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Charles County Emergency Services

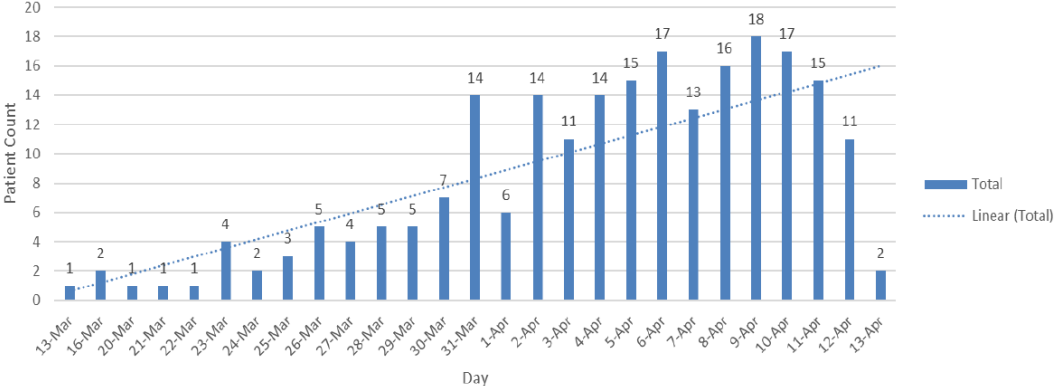
Situation Report #24

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SITUATION																
Situation Summary:	Global COVID-19 situation map here Maryland summary map here															
COVID Confirmed cases in Charles County	277 cases total reported since the beginning of the event.															
	1441 negative tests results															
	The State of MD is reporting 274, which is the number of cases from the State Labs.															
	33 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 reported weekly on Monday’s	MD release racial number on COVID-19 case (6,185 total statewide positives) <table><tr><td>African-American</td><td>3,202</td><td>(104)</td></tr><tr><td>Asian</td><td>190</td><td>(8)</td></tr><tr><td>White</td><td>2,305</td><td>(83)</td></tr><tr><td>Other</td><td>861</td><td>(12)</td></tr><tr><td>Data not available</td><td>1,667</td><td>(28)</td></tr></table> <div>County<ul style="list-style-type: none">African American - 28%Asian - 1%White - 17%American Indian/Alaskan - 1%Unknown - 53%</div>	African-American	3,202	(104)	Asian	190	(8)	White	2,305	(83)	Other	861	(12)	Data not available	1,667	(28)
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Total Casualties:	10 deaths of Charles County residents at this time.															
Total PUIs transported by Career & Volunteer EMS to date:	224– Total for 4/13/2020- per CRMC 37 tested positive															
First Responders that have been exposed, are on	7 Quarantine the responder has been exposed and they can’t come to work. no change since last report 23 Self Isolation: responder is sick or test positive. -1 since last reported															

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<p>quarantine or self-isolation</p>																																																									
<p>EOC Safety Officer Update</p>	<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>"We Can Do It! We are all in this together. Remember, be kind to one and other."</i></p> <p>Total number of PUI's transported to date: 224 Total number of first responder's on self-isolation: 1 Total number of first responders on quarantine: 5 Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 37 Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PUI Patients Transported - 03-13-20 thru 04-13-20 @ 0947</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>PUI Patients Transported - 03-13-20 thru 04-13-20 @ 0947</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Patient Count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>13-Mar</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>16-Mar</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>20-Mar</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>21-Mar</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>22-Mar</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>23-Mar</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>24-Mar</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>25-Mar</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>26-Mar</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>27-Mar</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>28-Mar</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>29-Mar</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>30-Mar</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>31-Mar</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>1-Apr</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>2-Apr</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>3-Apr</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>4-Apr</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>5-Apr</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>6-Apr</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>7-Apr</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>8-Apr</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>9-Apr</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>10-Apr</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>11-Apr</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>12-Apr</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>13-Apr</td><td>2</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Day	Patient Count	13-Mar	1	16-Mar	2	20-Mar	1	21-Mar	1	22-Mar	1	23-Mar	4	24-Mar	2	25-Mar	3	26-Mar	5	27-Mar	4	28-Mar	5	29-Mar	5	30-Mar	7	31-Mar	14	1-Apr	6	2-Apr	14	3-Apr	11	4-Apr	14	5-Apr	15	6-Apr	17	7-Apr	13	8-Apr	16	9-Apr	18	10-Apr	17	11-Apr	15	12-Apr	11	13-Apr	2
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<p>Websites that include the official information:</p>	<p><i>DIY Facemask designs from the CDC:</i> https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html</p> <p>Maryland Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rumor Control Page. Marylanders are encouraged to visit the page at Bit.ly/Md-Covid19-Rumors.</p> <p>New County Webpage for the Dept of Health https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/other-agencies/charles-county-department-of-health</p> <p>List of EPA Approved Disinfecting Agents for COVID-19 https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2</p> <p>FEMA's rumor control website: https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control?fbclid=IwAR3x4emdkwiN9W1z_dMZVPFTjgvwxCExSi9THFHwkdzXjITl1g-py9iirro</p> <p>Updated CDC flyers have been added to the below site. Printable CDC Handouts & Posters:</p>																																																								

