April 24, 2020 ~ COVID 19

Charles County Emergency Services
Situation Report #33
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==*Link to provide comments for the After Action Report (AAR)*==
https://tinyurl.com/ydatnmo4

SITUATION	
Situation Summary:	Global COVID-19 situation map here Maryland summary map here
COVID Confirmed cases in Charles County ==***Casualties will be moved to this section for ease of viewing.**==	*480 cases total reported since the beginning of the event.*
	1911 negative tests results
	The State of MD is reporting 459, which is the number of cases from the State Labs.
	Recovered and released from isolation: 125 Partially recovered with improved symptoms: 32
	38 deaths of Charles County residents at this time.
Statewide Race/Ethnicity demographics	*MD release racial number on COVID-19 case:* ***Cases and Deaths by Race (deaths)*** ***Cases and Deaths Data Breakdown:*** *(inside parentheses) = Number of confirmed deaths* ** = Number of probable deaths* *NH = Non-Hispanic* ***By Race and Ethnicity*** *Race/Ethnicity Cases Deaths* *African-American (NH) 6,046 (289) 22** *Asian (NH) 339 (25) 2** *White (NH) 3,830 (275) 42** *Hispanic 2,373 (40)* *Other (NH) 616 (17)* *Data Not Available 3,412 (77) 9** ***County*** ***Race Breakdown*** • *Asian: 10 (2.2%)* • *Black/African American: 220 (47.9%)* • *White: 116 (25.3%)*

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- *Other or 2+ races: 19 (4.1%)*
- *Data not available or Declined to Answer: 94 (20.5%)*

Racial breakdown among confirmed fatalities
- *57.6% Non-Hispanic White*
- *39.4% Non-Hispanic Black*
- *3% Hispanic*

Ethnicity Breakdown
- *Hispanic 11 (2.4%)*
- *Non-Hispanic 341 (74.3%)*
- *Declined to answer 37 (8.0%)*
- *Data not available 70 (15.3%)*

Confirmed Cases by Zip Codes: **Available information from State website. Not showing data from zip codes with less than 8 confirmed positives.**			

Zip code:	4/23	4/24	Change from 4/23 to 4/24
20601	57	59	+2
20602	81	82	+1
20603	118	118	0
20607	9	10	+1
20613	15	16	+1
20616	10	11	+1
20637	12	13	+1
20640	16	19	+3
20646	51	56	+5
20695	28	29	+1

Total PUIs transported by Career & Volunteer EMS to date:	*435 and 84 are confirmed positive via CRMC*
First Responders that have been exposed, are on quarantine or self-isolation	Quarantine means exposed and they can't come to work. Self Isolation means sick or tested positive. *43 Quarantine: means exposed and they can't come to work. No change since last report* *7 Self Isolation: means sick or tested positive No change since last reported*
EOC Safety Officer Update	Safety message is being broadcasted twice daily on the public safety radio system. Safety Messages are all posted here: https://tinyurl.com/ro8jgo8 New Safety Training video for Donning & Doffing PPE : https://youtu.be/mY4rvyJDxDk

Today's Safety Message: "Problems? Need a friend to talk to? Peer Support Services 240-532-0558 DESpeersupport@charlescountymd.gov."

Total number of PUI's transported to date: 435

Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 84

Total number of first responders on self-isolation: 6

Total number of first responders on quarantine: 33

Total number of first responders + for COVID-19: 9

Total number of first responders out for COVID related mental health: 0

Total number of fire stations sanitized: 4

Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day

PUI Incidents - 03-13-20 thru 04-24-20 @ 1043

4/23/2020 **Safety Message:** "Keep'em Clean! Help keep our first responders in the fight. Sanitary bathrooms kill the germs and viruses."

