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Charles County Emergency Services

Sit Rep #5

New items will be italicized

<u>SITUATION</u>	
Situation Summary:	Global COVID-19 Infections have exceeded 189,000. COVID-19 See situation map here
Websites that include the official information:	Printable CDC Handouts & Posters: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html CDC COVID-19 website for informational purposes: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html Maryland Dept of Health Coronavirus website: https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx Charles County Dept of Health Coronavirus website: http://www.charlescountyhealth.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-in-the-u-s/ Charles County Government: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/health-and-human-services/covid-19
Closures:	All closures for Charles County will be listed here: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/operating-schedule Multiple closures based upon Governor Protective Orders.
COVID Confirmed cases in Charles County	2
<u>EXECUTIVE ACTIONS</u>	
EOC Activation:	Enhanced Activation – Monday-Friday 0800 to 1700 – Virtual on Weekends 11am Daily Conference Call/meeting with Core Planning Team MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700. Virtual on Weekends.
State of Emergency:	State of Maryland Declared on 3/5/2020

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	County Declared 3/16/2020
Protective Actions:	Social Distancing programs in effect from Governor's Order. See listing below of Governor's Orders.
County Government:	<p>Modified operations for specific facilities, athletic activities, and locations.</p> <p>Telework for non-essential workers and some essential staff that can telework.</p> <p>Closures for County Government here: See here for Recreations, Parks and Tourism https://www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/covid-19</p> <p>See here for Operating Status updates: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/operating-schedule</p>
PIO:	<p>County PIOs are actively coordinating with other agency PIOs and providing support to the Dept of Health.</p> <p><i>The new County website had a total of 24,060 page views since it was migrated to its new platform on March 10. Of these total views, 23,660 pages views are directly tied to visits to the county's COVID-19 web page.</i></p> <p>Charles County Government News Releases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joint Base Andrews: COVID-19 Coronavirus JBA Update</u> (Second confirmed case of COVID-19) • <u>Military retiree dependent tests positive for COVID-19 on Joint Base Andrews</u> (First confirmed case of COVID-19) • <u>Charles County Government Announces Operating Status Updates</u> • <u>Charles County Commissioners Declare Local State of Emergency</u> • <u>Governor Hogan Orders Closure of Bars and Restaurants, Announces Unprecedented Public Health Surge To Combat COVID-19 Crisis</u> • <u>Housing Authority Suspends In-person Appointments and Inspections</u>

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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>Distributing food to students at multiple sites during the day.</p> <p><i>503 meals served yesterday</i></p> <p><i>Serving dinner 11 -1 for dinner service</i></p> <p><i>High Noon local business providing meals for school children.</i></p> <p><i>Working on providing mental health services via hotline.</i></p> <p><i>Donated ipads to sagepoint for virtual health visits</i></p> <p><i>Is publishing virtual hotspots countywide for assistance to school children not in school.</i></p> <p><i>Putting together an assessment for how this will affect the Class of 2020 for AP testing and Graduations.</i></p> <p><i>Workgroup for children of First Responders and Healthcare workers.</i></p>
<u>HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES</u>	
Total Casualties:	None in Charles County at this time.
Shelter Operations:	Not Activated
Recreations, Parks & Tourism:	<p>No report requested at this time.</p> <p>See cancellations here: https://www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/covid-19 </p>
Department of Health:	<p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p> <p>A call center hotline is established on Monday 301-609-6717. There has been significant call volume and they may extend the hours.</p> <p><i>Effective March 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. there will be no on-site services provided for the following programs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dental</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Women, Infants and Children (WIC)</i> • <i>Reproductive Health</i> • <i>Sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing</i> • <i>Maryland Children's Health Program</i> • <i>Asthma and Lead Poisoning Prevention</i> • <i>Adult Evaluation and Review (AERS)</i> <p><i>Limited services may be provided remotely. For general inquiries about each program contact (301) 609-6900. Field work involving applications that require soil evaluations/ perc test and subdivisions will be suspended at this time</i></p>
Community Services:	No report requested at this time.
Lifestyles:	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
Charles Regional Medical Center	<p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p> <p>Implemented restricted visitor policy, effective Wednesday, March 11, 2020. These changes include:</p> <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.

