of the novel coronavirus in Maryland, and to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable that individuals in the state refrain from congregating; and

WHEREAS, To protect the public health, welfare, and safety, prevent the transmission of the novel coronavirus, control the spread of COVID-19, and save lives, it is necessary to control and direct the occupancy and use of casino, racetrack, and simulcast betting facility buildings and premises in Maryland, and the movement of individuals to and from such buildings and premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT

LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

I. The occupancy and use of the following buildings and premises (the "Gaming and Racing Facilities") are controlled by this Order:

- a. MGM National Harbor
- b. Live! Casino & Hotel
- c. Horseshoe Casino Baltimore
- d. Hollywood Casino Perryville
- e. Ocean Downs Casino
- f. Rocky Gap Casino Resort
- g. Laurel Park
- h. Pimlico Race Course
- i. Timonium Race Course
- j. Fair Hill Races
- k. Rosecroft Raceway
- l. Ocean Downs
- m. All simulcast betting facilities in the State, to the extent not otherwise included in the buildings and premises listed above.

II. All areas of the Gaming and Racing Facilities otherwise open to the general public for gaming, betting, wagering, and other similar activities (including, without limitation, video lottery facilities and table game areas) are hereby closed to the general public, effective 12:01 a.m. on March 16, 2020.

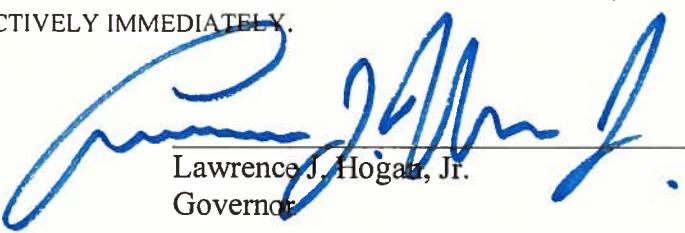
III. Each law enforcement officer of the State or a political subdivision shall execute and enforce this Order.

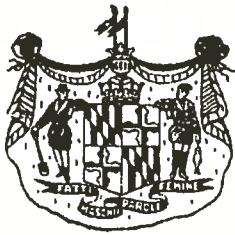
IV. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

V. This Order remains effective until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

VI. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.


Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

**ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

EXPANDING CHILD CARE ACCESS

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist;

WHEREAS, Providers of health care, emergency medical services, law enforcement, and other services may be in need of child care services for their school-age children when schools are closed;

WHEREAS, To expand capacity for child care services, it will be necessary to suspend certain State child care and local regulations;

WHEREAS, It is necessary to protect the public health, welfare, or safety to suspend the effect of statutes, rules, or regulations regarding child care; and

WHEREAS, It is further necessary to control the occupancy and use of buildings and premises, and authorize the use of private property, to provide child care and other temporary accommodations for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. The State Superintendent of Schools (the “State Superintendent”) may, upon a finding that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, suspend the effect of any or all of the provisions within the following regulations for:

- a. Operational Requirements:
 - i. COMAR 13A.15.04 (Family Child Care);
 - ii. COMAR 13A.16.04 (Child Care Centers);
 - iii. COMAR 13A.17.04 (Letters of Compliance); and
 - iv. COMAR 13A.18.04 (Large Family Child Care);
- b. Provider or Staff Requirements:
 - i. COMAR 13A.15.06 (Family Child Care);
 - ii. COMAR 13A.16.06 (Child Care Centers);
 - iii. COMAR 13A.17.06 (Letters of Compliance); and
 - iv. COMAR 13A.18.06 (Large Family Child Care); and
- c. Child Supervision:
 - i. COMAR 13A.15.08 (Family Child Care);
 - ii. COMAR 13A.16.08 (Child Care Centers);
 - iii. COMAR 13A.17.08 (Letters of Compliance); and
 - iv. COMAR 13A.18.08 (Large Family Child Care).