Total number of PUI's transported to date: 427

Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 84

Total number of first responders on self-isolation: 6

Total number of first responders on quarantine: 33

Total number of first responders + for COVID-19: 9

Total number of first responders out for COVID related mental health: 0

Total number of fire stations sanitized: 3

Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day

4/22/2020 **Safety Message:** "The New High Five! Elbow bumps help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and still make you feel good."

Total number of PUI's transported to date: 410

Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 74
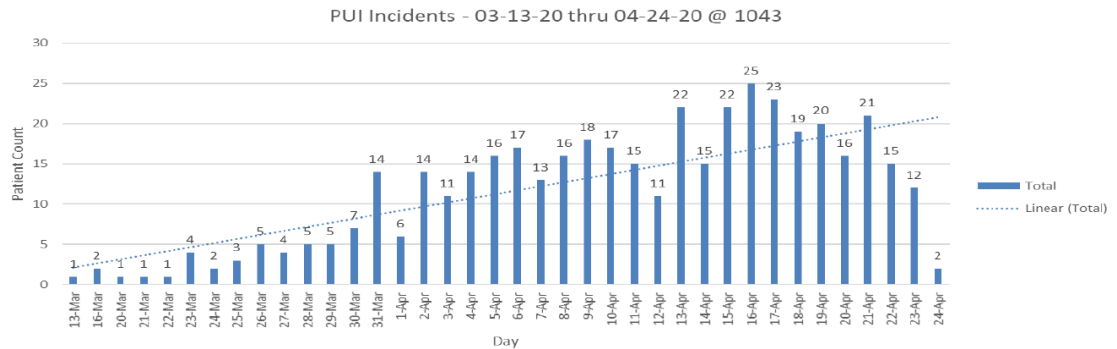
Total number of first responders on self-isolation: 6

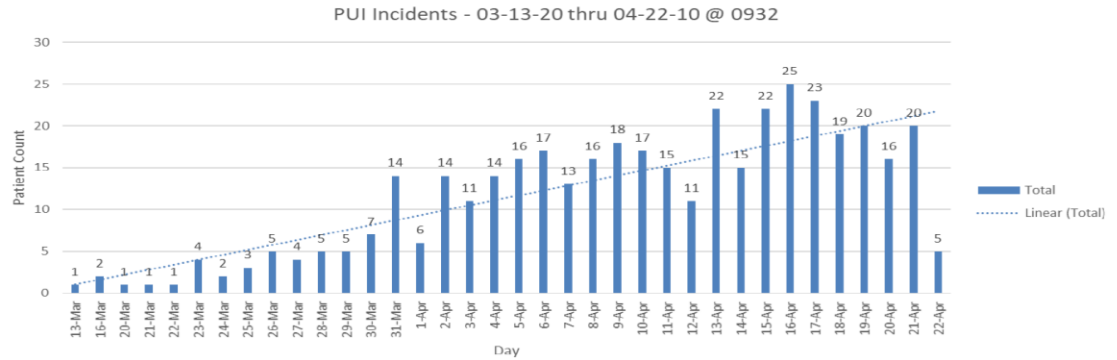Total number of first responders on quarantine: 30

Total number of first responders + for COVID-19: 8

Total number of first responders out for COVID related mental health: 2

Total number of fire stations sanitized: 3

Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day

PUI Incidents - 03-13-20 thru 04-22-10 @ 0932

4/22/2020 Safety Message: "Are you doing all you can? Use PPE, use hand sanitizer, and wash your hands frequently."
Total number of PUI's transported to date: 389
Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 73
Total number of first responders on self-isolation: 7
Total number of first responders on quarantine: 27
Total number of first responders out for COVID related mental health: 2
Total number of fire stations sanitized: 3
Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day

