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Charles County Emergency Services

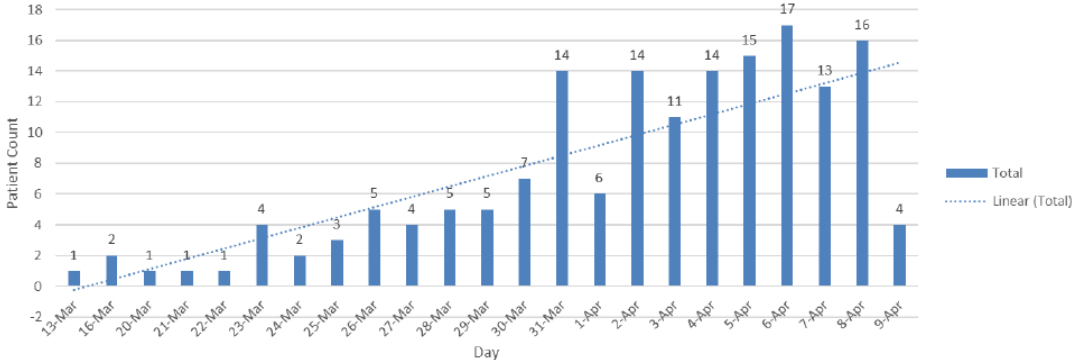
Situation Report #22

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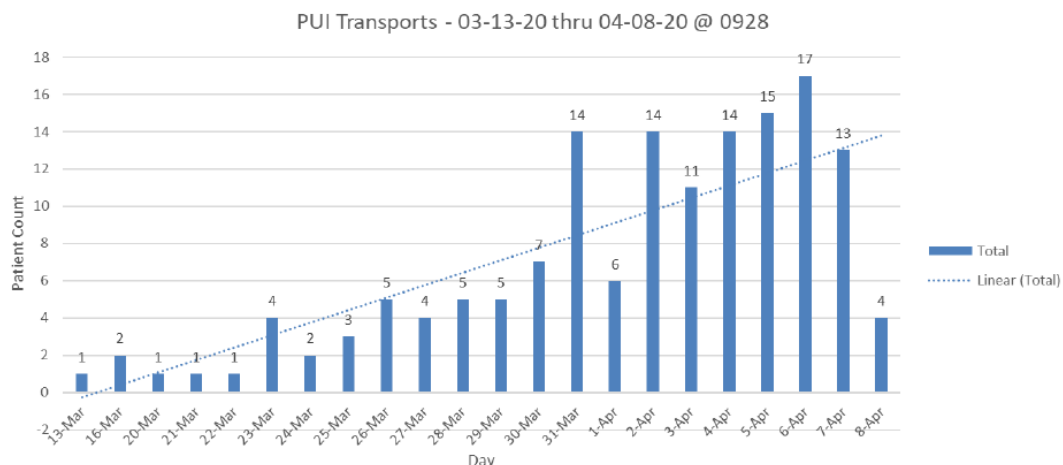
<u>SITUATION</u>	
Situation Summary:	Global COVID-19 situation map here Maryland summary map here
COVID Confirmed cases in Charles County	<i>214 cases total reported since the beginning of the event.</i>
	<i>The State of MD is 180 reporting, which is the number of cases from the State Labs. The local number includes private lab results.</i>
	24 of the above number have recovered This number represents the number of persons that the Health Department has been able to confirm that they have had a positive test result, have also been through 14 days of isolation, and are currently symptom free.
Statewide of racial demographics	MD release racial number on COVID-19 case (6,185 total statewide positives) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American 2,064 • Data not available: 1,354 • White: 1,540 • Other: 449 • Asian: 122 County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White - 17% • African American - 28% • American Indian/Alaskan - 1% • Asian - 1% • Unknown - 53%
Total Casualties:	2 deaths of Charles County residents at this time. -1 Waldorf resident, Male, 50s (3/21/2020) -1, female, 70s (4/1/2020) <i>The State of MD is reporting 3 deaths, but the local HD has been unable to confirm this number or gain any details at this time.</i>
Total PUIs transported by Career & Volunteer EMS to date:	165 – Total for 4/9/2020- no change in # of COVID+ per CRMC (including below numbers) 149 – Total for 4/8/2020 - 27 of these are COVID+ per CRMC 136—total for 4/7/2020 - 24 of these are COVID+ per CRMC