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	<p>In early planning stages of preparing a drive through collection site for COVID-19 testing.</p> <p><i>Collecting resource needs for the Hospital to be requested through MWCOG & MEMA</i></p>
<u>OPERATIONS</u>	
Career EMS:	<p><i>Working to update based upon lessons learned in the field Signed Special Order 2020-1 for transport of infectious disease patients under investigation for COVID-19</i></p> <p>Working to draft an exposure control plan to be shared with Volunteer Leadership & Sheriff's Office for coordination.</p> <p>Working with Vendors to order PPE through the MWCOG.</p>
HazMat:	<p>Providing logistical support to Emergency Management</p>
Law Enforcement: MSP & CCSO	<p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p> <p>CCSO is NOT limiting services at this time.</p> <p><i>Correctional Divisions will be utilizing a contractor and have a limited supply of test kits and will do their own in house testing.</i></p>
Volunteer Fire:	<p><i>Waiting for EM to identify additional vendors for station disinfecting vendors.</i></p> <p>Prepared to respond to any COVID-19</p> <p>Putting together resource requests for Emergency Management through MEMA.</p> <p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p>
Volunteer EMS:	<p><i>Waiting for EM to identify additional vendors for station disinfecting vendors.</i></p> <p>Signed Special Order 2020-1 for transport of infectious disease patients under investigation for COVID-19</p> <p>Putting together resource requests for Emergency Management through MEMA.</p> <p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p>
Special Operations Collapse Team:	<p>No report requested at this time.</p>

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Emergency Management:	<p><i>Developing the Incident Action Plan (IAP) in coordination with the Core Planning Team.</i></p> <p>Actively monitoring and supporting the Health Department and Public Informational efforts.</p> <p>Hosting coordination meetings daily at 11am in the EOC</p> <p>Coordinating resource requests through MEMA</p> <p>Creating and Laminating screening cards for LE/Fire/EMS</p> <p>Requested and received Petty Cash on hand for emergency operations.</p>
Animal Control/CART:	<p>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 care center. This action is greatly reducing the exposure risks of the officer from the myriad of sick people inside the urgent care center.</p>
<u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u>	
Power Outages: (SMECO)	None at this time
County Roads:	No report requested at this time.
Debris Removal:	Not activated
Communications:	<p>Providing 9-1-1 call screening for Possible COVID-19 cases. Per the signed Special Order 2020-1.</p> <p>Participating in coordination meetings with Emergency Management.</p>

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Utilities:	Not activated
PGM(DA Teams):	Not activated
County CIP/B&T:	Not activated
<u>LOGISTICS</u>	
	<p><i>The Logistic Officer will be presenting items that we can get on an emergency basis from our suppliers.</i></p> <p><i>New Life will be offering <u>FREE</u> meals to first-responders and police officers on-duty and in uniform at Galazio's & Obo's Pizza. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the community through this difficult time. Your hard work and dedicated does not go unnoticed.</i></p>
<u>FINANCE</u>	
	CONTINUE tracking any response costs your agency may have now.
<u>STATE SUPPORT</u>	
	<p>Actively coordinating with MEMA & MDH</p> <p>MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700. Virtual on Weekends. <i>Primary Election moved to June 2</i> <i>Farmers Market opening moved back 2 weeks.</i></p> <p><i>State Coordination calls will occur every day at 1500 hours for the duration of the event.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Governor's Orders</u></p> <p>March 5 Proclamation - https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Proclamation-COVID-19.pdf</p> <p>March 12 Licensing - https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Licenses-Permits-Registration.pdf</p>	

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March 12 MDNG Activation - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/National-Guard.pdf>

March 12 Elevated Level II/Telework - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Elevated-Level-II.pdf>

March 12 Terminals and Ports - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Prohibiting-Movement.pdf>

March 12 Large Gatherings - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Prohibiting-Movement.pdf>

March 14 Childcare Expansion - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Day-Care-Order.pdf>

March 15 Casinos - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Casino-Racetrack-OTB-Closure-Order-1.pdf>

March 16 Gatherings - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Amending-Large-Gatherings.pdf>

March 16 Health Care Matters - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Health-Care-Matters.pdf>

March 16 Termination of Utilities - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Prohibit-Termination-of-Residential.pdf>

March 16 Evictions - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Temp-Evictions-Prohibiting.pdf>

March 17 Renewal - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Renewal-of-State-of-Emergency.pdf>

Court Status Proclamation: <https://www.courts.state.md.us/administration/closingsdelays>



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RE: Use of Expired Face Masks and N-95 Respirators

Given the nature of stockpiled supplies with expiration dates, it is certain that some materials will "expire" before they are used. Nevertheless, despite passing a specified date, the material may remain effective for its intended purpose. With regard to N-95 respirators, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidance that expired respirators may be used and considered effective.

We offer the following guidance. If facemasks or N-95 respirators have been stored appropriately, without exposure to excessive moisture or extreme temperatures, and show no evidence of deterioration that would affect their fit or function, then they are appropriate to be used for their intended purpose as personal protective equipment, despite displaying a passed expiration date when no unexpired option exists.