PUI Incidents - 03-13-20 thru 04-21-20 @ 0948

4/21/2020 **Safety Message:** "Wipe the Wheel. Stay safe, don't cross contaminate."
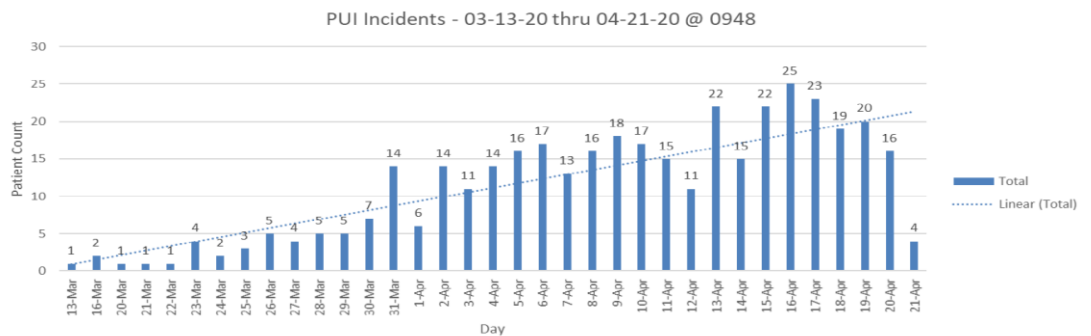Total number of PUI's transported to date: 374
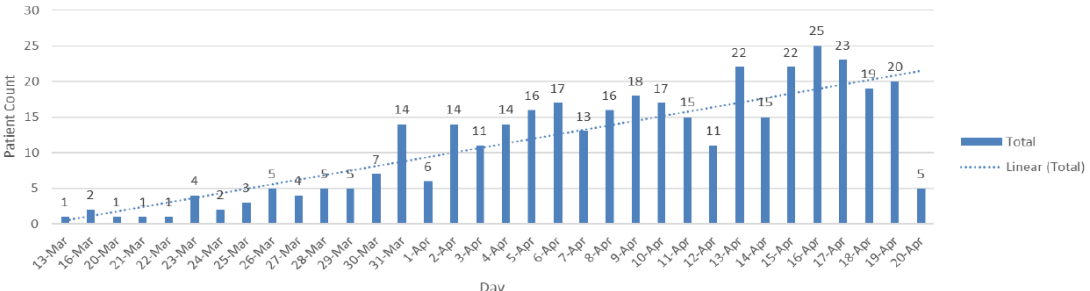Total number of first responders on self-isolation: 5
Total number of first responders on quarantine: 31
Total number of patients transported by EMS testing + for COVID: 68
Total number of first responders out for COVID related mental health: 2
Daily Estimated PPE Burn Rate: 30 sets/day

	PUI Incidents - 03-13-20 thru 04-20-20 @ 09:44 Bar chart showing Patient Count (0–30) by Day from 13-Mar through 20-Apr. Values by day: 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 16, 6-Apr 17, 7-Apr 13, 8-Apr 16, 9-Apr 18, 10-Apr 17, 11-Apr 15, 12-Apr 11, 13-Apr 22, 14-Apr 15, 15-Apr 22, 16-Apr 25, 17-Apr 23, 18-Apr 19, 19-Apr 20, 20-Apr 5. Legend: Total, Linear (Total).
Websites that include the official information:	DIY Facemask designs from the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html Maryland Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rumor Control Page. Marylanders are encouraged to visit the page at Bit.ly/Md-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-py9iiro Updated CDC flyers have been added to the below site. 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 Coronavirus.gov 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/ 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

Donations Management	30 N95 received and sent to CRMC from www.collectiveshield.org *100 faceshields 3D printed from Public Schools* We will be directing the public to call 301-609-3435 or to email desdonations@charlescountymd.gov if they wish to donate. Total of 809 donated cloth masks have been donated and/or labor to sew have been donated so far.
EXECUTIVE ACTIONS	
EOC Activation:	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 MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700. Virtual on Weekends. EOC email addresses: despeersupport@charlescountymd.gov deseoc@charlescountymd.gov desplanning@charlescountymd.gov deslogistics@charlescountymd.gov desfinance@charlescountymd.gov dessafety@charlescountymd.gov desdonations@charlescountymd.gov
State of Emergency:	State of Maryland Declared on 3/5/2020 County Declared 3/16/2020 (for up to 30 days) County extended to April 30, 2020
Protective Actions:	All gatherings must be less than ten persons. Governor has issued stay at home orders. Health Officer issues mask requirement order for public seen here Social Distancing programs in effect from Governor's Order. New Executive Orders for Nursing Homes & Expansion of Health Officer Powers 4/16/2020 3 new EO posted to website **All Governor's Executive orders are posted here:** **https://governor.maryland.gov/category/executive-orders/**
County Government:	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 See here for Operating Status updates: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/operating-schedule