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First Responders that have been exposed, are on quarantine or self-isolation	<p><i>24 Self-isolation: responder is sick or test positive. +2 change since last report</i></p> <p><i>7 Quarantine: the responder has been exposed and they can't come to work. -1 since last report</i></p>
EOC Safety Officer Update	<p>-Safety message is being broadcasted twice daily on the public safety radio system. Safety Messages are all posted here: https://tinyurl.com/ro8jgo8</p> <p>Today's Safety Message: <i>"No Gym, No Factor. Work Out at Home with No Equipment Needed."</i></p> <p>Total number of PUI's transported to date: 165</p> <p>Total number of first responder's on self-isolation: 0</p> <p>Total number of first responders on quarantine: 5</p> <p>Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 27</p> <p>Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PUI Transports - 03-13-20 thru 04-09-20 @ 0951</p>  <p>4/9/2020: <i>"Feeling the need for social contact? Pets are contagious in a positive way."</i></p> <p>Total number of PUI's transported to date: 149</p> <p>Total number of first responder's on self-isolation: 0</p> <p>Total number of first responders on quarantine: 5</p> <p>Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 27</p> <p>Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day</p>

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4/8/2020: “Facepieces and regulators, disinfect them after each use to prevent the communal spread of diseases.”

Total number of PUI’s transported to date: 136

Total number of first responder’s on self-isolation: 0

Total number of first responders on quarantine: 3

Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 24

Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day

4/6/2020: “Cover the cough! Coughs and sneezes spread diseases.”

Total number of PUI’s transported to date: 299

Total number of first responder’s on self-isolation: 0

Total number of first responders on quarantine: 3

Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 22

Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day

Websites that include the official information:

Maryland Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rumor Control Page. Marylanders are encouraged to visit the page at [Bit.ly/Md-Covid19-Rumors](https://www.maryland.gov/health/covid19-rumors/).

New County Webpage for the Dept of Health

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/other-agencies/charles-county-department-of-health>

List of EPA Approved Disinfecting Agents for COVID-19

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

FEMA's rumor control website:

https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control?fbclid=IwAR3x4emdkwiN9W1z_dMZVPFTjgvwxCEXSi9THFHwkddzXjITl1g-py9iio

Updated CDC flyers have been added to the below site.

Printable CDC Handouts & Posters:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

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	<p>CDC COVID-19 website for informational purposes: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html Coronavirus.gov</p> <p>Maryland Dept of Health Coronavirus website: https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/</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>
Closures:	<p>All closures for Charles County will be listed here: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/operating-schedule</p>
Donations Management	<p><i>Press release issued for donations of homemade facemasks in coordination with the PIOs, Fire & EMS. We have already been receiving a number of calls and donations. Should have cloth masks available on Monday.</i></p> <p><i>Getting 20 face shields donated from www.collectiveshield.org</i></p> <p>We will be directing the public to call 301-609-3435 or to email desdonations@charlescountymd.gov if they wish to donate.</p>
EXECUTIVE ACTIONS	
EOC Activation:	<p>Enhanced Activation – Monday-Friday 0800 to 1700 – Virtual on Weekends Effective tomorrow our Daily Conference Call/meeting with Core Planning Team will be at 1300 hours. Other EOC work groups meeting daily (Mon-Fri) and providing reports at the Core Meeting</p> <p>MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700. Virtual on Weekends.</p> <p>EOC email addresses: despeersupport@charlescountymd.gov deseoc@charlescountymd.gov desplanning@charlescountymd.gov deslogistics@charlescountymd.gov desfinance@charlescountymd.gov dessafety@charlescountymd.gov desdonations@charlescountymd.gov</p>
State of Emergency:	<p>State of Maryland Declared on 3/5/2020 County Declared 3/16/2020 (for up to 30 days) County extended to April 30, 2020</p>