II. If, after suspending the effect of any or all of the provisions within the regulations described in § I, the State Superintendent determines that there continues to be insufficient availability of child care in the state, the State Superintendent may, to increase capacity, and upon a finding that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety:

- a. Further suspend the effect of any or all provisions within the following regulation subtitles:
 - i. COMAR 13A.15 (Family Child Care);
 - ii. COMAR 13A.16 (Child Care Centers);
 - iii. COMAR 13A.17 (Letters of Compliance); and
 - iv. COMAR 13A.18 (Large Family Child Care); and
- b. Issue guidelines permitting family and friend child care providers to provide care to up to five unrelated children in the provider's home.

III. To the extent necessary to allow for child care approved by the State Superintendent, and upon a finding by the unit that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, any unit of State or local government may, in consultation with the State Superintendent, suspend the effect of a statute, rule, or regulation that it administers or enforces relating to the following:

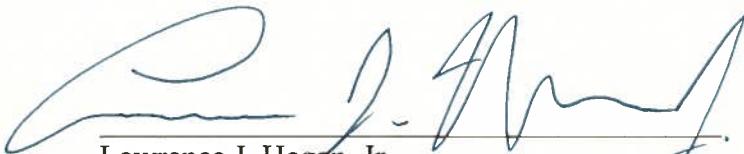
- a. Zoning, so as to waive any required permits for the use of land;

- b. Building, use, and occupancy permitting, so as to remove limits on the use of a building based on a child's age;
- c. Fire inspection; and
- d. Testing of water, sewers and sewage, drainage, sanitation, refuse disposal, or pollution on private property.

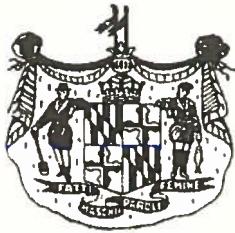
IV. This Order remains effective until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

V. The State Superintendent may suspend the effect of any other statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision to the extent necessary to provide sufficient availability for child care in the state or that is otherwise inconsistent with this Order.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

**ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

**FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ELEVATED LEVEL II OF PANDEMIC FLU
AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE POLICY
FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties;

WHEREAS, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised employers, such as the State of Maryland, to prepare for increased employee absence and alternative working arrangements (such as teleworking) in response to an outbreak of COVID-19;

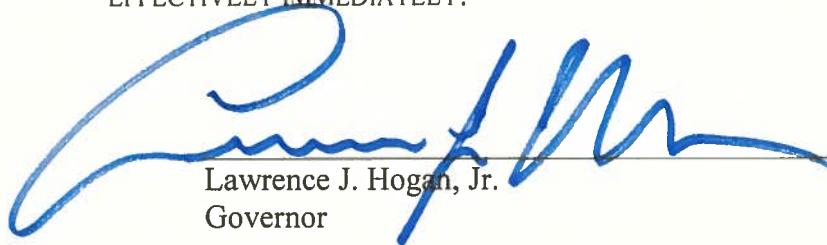
WHEREAS, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, To reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of the COVID-19 in Maryland, and to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable to implement Elevated Level II of the Pandemic Flu and Other Infectious Diseases Attendance and Leave Policy for certain Executive Branch employees of the State of Maryland;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. The Department of Budget and Management of the State of Maryland shall implement Elevated Level II of its Pandemic Flu and Other Infectious Diseases Attendance and Leave Policy, effective March 13, 2020.
- II. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

**ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

RELATING TO VARIOUS HEALTH CARE MATTERS

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist;

WHEREAS, Health care practitioners and facilities are needed to respond to the catastrophic health emergency, including for treatment, isolation, and quarantine, therefore requiring their control, regulation, use, and rationing, and other appropriate actions;

WHEREAS, To protect lives, prevent exposure to the novel coronavirus, and control the COVID-19 public health catastrophe, it is further necessary to control the occupancy and use of, and close, buildings and premises, including places of assembly such as adult day care centers;

WHEREAS, It is further necessary to authorize the use of private property, health care facilities, and alternative care sites;