PIO:	No press inquiries for the last 24 hours. Circulated the News channel 7 Charlies Reilly story. Will be working through locally translating the new Governor's plan for opening up businesses as the next challenge.
Schools:	*Meals:* *On Thursday, 4/23/20 CCPS served 4947 meals at the 11 meal distribution sites. This total was down -360 from Wednesday, 4/22/20. Westlake HS, St. Charles HS JP Ryon and JC Parks Elementary are still are the highest distribution sites.* *Closure:* *Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) now remains closed through May 15. All schools, buildings and centers will remain closed to the public.* *Instruction:* *Today, Friday, 4/24/20, is the last day for parents and students to request a laptop for their child.* *Community Wifi:* *All four sites are up and running and seeing use. CCPS in process of 3 other additional WiFi sites.* *Misc:* *Today seven Career Technology CCPS schoolteachers donated 117 facemasks to the EOC for distribution.* *ABC 7 News is reporting School break-ins are up 100 percent in Montgomery County when compared to this time last year, Montgomery County Police Department statistics show. Police data shows 62.5 percent of the 2020 school break-ins have taken place between March 1 and April 16. Authorities believe COVID-19 boredom is a primary culprit for the increase.*
HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES	
Medical isolation/quarantine for vulnerable populations:	1 persons in non-congregate care shelter at this time. 4/23/2020 currently working to deploy sanitation stations to several sites within the County.

Shelter Operation Plan:	Not Activated
Essential Personnel Childcare:	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. Here is the list of approved child care facilities for COVID-19: https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/approved-emergency-personnel-child-care. Your staff may pick anyone of these facilities based on location. 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
Recreations, Parks & Tourism:	No report requested at this time. See cancellations here: https://www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/covid-19
Department of Health:	*INFECTIOUS DISEASE* *CASE COUNT—CHARLES COUNTY* *As of 4/24/2020, total case count for Charles County is 455.* • *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.* *CALL CENTER UPDATE* • *Operation time: 0800 to 2200.* • *The numbers to call remain the same: 301.609.6717 or 301.609.6777* • *Volume for new system is approximately 60 call per day.* *MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE* • *Currently staffing a disclosure statement with MDH in reference to Baltimore Sun PIA request.* *PARTNER/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH* *LTC/AL* • *The Long-Term Care and Assisted Living call was held yesterday at 3 p.m. Nurse liaisons conducted the call and provided helpful COVID-related information to the group.* *ALL-PARTNER* • *The all-partner call was held yesterday at 4 p.m. Nurse liaisons conducted.* *EPI SURVEILLANCE PROFILE FOR STATE*

	Case Investigation, Surveillance, and Infectious Disease Response (D, Blythe)
	1) **Latest case counts** – *total: 16,616 (68,100 negative)*
	2) **New cases:** *879*
	    a) **Age distribution:**
	        i) *under 18 years - 2 %*
	        ii) *in 19-64 age range 74%*
	        iii) *in 65+ age range 24%*
	    b) **Geographic distribution:**
	        i) *National Capital 53%*
	        ii) *Baltimore Metro area 41%*
	        iii) *Eastern Shore 3%*
	        iv) *Southern 2%*
	        v) *Western 1%*
	    c) *Of cases, 53% female; 47% male*
	    d) *Hospitalizations 141 new; total 3,616*
	    e) *Deaths -- Total 723 (43 in Last 24hrs)*
	    f) *Release from isolation – 1,108*