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Protective Actions:	<p>All gatherings must be less than ten persons. Governor has issued stay at home orders. Social Distancing programs in effect from Governor's Order.</p> <p>New Executive Orders for Nursing Homes & Expansion of Health Officer Powers</p> <p>All Governor's Executive orders are posted here: https://governor.maryland.gov/category/executive-orders/</p>
County Government:	<p>County Government Buildings are Closed to the Public</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>PIO continues share information as needed and support the Health Department public information efforts.</p> <p><i>Sent out press release for donations for facemasks. They have also sent out a press release for the Landfill. Facilitating a MD Independent inquiry at the Animal Shelter. Also, working to promote a County grant for local 501c3s.</i></p> <p>Mental Health and Community Resources Podcasts for domestic violence and mental health. Doing two Podcasts with EMS – external and internal Podcast for the VEIP testing site.</p> <p>Requests that agencies share the social media postings including links to the helpful Podcasts for residents.</p> <p>Here are links to the latest news related to COVID-19 from the Charles County Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Amber Starn, MPH, Charles County Health Department, about the VEIP Drive-Through Testing Program in Waldorf. Watch it on YouTube or listen to the podcast. • COVID-19 updates from Chief John Filer, Dr. Kevin Seamon and Volunteer EMS Chief Andrew Spalding from the Emergency Services community. Watch it on YouTube or listen to the podcast. • Interview with Erica Rosa, Community Outreach Specialist, about the increased risk of domestic violence and resources available during COVID-19. Watch it on YouTube or listen to the podcast. • Interview with Monique Owens, Southern Maryland chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness on mental health coping strategies during COVID-19. Watch it on YouTube or listen to the podcast.
Schools:	<p>Meals: <i>On 4/8/20 CCPS served 6699 meals at the 11 meal distribution sites. That number was -252 from 4/7/20. We appear to be settling in to the 5500-6500 meal distribution as our average. Westlake, St. Charles, Parks and Ryon had the highest distribution.</i></p> <p>Closure: <i>School closure through at least 4-24-20.</i></p>

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	<p>Instruction: Today schools begin to identify and contact the families that have not registered for online learning or picked up a learning packet at the distribution sites.</p> <p>Community Wifi: All four sites are up and running and seeing use. CCPS is looking to expand our current WiFi to 3 other additional sites to be determined.</p> <p>Misc: CCPS has submitted a request for facemasks for our food distribution sites. We are still waiting on the request to be filled. We have engineering teachers willing to produce 3D printer shields. We can do about 10 per day.</p>
<u>HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES</u>	
Medical isolation/quarantine for vulnerable populations:	<p>0 persons in non-congregate care shelter at this time.</p> <p>4/8/2020 - Still waiting for signed hold harmless agreements to be sent back to the County for execution. We will deliver the porta potties and sanitation stations upon execution of the agreements. Will be delivering porta-potties and sanitation stations to the higher population homeless encampments in the County.</p>
Shelter Operation Plan:	Not Activated
Essential Personnel Childcare:	<p>Here is the guidance to see if your staff qualifies for the Child Care Access during COVID-19. See the Gov EO here: https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Child-Care-Access.pdf.</p> <p>Here is the list of approved child care facilities for COVID-19: https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/approved-emergency-personnel-child-care.</p> <p>Your staff may pick anyone of these facilities based on location.</p> <p>There are a few forms your staff need to fill out to take to the child care facility of their choice. Those forms can be found on the right side of the website copied here: http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx</p>
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><u>INFECTIOUS DISEASE</u></p> <p>CASE COUNT—CHARLES COUNTY</p> <p>As of 4/8/2020, total case count for Charles County is 214.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The line list with confirmed case counts for Charles County is continuously updated as lab reports are received from MDH, hospitals, and commercial laboratories.

- Contact tracing efforts are continuous with a focus on healthcare workers, EMS, and police.

SURVEILLANCE OF ED HOSPITAL DATA AND URGENT CARE THROUGH ESSENCE

ESSENCE data for urgent care utilization at Patient First in Waldorf had no data warnings or alerts for Wednesday, April 8th. Patient volume was 21 on 4/8, a small decrease from 30 on 4/7. All were discharged to home for self-care. 6 presented with ILI on Wednesday. Diagnoses included bronchitis, acute pharyngitis, asthma exacerbation, and allergic rhinitis. No cases were tagged with the CDC CCDD Classifier for Pneumonia for ILI.