WHEREAS, To respond to the catastrophic health emergency, licensing, certification, and credentialing of health care practitioners must be modified to expand the practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations of those who already hold a Maryland license and those who are licensed in other states;

WHEREAS, To expand such practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations, and protect the public health, welfare, and safety, it is necessary to suspend certain State and local statutes, rules, and regulations regarding licensing, certification, and credentialing of health care practitioners;

WHEREAS, During the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, a hospital may need to appoint to its medical staff physicians and other health care practitioners to provide services for which the health care practitioner does not have an appropriate Maryland license;

WHEREAS,

It is necessary that health care practitioners that hold licenses, certifications, or other permits issued by other states and that demonstrate the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted in Maryland to render aid during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency;

WHEREAS,

It is necessary that health care practitioners be authorized to perform acts, tasks, or functions while supervised by other health care practitioners licensed in Maryland during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency;

WHEREAS,

The State's response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency requires control, regulation, use, dispersing, and distribution of stockpiled assets;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

I. Definitions. As used in this Order, the following terms have the meaning indicated:

- a. "Health care facility" has (i) the meaning assigned in Section 19-114(d) of the Health-General Article, and (ii) also includes any other facility designated or established by the Secretary for treatment, isolation, and/or quarantine.
- b. "Health care license" means a license, certification, or other authorization under the Health-Occupations Article to provide health care services.
- c. "Health care practitioner" has the meaning assigned in Section 19-114(e) of the Health-General Article.
- d. "Health-General Article" means the Health-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- e. "Health Occupations Article" means the Health Occupations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- f. "Inactive license" means the health care license that was held by an inactive practitioner prior to being placed on inactive status.
- g. "Inactive practitioner" means a person who held a health care

license, but has been placed on inactive status.

- h. “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health of the State of Maryland.
- i. “Temporary health care licenses” means temporary licenses and temporary practice letters issued under the Health Occupations Article.

II. Establishment of Health Facilities.

- a. The Secretary is ordered to work collaboratively with health care providers throughout the State to designate and gain access to any and all facilities needed to respond to the catastrophic health emergency, including, without limitation, decommissioned hospitals; and
- b. Any property owned by the State of Maryland shall be made available to the Secretary as a place of treatment, isolation, and/or quarantine.

III. Resource Control. The Secretary is ordered to establish and implement appropriate policies and procedures for receiving, stockpiling, rationing, and distributing (a) all assets received by the State of Maryland from the Strategic National Stockpile; and (b) assets needed for COVID-19 testing.

IV. Health Care Licenses - Interstate Reciprocity

- a. Any person who holds a valid, unexpired license as a health care practitioner that is issued by another state may, at a health care facility in Maryland, engage in the activities authorized under such license without first obtaining a license or practice letter from the applicable Maryland licensing agency or board, if:
 - i. doing so is necessary to allow the health care facility to meet required staffing ratios or otherwise ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services; and
 - ii. if the Health Occupations Article allows the issuance of a temporary health care license to such person:
 - 1. the person could not reasonably obtain a temporary health care license in sufficient time to meet such needs of the health care facility; and
 - 2. the person applies for such temporary health care

license within 10 days after first working at a health care facility in Maryland in reliance on this paragraph IV.

- b. The Secretary, and all boards and commissions responsible for the licensing of health care practitioners, are ordered to expedite all applications for temporary licenses and temporary practice letters from health care practitioners licensed in other states.
- c. The expiration date of all temporary health care licenses that would otherwise expire during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency is hereby extended to the date on which the state of emergency has been terminated and the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

V. Inactive Practitioners

- a. Any inactive practitioner may, at a health care facility in Maryland, engage in activities that would have been authorized under his/her inactive license without first reinstating his/her inactive license, if:
 - i. qualified supervisory personnel at the health care facility reasonably conclude that the inactive practitioner can competently engage in such activities;
 - ii. doing so is necessary to allow the health care facility to meet required staffing ratios or otherwise ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services; and
 - iii. the person could not reasonably reinstate his/her inactive license in sufficient time to meet such needs of the health care facility.
- b. The Secretary, and all boards and commissions responsible for the licensing of health care practitioners, are ordered to expedite all requests from inactive practitioners to reinstate inactive licenses.