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	<p>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 Coronavirus.gov</p> <p>Maryland Dept of Health Coronavirus website: https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/ 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>Getting 20 face shields donated from www.collectiveshield.org</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> <p><i>Total of 95 donated cloth masks so far.</i></p>
<u>EXECUTIVE ACTIONS</u>	
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>
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. New Executive Orders for Nursing Homes & Expansion of Health Officer Powers All Governor's Executive orders are posted here:</p>

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	https://governor.maryland.gov/category/executive-orders/
County Government:	<p>County Government Buildings are Closed to the Public Telework for non-essential workers and some essential staff that can telework. 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><i>PIO continues share information as needed and support the Health Department public information efforts.</i></p> <p><i>PIO continues share information as needed. PIO recorded a video message with Mark Belton that they plan to release today. They will conduct a PSA on Wednesday with Commissioner Stewart, regarding gloves.</i></p> <p><i>PIO reminds everyone that they are continually supporting Emergency Services and Sage Point on any Media help that they may need.</i></p>
Schools:	<p>Meals: <i>No meal distribution occurred Saturday or Sunday. In addition, because of forecasted weather, CCPS closed meal distribution sites today, Monday, April 13, 2020. The closing also canceled distribution of laptops and instructional packets. Principals will reschedule laptop distribution and CCPS will reopen meal distribution sites on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Chick-fil-A of La Plata and Waldorf have stepped up to offer free children's meals to all CCPS students with proof of student ID or report card. Our total meals for last week is "unofficially" 33,354 meals served to children, and 102,688 meals served since March 16th (four weeks / 20 days)</i></p> <p>Closure: <i>School closure through at least 4-24-20.</i></p> <p>Instruction: <i>Distance learning in full swing.</i></p> <p>Community Wifi: <i>All four sites are up and running and seeing use. CCPS is still determining where to expand our current WiFi to 3 other additional sites.</i></p> <p>Misc: <i>St. Charles High School is working on creating 3D face masks through their engineering department.</i></p>
<u>HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES</u>	
Medical isolation/quarantine	0 persons in non-congregate care shelter at this time.

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for vulnerable populations:	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.
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>GENERAL REPORTING INFORMATION <u>INFECTIOUS DISEASE</u> CASE COUNT—CHARLES COUNTY As of 4/12/2020, total case count for Charles County is 271.</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. <p>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 Saturday, 4/11 or Sunday, April 12th. Patient volume was 35 on 4/11 and 21 on 4/12. All were discharged to home for self-care. 8 presented with ILI on Sunday. Diagnoses included bronchitis, acute pharyngitis, asthma exacerbation, and virus infection.</p> <p>SURVEILLANCE OF EMS CALL DATA AND ALERTS</p> <p>The epidemiologist monitors the Charles County DES First Watch trigger alerts. The number of daily trigger alerts for COVID-19 cases or COVID-19 persons under investigation was on 4/11 and on 4/12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/11: 20 • 4/12: 18

EPI SURVEILLANCE PROFILE FOR STATE

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

- 1) Latest case counts – total: 8936
Negative count: 42815
 - 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) Hospitalizations 1975 have ever been hospitalized
 - e) Deaths: 262

Case Count for Charles County

As of 4/13, total case count for Charles County was 271 cases.
There have been 10 deaths associated with COVID-19 (1.1%).

- 23% hospitalization
- 58% Female; 42% Male
- 20% Healthcare Workers
- 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%

TESTING

VEIP TESTING SITE UPDATE

Per MDH, 72 appointment slots will be opened for Tuesday and Thursday, respectively, at the Waldorf VEIP testing center

CALL CENTER UPDATE

- 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.

MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

- Nothing new to report as of noon, 4/13/2020

PARTNER/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

ALL-PARTNER

A standing invitation for calls to occur on Thursdays at 4pm, with questions to be submitted in advance, being sent/sent out today.