SURVEILLANCE OF EMS CALL DATA AND ALERTS

The number of daily trigger alerts for COVID-19 cases or COVID-19 persons under investigation saw a decrease from Tuesday, 4/7 to Wednesday, 4/8.

- 4/8: 16

EPI SURVEILLANCE PROFILE FOR STATE

Case Investigation, Surveillance, and Infectious Disease Response (D, Blythe)

- 1) Latest case counts – total: 6185
- 2) New cases 656
 - a) Age distribution:
 - i) under 18 years 1%
 - ii) in 18-64 age range 78%
 - iii) in 65+ age range 21%
 - b) Geographic distribution
 - i) National Capital 47%
 - ii) Baltimore Metro area 44%
 - iii) Eastern Shore 2%
 - iv) Southern 5%
 - v) Western 1%
 - c) Of cases, 53 % female; 47 % male
 - d) Of cases in 65+
 - e) Hospitalizations New 138 ((1348 total (22% of total)) Hospitalization risk is highly correlated to age.
 - f) Deaths New 14 ((138 total (2% of total cases) risk also increases with age
 - g) 130 active outbreaks. 110 outbreaks in Long Term Care and assisted living facilities. 718 total positives involved in the outbreaks (12% total cases)

Case Count for Charles County

- As of 4/9, total case count for Charles County was 197 cases.
- There have been 2 deaths associated with COVID-19 (1.0%).
- Among the first 180 positive cases with completed investigations, 42 required hospitalization (23%).
- 58% Female; 42% Male
- 20% Healthcare Workers

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age range of positive COVID-19 cases: 12-97 years • Age Distribution for Charles County cases: • Under 18 years: 0.6% • 18-64 years: 78.3% • 65+ years: 21.1% <p><u>TESTING</u></p> <p><u>VEIP TESTING SITE UPDATE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 kits – 50 appointments made for today <p><u>CALL CENTER UPDATE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call center transferred to remote cell operations. • Operation time: 0800 to 2200. • The main number for the call center will be routed to 10 cells. The number to call stays the same: 301.609.6717 • Volume for new system is approximately 60 call per day. <p><u>MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIO is on a print ad and a Comcast preventive care messages to run in the near future. • No photos/videos allowed within the confines of VEIP testing site <p><u>PARTNER/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH</u></p> <p><u>ALL PARTNER CALL</u></p> <p>A standing invitation for calls to occur on Thursdays at 4pm, with questions to be submitted in advance, being sent/sent out today.</p> <p><u>LTC/AL CALL</u></p> <p>A standing invitation for calls to occur on Thursdays at 3pm.</p> <p><u>RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 new requests filled 4/8/20 • 18 previous requests where mask numbers were only partially filled, were provided additional expired n95s <p><u>VOLUNTEERS</u></p> <p><u>MARYLAND MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 new responders accepted into unit 04/08/2020 • 1 new MRC volunteer integrated into VEIP site for April 9, 2020 • 2 new Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) nurses will be on site today for training, observation then performing tests
Social Services	<p>Charles County Department of Social Services is CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC</p> <hr/> <p>PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES/CONTACTS TO OBTAIN SERVICES:</p>