VI. Expanded Scope of Practice for Health Care Practitioners. A health care practitioner may engage in activities that are not authorized by his/her license at a health care facility in Maryland if:

- a. doing so is necessary to allow the health care facility to meet required staffing ratios or otherwise ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services; and

- b. qualified supervisory personnel at the health care facility:
 - i. reasonably conclude that the health care practitioner can competently engage in such activities; and
 - ii. reasonably supervise the health care practitioner while he/she is engaged in such activities.

VII. Activation of Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps. The Secretary is directed to activate the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps, as necessary to respond to the catastrophic health emergency.

VIII. Elective Medical Procedures. The Secretary is authorized and ordered to take actions to control, restrict, and regulate the use of health care facilities for the performance of elective medical procedures, as necessary to respond to the catastrophic health emergency.

IX. General Authorizations.

- a. The Secretary is authorized to suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or regulation administered by the Maryland Department of Health related to licensing, oversight, and inspection of health care facilities, or other community-based programs or providers of health care licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health-General Article, as appropriate and necessary to protect the health and safety of patients, staff, and other individuals in Maryland.
- b. The Secretary is authorized to promulgate rules or guidance as the Secretary deems necessary to carry into effect the purpose and intent of paragraphs IV, V, and VI of this Order.

X. Closure of Adult Day Care Centers. All adult day care centers (as defined in Section 24-701 of the Health-General Article) shall be closed, effective 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020.

XI. Additional Regulatory Flexibility.

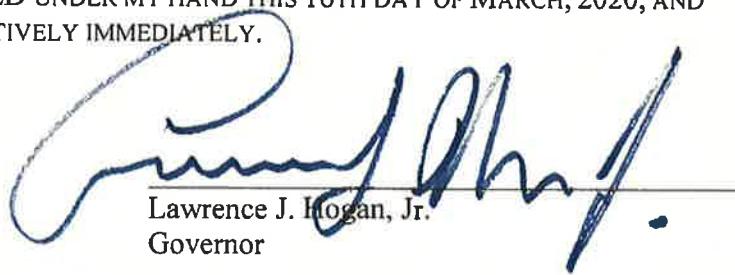
- a. After notice to the Governor, the Maryland Board of Physicians (the “BoP”) may suspend any provision of Titles 14 and 15 of the Health Occupations Article and their implementing regulations in COMAR 10.32 if the BoP finds that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety and will augment the healthcare workforce and allow it to respond to the catastrophic health emergency.

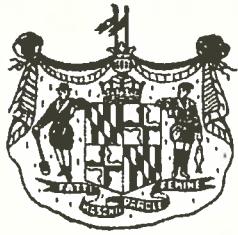
- b. After notice to the Governor, the Maryland Board of Nursing (the “BoN”) may suspend any provision of Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article and its implementing regulations in COMAR 10.27 and 10.39 if the BoN finds that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety and will augment the healthcare workforce and allow it to respond to the catastrophic health emergency.
- c. All suspensions of statutes or regulations pursuant to this paragraph XI shall terminate no later than such time as the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

XII. General Provisions

- a. Each law enforcement officer of the State or a political subdivision shall execute and enforce this Order.
- b. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.
- c. This Order remains effective until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.
- d. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.
- e. The underlined paragraph headings in this Order are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Order.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.


Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

**ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

**CALLING THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD
INTO STATE ACTIVE DUTY**

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties;

WHEREAS, The reasonable apprehension of a public health catastrophe necessitates use of the Maryland National Guard to enforce the laws and carry out other important emergency functions;

WHEREAS, The exigencies of the spread of COVID-19 require that the Maryland Guard cooperate with the Department of State Police and local law enforcement authorities; and

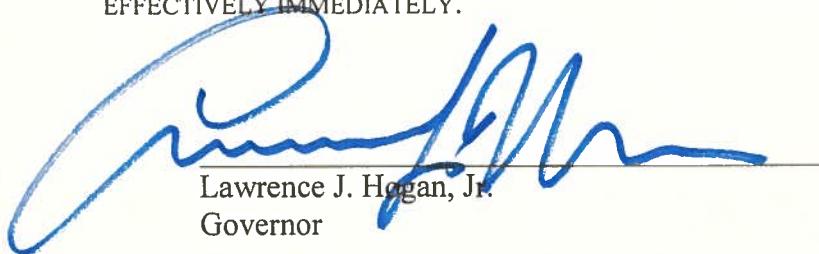
WHEREAS, Emergency conditions within Maryland's counties and municipalities cannot be controlled by local law enforcement agencies alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLES 13 AND 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. The Maryland National Guard shall enter into State active duty to enforce the laws and carry out emergency functions, including providing support to civil authorities.

- II. The ranking member of the Maryland National Guard, and the ranking member's subordinates, shall support and cooperate with civil authorities, local law enforcement authorities, and the Department of State Police.
- III. Each civil authority, law enforcement agency, law enforcement official, fire company, and rescue squad in Maryland, including the Department of State Police, shall cooperate with the Maryland National Guard.
- IV. The Maryland National Guard shall remain in State active duty until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.
- V. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

**ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

**TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING EVICTIONS OF TENANTS SUFFERING
SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF INCOME DUE TO COVID-19**

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties;

WHEREAS, The spread of COVID-19 is likely to result in loss of work and loss of income for some residents of Maryland, which may impact their ability to pay for rental housing, and potentially result in their eviction;

WHEREAS, To treat, prevent, or reduce the spread of COVID-19 caused by the transmission of the novel coronavirus, it may become medically necessary and reasonable to require individuals to remain in isolation or quarantine at their homes or to remain indoors;

WHEREAS, To protect the public health, welfare, and safety, it is necessary to authorize the use of private property, provide temporary housing for individuals affected by the spread of COVID-19, and suspend the effect of certain states, rules, or regulations of agencies of the State or political subdivisions relating to real property and breach of leases;

WHEREAS, To protect life and property, and control the public health catastrophe in Maryland, it is necessary to control the occupancy and use of buildings; and

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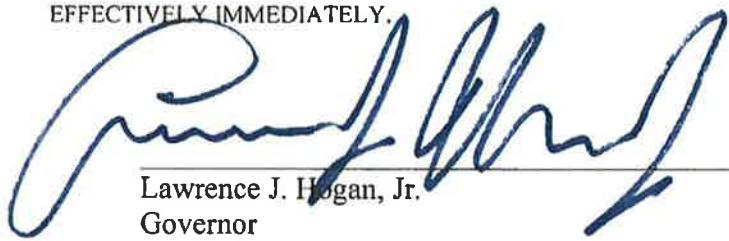
To avoid the serious health, welfare, and safety consequences that may result if Marylanders lose their rental housing as a result of COVID-19, it is necessary and reasonable to impose a moratorium on certain evictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY, DO HEREBY ORDER:

- I. Until the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded, the effect of Section 8-401 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code is hereby suspended as follows:
 - a. No court shall give any judgment for possession or repossession, or warrant for restitution of possession or repossession of residential real property, if the tenant can demonstrate to the court, through documentation or other objectively verifiable means, that the tenant suffered a substantial loss of income resulting from COVID-19 or the related proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, including, without limitation, due to job loss, reduction in compensated hours of work, closure of place of employment, or the need to miss work to care for a home-bound school-age child.
- II. Until the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded, the effect of Section 8-402.1 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code is hereby suspended as follows:
 - a. No court shall give any judgment for possession or repossession, or warrant for restitution of possession or repossession of residential real property, if the tenant can demonstrate to the court, through documentation or other objectively verifiable means, that the tenant suffered a substantial loss of income resulting from COVID-19 or the related proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, including, without limitation, due to job loss, reduction in compensated hours of work, closure of place of employment, or the need to miss work to care for a home-bound school-age child.