LTC/AL

- *The CCDOH is currently working with 2 LTCs and 1 AL that have positive COVID cases to support resource requests, review laboratory reports, review line listings, and to answer questions as necessary. Some private laboratory reports are not received by the department until after 1700.*
- *A standing invitation for calls to occur on Thursdays at 3pm.*

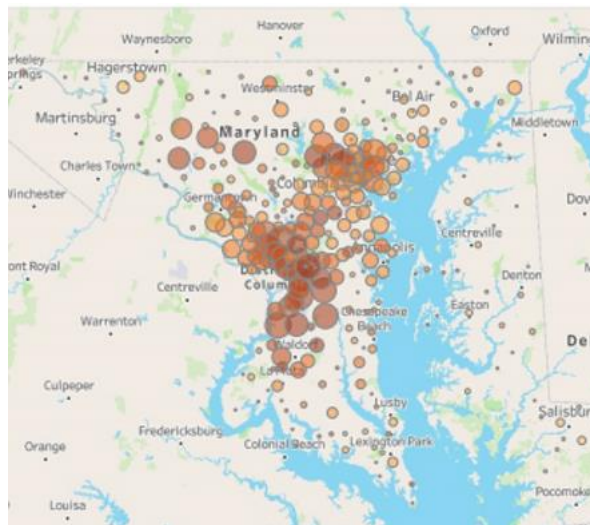
RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

- *5 new requests received 4/10/2020; 2 new requests received 4/11/2020; all 7 requests were filled according to the state prioritization algorithm*
- *7 previous gowns were filled on 4/11/2020*
- *6 orders remain ready for pick up – likely on 4/13/2020*

VOLUNTEERS

MARYLAND MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

- *1 new responders accepted into unit 04/011/2020*
- *2 new Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) nurses will be on site for training, observation and testing for the operational periods 04/14/20 and 04/16/2020*
- *A call-out was made for MRC nurses to assist with long-term care facility needs. Additionally, we worked with the State MRC Coordinator to seek assist with acquiring more nurse volunteers. Submitted electronic request for the aforementioned.*
- *State MRC Coordinator received necessary approval to expand the call out for nurses. A state-level message went out this morning supporting this effort. Also, the call out went to MRC members in St Mary's and Calvert counties.*



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<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Charles County Department of Social Services is CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC</p> <hr/> <p>PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES/CONTACTS TO OBTAIN SERVICES: <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><i>Working with and supporting DES to coordinate calls with the MD Foodbank regarding the additional needs for local foodbank services for the County.</i></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</p>

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	<p>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 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 immediate risk for violence 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>206 meals were prepared for distribution today. 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: Grocery deliveries are scheduled for tomorrow. Along with grocery deliveries 120 meals will be provided by Rucci's restaurant to be delivered to homebound and homeless families on Tuesday. We are continuing meal/grocery deliveries to homebound residents, utilizing homebound delivery protocols developed by the Maryland Food Bank. Curbside groceries were conducted at the Robert J. Fuller House. Cabanas in Newberg, at New Hope COG and Mt. Hope Nanjemoy operated today as well.</i></p> <p>Outreach <i>Individuals living in encampments are in dire need of face coverings, water and hand sanitizer. We were approved for some supplies through the COC, awaiting the submission of the order and timeframe for distribution. We have purchased sanitizer from Blue Dyer Distillery. We purchased 10 gallons and they will donate 2 gallons.</i></p> <p>Facilities</p>

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	<p><i>7 individuals were referred to Housing Authority for SAFAH vouchers.</i></p> <p><i>Also, we have had an increase in domestic violence calls.</i></p> <p><i>All participants and staff are doing temperature checks daily. Limited access to all facilities.</i></p> <p><i>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 4/13/2020 = 73</i> <i>Confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 patient admissions in-house 4/13/2020 = 23</i> <i>Of those 23 COVID-19 Positive patients: 5 patients are in the ICU under isolation precautions, and 18 patients are on the COVID-19 dedicated unit on 3 South.</i> <i>There are currently 9 patients in the ICU as of 4/13/2020.</i> <i>Number of ventilators owned by CRMC = 20. As of 4/13/2020 there are patients on ventilators. Three (3) patients on ventilators are positive for COVID-19.</i> <i>An EMS Ambulance decontamination area has been established in a parking lot near the ambulance area (but not obstructing to it).</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Confirming that as 4/13/2020, there have been six (6) COVID-19 related deaths at CRMC and four (4) deaths that were transferred to other hospitals. Total COVID-10 related deaths = 10</i>
<u>OPERATIONS</u>	
Peer Support Team:	despeersupport@charlescountymd.gov **NEW NUMBER** - 240-532-0558