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	<p><u>APPLY FOR ALL BENEFITS ONLINE:</u> mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us <u>Questions Regarding Child Support or Other Benefits</u> Call Center (800) 332-6347 <u>Question Regarding Family or Children's Services?</u> Call (301) 392-6724 <u>To make a report of child or adult abuse:</u> Call Child Protective Services - (301)-392-6739 Call Adult Protective Services - (301)-392-6724 <u>YOU CAN SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS:</u> By FAX (301) 753-4353 By EMAIL charlescounty.fiadocs@maryland.gov At our office at 200 Kent Ave, La Plata Drop Box located near the front door</p> <p><u>NEED A REPLACEMENT EBT CARD:</u> Call (800) 997-2222 WANT TO APPLY FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS? Contact the MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION: Call (800) 642-8572 Mon – Fri 8 am to 6 pm or visit marylandhealthconnection.gov <u>CHILD SUPPORT</u> EPIC Card questions: Call (866) 213-4074 Payments may be mailed to the following address:</p> <p>Maryland Child Support Account P. O. Box 17396 Baltimore, Maryland 21297-1396</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments can be made online at www.md.smartchildsupport.com • Payments can be made by phone by calling (844) 324-3855 • Direct Deposit applications can be made online at www.mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us
<p>Community Services:</p>	<p>DCS Housing Authority staff are actively processing expedited changes in monthly Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) for current housing choice voucher clients who have experienced a loss of income. Tenants on the HCV program simply need to contact the Division to notify their designated worker of a documented change/loss of household income and the Specialist will work with them to adjust their HAP payment amount. This change will allow HCV tenants to continue making adjusted rental payments each month to avoid falling behind if they have experienced new unemployment or other reduced income due to COVID-19. Tenants can call 301-934-0130 and leave a voicemail indicating their name, the name of their designated housing worker, and that they need a HAP payment adjustment. They will receive a return call with instructions on next steps to expedite their request.</p> <p>For persons who may be in dangerous or abusive relationships, concerns are rising about co-quarantining in an unsafe home environment, especially as anxiety and tensions increase</p>

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	<p>surrounding the public health crisis. To help address these concerns, the National Domestic Violence Hotline is available 24/7, throughout the COVID-19 crisis: Call toll free at: 1-800-799-7233; Live Chat at https://www.thehotline.org or reach out via Twitter at @ndvh For persons feeling unsafe to speak on the phone or chat via internet due to abuser surveillance, text LOVEIS to 22522. The organization also has TTY access at 1-800-787-3224. Anyone at <u>immediate risk for violence</u> is encouraged to contact 911.</p>
Lifestyles:	<p>Coordination <i>We are continuing to look at most appropriate locations for sanitation centers. In the meantime, staff are purchasing and distributing solar showers. Through an arrangement with a local laundry mat, laundry vouchers were created to give individuals to allow them to wash their clothes. The time is scheduled to allow for social distancing as well as disinfecting the area.</i></p> <p>Food services <i>The response and requests for food in certain areas are overwhelming. Three cabanas operated today as well as curbside distributions. We continue to seek supplies for these distributions.</i></p> <p><i>Meal deliveries: We are continuing meal/grocery deliveries to homebound residents. These meal deliveries are scheduled for weekday deliveries, utilizing homebound delivery protocols developed by the Maryland Food Bank. When the purchase of groceries is more efficient and economic it will be used as an alternative. Households must be pre-approved and requests for same-day delivery may be considered but not a guarantee of availability.</i></p> <p>Outreach <i>Street outreach was conducted in La Plata and two Waldorf sites yesterday. 25 to 27 people were seen and provided items. Staff noted several new persons not previously known to LifeStyles. Individuals living in encampments are in dire need of face coverings, water and hand sanitizer. There were no children noted during today's outreach. We have purchased sanitizer from Blue Dyer Distillery. We purchased 10 gallons and they will donate 2 gallons.</i></p> <p>Facilities <i>All participants and staff are doing temperature checks daily. Limited access to all facilities. Guests are not allowed at facilities at this time.</i></p>
Charles Regional Medical Center	<p>Community Conversation Hosted by Charles Regional Hospital https://twitter.com/CharlesRegional/status/1245363734031319041</p> <p><i>The trigger point for starting up the tent operations outside of the hospital has not yet been activated. Activation will be determined by both staffing levels and patient census presenting to the ED.</i> <i>The hospital census for today 4/9/2020 = 75</i> <i>Confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 patient admissions in-house 4/9/2020 = 19</i></p>