- b. The fact that the tenant, or any person permissibly cohabiting with the tenant in accordance with the terms of the lease, has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 or is under investigation for COVID-19, shall not constitute a “clear and imminent danger” for purposes of Section 8-402.1(a)(1)(i)2.A.
- III. Except as specifically suspended in paragraph I above, Section 8-401 of the Real Property Article remains in effect in accordance with its terms. Except as specifically suspended in paragraph II above, Section 8-402.1 of the Real Property Article remains in effect in accordance with its terms.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Governor" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

COVID-19 PARTNER CALL // MEETING TALKING POINTS

To ensure you receive future invites and any email updates issued, please send me an email with your name, title, agency/organization, email address and phone number/s. My email is: mary.lilly@maryland.gov.

Dr. Lowry -

We are all adapting as directives and guidance are issued not only at the county and state levels, but also from the federal level, as well. And we don't expect the most recent announcements to be the end of change.

To help our county, the biggest role the health department has is continual education and determining facts surrounding confirmed cases.

A call-center has been in place since Friday, and the volume of calls is increasing with every new restriction placed on our daily lives in order to help curtail the spread of COVID-19.

To date, Charles County has **1 presumptive case** as which was released to the public last Friday by Joint Base Andrews.

The governor permits that information related to confirmed cases can be referenced by: gender, decade of age, travel-related or not and if underlying conditions exist. This case was a female in her 50's; travel-related; underlying conditions exist. An extensive case investigation including contact tracing was initiated by the health department.

Melanie Gardiner, Infectious Disease Supervisor

The Health Dept call center is open and running 8am-5pm M-F; we are training additional staff to assist with this effort and constantly evaluating staff resources should we be faced with the need to expand the hours of operation.

If someone has health questions relating to possible COVID-19, you can call: 301.609.6717 and speak with a nurse. A questionnaire, specific to determine if they meet the criteria for testing, will be run through by a nurse.

Keep in mind, if the person meets the criteria to be tested, a doctor will have issued a testing slip and they will be directed to a location that will take a collection of samples. Those samples are then sent to the state of Maryland laboratory and then onto the CDC for final confirmation.

To aid in the testing efforts, there are some local labs that can run the test. Coordination of receiving testing results is being worked out.

If you have heard that there are rapid tests – know that rapid testing does not exist for this virus at this time.

Once someone has been confirmed, the infectious disease department begins contact tracing, investigation and surveillance. We talk with the case to find out where they have been, when they were there, who they came in contact with, etc. Then we contact all of those people and go through the questionnaire and determine the next course of action – self-monitor; isolation; quarantine for a minimum of 14 days or longer; testing, etc.

Please know, that it is in everyone's best interest to protect the healthcare workers and first responders, along with everyone in our community. With that, guidance and questionnaires have been shared with the court system, sheriff's office, first responders and other community agencies.

AMBER STARN, EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Currently in Maryland, there are 37 cases of COVID-19. One of those cases is a Charles County resident. At this time, there is no evidence of widespread community transmission. Help us to keep it that way.

In the absence of prevention measures and treatment options and because this is a novel virus with limited research, the best means to mitigate the spread of the virus is through well-established public health interventions such as social distancing and quarantine/isolation measures.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidance for “community mitigation strategies” to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include recommendations for “social distancing”—a term that we use in public health to refer to a conscious effort to reduce close contact between people and hopefully stymie community transmission of the virus.

These are not new concepts. They have been used for centuries to reduce the spread of disease. Organized institutional responses to disease control really began during the plague epidemic of 14th century. Medicine was impotent against plague; the only way to escape infection was to avoid contact with infected persons and contaminated objects. More recently, during the 2003 pandemic of severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS, the use of quarantine, border controls, contact tracing, and surveillance proved effective in containing the global threat in just over 3 months.