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<p>Will be reporting weekly on Mondays.</p>	<p><i>Face-to-Face visits:</i> 25 employees, 13 stations 3 Volunteers <i>Phone Contacts:</i> 32 employees <i>Social Media:</i> Courtney and Debi are continuing to monitor social media for changes in our co-workers' posts or other concerns. We are actively engaging employees through the CCEMS FaceBook page. We are also posting quick tips to help with self-care, stress, etc. <i>General Impression:</i> Many employees have started discussing insomnia, particularly the night before shift. Courtney is putting together some meditation, breathing, stretching exercises to help. The Academy Class VI lost one of their classmates this week in a car accident. They are struggling with dealing with the loss in an already highly charged stress time with the pandemic as many are just starting their careers. A lot of time has been dedicated to keeping in touch with class members and Marcus' family and other co-workers. A CISM meeting is set for the Academy Class VI tonight. Several employees have run "regular" stressor calls such as pediatric codes, domestic abuse, murder, etc. Some have experienced abnormal reactions for themselves, most likely due to already being in high-stress state. All seem to be doing okay coping after being able to talk it out. Follow-ups are on-going with them.</p>
<p>HazMat:</p>	<p>Providing Logistics support for the EOC</p>
<p>Law Enforcement: MSP & CCSO</p>	<p><u>PUI:</u></p> <p>Charles County Sheriff's Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 sworn officer quarantined • 14 officers isolated • 1 correctional officer quarantined • 8 civilians isolated <p>Maryland State Police: None local Maryland Transportation Authority: None local La Plata Police Department: None local Natural Resources Police: 1 sworn officer isolated</p> <p><u>Governor's Order Violations</u></p> <p><i>Violation sustained calls for service: 25</i> <i>Warnings: 24</i> <i>Charges later: 0</i> <i>On-scene arrest: 1</i></p>

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	<i>PUI Intake at CCDC: 2</i>
Career EMS & Volunteer Fire & EMS:	<p><i>Working together we will be doing a video webinar every Monday. The video will be posted online and can be seen here. https://tinyurl.com/tlen52w</i></p> <p><i>Developed an online survey tool for each stations leadership to report weekly PPE status. This will help with distribution and burn rate calculations.</i></p>
Special Operations Collapse Team:	No report requested at this time.
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. (Still waiting on fulfillment)</p> <p><i>Medical Tent vendor has reached out to CRMC. Still waiting for ETA.</i></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 Safety Messages: https://tinyurl.com/ro8jgo8 Comms Memos https://tinyurl.com/r9zjaqh 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? Wondering what boarding facilities and pet sitters are available in Charles County? Below is a reference for pet owners. It is recommended that you screen them in advance to determine their suitability for you and your pet. 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 Blue Spring Kennel 301-705-7704 Diana's Pet Care 240-350-9192 Five Pups 240-903-2329 Happy Tracks 301-893-0028 K9 Divine 202-769-5359 Mt. Victoria Kennel 301-259-2849</p>

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	Playful Pups 301-305-7282 Ridge Kennel 301-934-1916 4 Pet's Sake Pet Sitting Services, LLC 301-203-5600 Joanne's Pet Services 301-710-5359 Positive Paws 804-393-0998 Rover Rover.com Total Care Pet Sitting 240-339-3617
Economic Development	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.
<u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u>	
Power Outages: (SMECO)	None at this time
County Roads:	No report requested at this time.
Debris Removal:	Not activated
Communications:	Continuing to provide screening for PUIs and sending emails to internal staff when PUIs are identified. Updating policies and sending out safety messages for staff.
Utilities:	Not activated
PGM(DA Teams):	Not activated
County CIP/B&T:	Not activated
<u>LOGISTICS</u>	
	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.) Coordinating with Blue Dyer to get some N95 accessories to for the ER staff.
<u>FINANCE</u>	
	CONTINUE tracking any response costs your agency may have now. An email address has been established for finances: desfinance@charlescountymd.gov

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	<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>
	<p><u>STATE SUPPORT</u></p>
	<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 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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>For the most up-to-date information pertaining to the business community and COVID-19: visit https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus.</p> <p>If you have business assistance-related questions: email secretary.commerce@maryland.gov.</p> <p><u>FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</u></p>

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 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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.