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	<p>CRMC has dedicating one unit specifically to be for COVID-19 positive patients or for PUI's that have been admitted to the hospital. The dedicated COVID-19 unit is on 3 South until further notice. That 3 South COVID-19 unit has been fully activated as of 4/3/2020. There are currently 10 patients in the ICU as of 4/9/2020.</p> <p>Number of ventilators owned by CRMC = 17. As of 4/9/2020 there are 5 patients on ventilators. Four (4) of the ventilated patients are positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>An EMS Ambulance decontamination area has been established in a parking lot near the ambulance area (but not obstructing to it).</p> <p>CRMC has implemented a policy that requires ALL staff, visitors (which would be very limited), and contractors of any kind to wear a mask while in the hospital at all times.</p>
<u>OPERATIONS</u>	
Peer Support Team: Will be reporting weekly on Mondays.	<p>despeersupport@charlescountymd.gov</p> <p>**NEW NUMBER** - 240-532-0558</p> <p>New Peer Support Poster has been distributed with phone number</p> <p>Face-to-Face visits: 22 employees via 10 station visits</p> <p>Phone Contacts: 15 employees via phone</p> <p>1 volunteer officer reached out for guidance for one of their volunteers. Their EAP is currently closed and offering telehealth. Resources were provided.</p>
HazMat:	Providing Logistics support for the EOC
Law Enforcement: MSP & CCSO	<p>Charles County Sheriff's Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 sworn officer quarantined (1 positive test) • 16 officers isolated (two needs test) • 1 correctional officer quarantined, 1 isolated (1 positive test, 1 tested negative) • 8 civilians isolated (1 positive test, 1 tested negative, 1 pending test) <p>Maryland State Police: None local</p> <p>Maryland Transportation Authority: None local</p> <p>La Plata Police Department: None local</p> <p>Natural Resources Police: 1 sworn officer isolated (test pending)</p> <p><u>Governor's Order Violations</u></p> <p>Violation sustained calls for service: 20</p> <p>Warnings: 19</p> <p>Charges later: 0</p> <p>On-scene arrest: 1</p> <p>PUI Intake at CCDC: 2</p>

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Career EMS & Volunteer Fire & EMS:	<p>Items Being Worked On:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction of Force Policy – Information gathering occurring. - Station Health Screening Policy – Draft Version under review. - Low Resource Policy <p>Stations/Apparatus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Fire or EMS Stations with any contamination issues. - No Apparatus with any contamination issues. - No Service Deliverability Issues with Apparatus O.O.S. <p>Personnel (5 Members / 3 Stations):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Station 1 – 1 Member – Due to possible work exposure. Effective March 30th COVID Test Negative. - Station 2 – 3 Members – Due to Domestic Travel to New York. Effective March 25th (Quarantined.) - Station 7 – 2 Members – In County EMS Call. 14 days ends April 4th. No Issues reported so far. (Quarantined.) -14 Days Completed. No issues and personnel have returned. - Station 8 - 1 Member ---- Due to Family Member with Positive Test. Effective April 1st (Quarantined.) - Station 11 - 2 Members --- 1-DCFF, 1- Due to Family Members being Quarantined, 1-DES/Hospital Employee, 1-Hospitalized at John Hopkins expected to be released today---Released from JH. COVID Negative Now. - Station 12 - 2 Members --- In County EMS Call. Effective March 30th (Quarantined.) <p>Incidents/Call Volume:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Major Incidents to Report related to COVID-19 - Yesterday's EMS Call Volume was average, and Fire Call Volume was average. <p>50 Ems Related Incidents ----- 13 Fire Related Incidents</p> <p>Other Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viral Triage Training being worked to push out to providers - Looking to do weekly Town-Hall Meetings/Q&A's with Providers via Webex - EMS Low Resource Policy discussed this morning. Final forthcoming.
Special Operations Collapse Team:	<p>No report requested at this time.</p>
Emergency Management:	<p>Submitted resource request for two Medical Tents to be delivered and setup outside of CRMC in addition to the triage tents that CRMC is currently using. The tents will help with medical surge beyond ER triaging. Also requested additional ventilators.</p> <p>Continuing to facilitate daily meetings with the Core Planning Group. Sending out updates as needed.</p> <p>Webpages for sharing SitReps/Safety Messages/Special Orders with responders and others in the public.</p> <p>Short code websites: Sit Reps: https://tinyurl.com/vcfuvw7</p>