I am sure that many of you have heard the phrase “flatten the curve” over the last few days. It has now become a hashtag on social media. It is the concept that if we control the spread of the disease through decreased public exposure, then we can avoid a spike in cases that would bombard our healthcare system. Think back to the example that I gave last Monday. In the 1918 flu pandemic, the cities of Philadelphia and St Louis took two very different approaches. Philadelphia did not cancel gatherings including a World War 1 parade, whereas, St Louis

canceled group events including church services and closed the schools. St Louis was able to maintain a consistent level of flu cases and avoid a large peak of cases like the city of Philadelphia. They were able to “flatten the curve.” Because of these measures, the flu death rate in St Louis was 347 per 100,000 compared to 719 per 100,000 in Philadelphia.

The better that people comply with social distancing measures, the more we can flatten the curve. This will stop the transmission of disease within the community and help to protect those in our vulnerable populations. If kids are out of school, they can't bring the virus home to their grandparents or siblings with a chronic health condition. That is why the governor has taken some important and unprecedented measures in the last week to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to reduce the likelihood of widespread community transmission. We need to reduce opportunities for congregate settings. That is why the Governor has issued the closing of schools, casinos, racetracks, restaurants, bars, and large gatherings greater than 50 people, movie theaters, and gyms by 5 pm today. Some drive thru, carry outs, and food delivery services will remain open. Grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open. We would like to thank the hospital and long term care facilities who have made restrictions to their visitor policies and increased screening of employees and visitors to protect our most vulnerable.

We realize that this is an inconvenience to people, but it doesn't work unless people take it seriously. While the schools are closed, it is important to stay home and avoid contact with other people. It is not a time to go to movies, to hang out at the mall, to go jump at Skyzone, or to go to the theater. We should be cognizant of social distancing in public and try to maintain 6 feet of distance between us and others.

Now is the time to cancel get-togethers. Dating, family visits, house parties, play dates should all be postponed or held virtually if possible. We know that there are personal situations where you must go out for work, for supplies, or to help someone else in need. In those cases, we ask that you take precautions to keep your distance from others, and wash your hands frequently. Wash them when you enter and exit a building if you can. Wash them when you use the restroom. Wash them when you are going to eat. And when you think that you have initiated enough hand washing, do it some more. If you develop a fever or cough, don't go out unless it is absolutely necessary or to seek medical care.

Our messaging over the next week will include information on how to successfully implement social distancing, and we ask as our community partners to help us get that word out.

LINDA WARREN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER / COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA EFFORTS

We continue to be diligent in updating our website and providing links to the state health department and the CDC website which gives you the latest information available.

Public service announcements will appear in the MARYLAND INDEPENDENT; videos by key staff members will be posted once a week on Wednesdays.

The PIOs for all local response agencies are in regular communication to be sure we are providing a clear and consistent message across the board.

All of the partners, agencies and organizations on this call have been assigned to a sector group, i.e., Schools & Childcare, Healthcare Facilities, Healthcare Professionals, Government, Community & Faith-Based Organizations, Business & Employers, First Responders, Homeless.

Going forward, Monday's at 4pm will be a call-in update given by the Health Department. On Wednesdays and Fridays, emails will be sent out to each sector group identified above. So be sure to get your name to Mary Lilly to be included as she mentioned at the beginning of the call. Her email is: mary.lilly@maryland.gov.

LISA LASCHALT, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

We continue to work alongside our response partners to best plan for this evolving event facing the nation and now, the state of emergency placed on Charles County.

Evolving events bring about adaptability, sharing of resources, flexibility, clear and constant communication. We are all faced with a never-ending look at how we are doing things; what can we do better; and shifting priorities as soon as the need arises. We all plan for the worst and hope for the best in situations like these.

We are evaluating and will share resources available with our response partners to be able to conduct various tasks throughout the response effort.

We are currently evaluating our total resource needs and, where gaps are identified, will determine how to best fill them moving forward.