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	<p>Safety Messages: https://tinyurl.com/ro8jgo8</p> <p>Comms Memos https://tinyurl.com/r9zjaqh</p> <p>EMS Special Orders https://tinyurl.com/t2l9hzu</p>
Animal Control/CART:	<p>Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD</p> <p>15 mins ·</p> <p>Thinking about your emergency plan for your pet?</p> <p>Wondering what boarding facilities and pet sitters are available in Charles County?</p> <p>Below is a reference for pet owners.</p> <p>It is recommended that you screen them in advance to determine their suitability for you and your pet.</p> <p>Remember that Red Rover has emergency boarding grants for pet owners that require hospitalization for COVID-19. https://redrover.org/relief/emergency-boarding-grants/.</p> <p>Apple Jacks Kennel 301-884-7547</p> <p>Blue Spring Kennel 301-705-7704</p> <p>Diana's Pet Care 240-350-9192</p> <p>Five Pups 240-903-2329</p> <p>Happy Tracks 301-893-0028</p> <p>K9 Divine 202-769-5359</p> <p>Mt. Victoria Kennel 301-259-2849</p> <p>Playful Pups 301-305-7282</p> <p>Ridge Kennel 301-934-1916</p> <p>4 Pet's Sake Pet Sitting Services, LLC 301-203-5600</p> <p>Joanne's Pet Services 301-710-5359</p> <p>Positive Paws 804-393-0998</p> <p>Rover Rover.com</p> <p>Total Care Pet Sitting 240-339-3617</p>
Economic Development	<p>Continuing to facilitate the SBA declaration and other programs that are important to the local business community. Information and updates are available through the www.meetcharlescounty.com website.</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>Continuing to provide screening for PUIs and sending emails to internal staff when PUIs are identified.</p> <p>Updating policies and sending out safety messages for staff.</p>
Utilities:	Not activated

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PGM(DA Teams):	Not activated
County CIP/B&T:	Not activated
<u>LOGISTICS</u>	
	<p>Nick Ellis, serving as our Logistics Officer asks that you please complete the ICS 213 RR form and send any and all forms/requests to deslogistics@charlescountymd.gov. Please complete the appropriate check boxes (Requestor name, item #, etc.)</p> <p><i>Coordinating with Blue Dyer to get some N95 accessories to for the ER staff.</i></p>
<u>FINANCE</u>	
	<p>CONTINUE tracking any response costs your agency may have now. An email address has been established for finances: desfinance@charlescountymd.gov</p> <p>We received good news during our conference call with MEMA – We are now eligible for reimbursement through public assistance, Jennifer Adams reminds the group to please contact her to get directions to submit an RPA.</p> <p>We will be beginning the Public Assistance request process. Jen Adams will be reaching out to complete the Request for Public Assistance RPA forms for all response partners.</p>
<u>STATE SUPPORT</u>	
	<p>Actively coordinating with MEMA & MDH</p> <p>Child Care service has extended hours to respond to increased call volume during the pandemic. Parents should call 877.261.0060 between Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. A real time chat feature is available Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM or use the self-guided web version of LOCATE: Child Care 24/7 both at marylandfamilynetwork.org. Specialized services for parents of children with special needs as well as Spanish language LOCATE: Child Care are also available.</p> <p>MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700. Virtual on Weekends.</p> <p>State Coordination calls will occur every day at 1500 hours for the duration of the event.</p>
Governor's Representative	<p><u>STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</u></p> <p>The Maryland Departments of Commerce is offering three new business assistance programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:</p> <p>(1) Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan Fund: This \$75 million fund makes available loans of up to \$50,000 to businesses with less than 50 employees. The</p>

loans carry no interest or principal payments for the first 12 months. After 12 months, the loans convert to 36-month term loans that include principal and interest payments with an interest rate at 2% per annum. [Learn more.](#)

(2) Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Fund: This \$50 million program makes available grants of up to \$10,000 to businesses with less than 50 employees. [Learn more.](#)

(3) Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Manufacturing Fund: This \$5 million incentive program helps Maryland manufacturers to produce personal protective equipment (“PPE”), such as face masks and gloves. To learn more, please email fpaaworkflowcoordinator.commerce@maryland.gov.

For the most **up-to-date information** pertaining to the business community and COVID-19: visit <https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus>.

If you have **business assistance-related questions:** email secretary.commerce@maryland.gov.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The CARES Act: This law was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. Read an overview [here](#) and a Q&A document from the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship [here](#). Additional information from the U.S. Department of the Treasury can be found [here](#). Of particular note to counties and municipalities:

- The CARES Act establishes a refundable, 50% payroll tax credit (the [Employee Retention Credit](#)) covering up to \$10,000 per employee, including benefits from the period of March 13, 2020 to December 31, 2020. [Read more](#) and find additional IRS guidance on coronavirus tax relief [here](#).
- Guidance on COVID-19-related tax credits for businesses providing paid sick-leave can be found [here](#).
- The CARES Act also includes support for economic development agencies and programs, including funding for the Community Development Block Grant, assistance to minority business development centers and minority chambers of commerce, several million for state arts and humanities agencies and partners, and more, to assist businesses in need. [Read more.](#)

Additional Small Business Assistance: The federal Small Business Administration has also established programs to assist small businesses. Individual businesses can apply directly to the SBA for low-interest loans through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. Visit [SBA's website](#) to apply now.

General SBA guidance for businesses can be found [here](#). If you need additional help navigating the SBA process, the [Maryland Small Business Development Center](#) can assist you.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The Maryland Department of Labor [unemployment insurance program](#) is fully operational. Employees who have been laid off can file a claim immediately (there is no waiting period) by phone or online (recommended). The state has temporarily waived all work-search requirements. Maryland is allowing workers who have not been terminated to collect

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	<p>unemployment insurance if a) his or her employer has been closed due to COVID-19; b) he or she has been quarantined; or c) he or she is caring for a family member who is quarantined.</p> <p><u>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</u></p> <p>As a supplement to the resources listed above, an ongoing list of frequently asked questions for Maryland businesses planning for and responding to the coronavirus is available here. Click here for translations of these FAQs in more than 10 different languages.</p>



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE

Number: COVID19-09
Date: April 1, 2020
Re: Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Number 20-03-30-01, dated March 30, 2020, Amending and Restating the Order of March 23, 2020, Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and All Non-Essential Businesses and Other Establishments, Additionally Requiring All Persons to Stay at Home

At this time, the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC") recommends that the Administration interpret the above-referenced Order as follows:

1. **Drive-In Religious Services.** Churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and other similar religious facilities of any faith ("Religious Facilities") may conduct "drive-in" services, where participants gather in their vehicles near the Religious Facility and participate in the service together by remote means, subject to the following requirements, which are intended to protect public health, safety, and welfare:
 - a. Participants may leave their Homes to travel by vehicle to and from the Religious Facility, and must remain in their vehicle at all times.
 - b. No vehicle may contain more than 10 persons, in accordance with paragraph III of the Order.
 - c. Participants may not interact physically with clergy, staff, or participants in other vehicles. This includes, but is not limited to, collecting donations by basket or plate.
2. **Limited In-Person Services.** Clergy may conduct limited in-person services at their respective Religious Facilities, and participants may leave their Homes to travel to and from the Religious Facility for such services, subject to the following requirements, which are intended to protect public health, safety, and welfare:
 - a. No more than 10 persons, including clergy, staff and participants, may be present inside the Religious Facility during the service.
 - b. Participants may not interact physically with clergy, staff, or participants. This includes, but is not limited to, collecting donations by basket or plate.
 - c. Participants, clergy, and staff must (i) be at least six feet apart from one another at all times, except for participants that are part of the same household; and (ii) comply with all applicable guidance from the CDC and MDH regarding social distancing.
 - d. There must be at least a four hour gap between the end of one in-person service and the beginning of the next in-person service. The Religious Facility should be cleaned between services, in accordance with CDC cleaning and disinfection guidance.
3. **Minimal Operations at Religious Facilities.** Clergy and other staff of Religious Facilities are permitted to continue conducting Minimal Operations under paragraph IV.c of the Order, provided that they comply with all applicable guidance from the CDC and MDH regarding social distancing. In the case of religious facilities, the term "Minimal Operations" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, facilitating remote services.
4. **Effect on Prior Interpretive Guidance.** Paragraph 6 of Interpretive Guidance COVID19-08 is rescinded and superseded by this document.

This Interpretive Guidance maybe revised or rescinded at any time. Citizens are urged to consult with their own legal counsel for advice about the application of the Order and this Interpretive Guidance to their particular facts and circumstances.