Social Services	Charles County Department of Social Services is **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** **_____** PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES/CONTACTS TO OBTAIN SERVICES: **APPLY FOR ALL BENEFITS ONLINE:** **mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us** **Questions Regarding Child Support or Other Benefits** **Call Center (800) 332-6347** **Question Regarding Family or Children's Services?** **Call (301) 392-6724** **To make a report of child or adult abuse:** **Call Child Protective Services - (301)-392-6739** **Call Adult Protective Services - (301)-392-6724** **YOU CAN SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS:** **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** **NEED A REPLACEMENT EBT CARD:** **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 **CHILD SUPPORT** **EPIC Card questions:** **Call (866) 213-4074** **Payments may be mailed to the following address:** **Maryland Child Support Account** **P. O. Box 17396** **Baltimore, Maryland 21297-1396**

	• **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**
Community Services:	Working with and supporting DES to coordinate calls with the MD Foodbank regarding the additional needs for local foodbank services for the County. **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.** 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 <u>immediate risk for violence</u> is encouraged to contact 911.
Lifestyles:	*Coordination* *Two sanitation centers will be set up with wash stations and port-a- john. One in La Plata and one in Waldorf. With the difficulty in getting permission from property owners we are continuing to look at other alternatives for sanitation methods for those who are unsheltered and homeless. In the meantime, staff are purchasing and distributing solar showers.* *Food services* *Six (6) cabanas operated today as well as curbside distributions. 87 households received meals today. Volunteers have prepared 117 bags for distribution.* *Meal deliveries: Meals were delivered to two (2) families in a motel and (1) person in non-congregate shelter. Coordination with CCPS to address families that they have identified continues. Through meal delivery screening. 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. ***Outreach*** *Areas covered: Waldorf two locations and La Plata locations. We were able to provide a few face coverings to individuals living in encampments. The CCHD is assisting obtaining vital documents to allow for more permanent housing of two individuals and a service dog we are currently assisting.* *Continued coordinated with EOC, HD, CCSO and DSS to provide isolation for one client since Saturday evening. Client is provided 3 meals per day.* *LifeStyles toll free number has been published statewide which has increased the number of calls for SNAP assistance from persons outside of our jurisdiction. These calls are requiring additional manpower to redirect. Also, we have had an increase in domestic violence calls.* **Facilities** *Many facilities have various restrictions on admissions currently which increases the lack of shelter for several individuals. All participants and staff are doing temperature checks daily. Limited access to all facilities. Guests are not allowed at facilities at this time.*
Charles Regional Medical Center	*Tested 775 total so far, 183 were positive* • *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.* • *Hospital Bed Capacity = 166. Census = 85* • *Hospital ICU Census = 10* • *Hospital ICU in now a dedicated COVID-19 Unit, and 3 East is for ICU overflow.* • *Isolation Room Capacity = 12* • *Isolation Rooms Occupied = 8* • *Confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 patient admissions = 23* - *Of the total 23 COVID-19 positive patients. Four (4) of the patients are located in the ICU. Nineteen (19) are located in the 3 South dedicated COVID-19 unit* • *PUI admissions = 8* • *Ventilated COVID-19 positive patients = 8* • *Ventilators not in use = 12*

	• *COVID-19 related deaths = 23* • *CRMC has implemented a policy that requires ALL staff, visitors (which would be very limited), and contractors of any kind to were a mask while in the hospital at all times.* • *The 3 South patient unit at CRMC is dedicated to COVID-19 positive patients only.* • *On Wednesday, 4/23/2020, patients transported by EMS as COVID-19 positive = 1. PUI's = 4*

OPERATIONS

Peer Support Team: Will be reporting weekly on Mondays.	despeersupport@charlescountymd.gov **NEW NUMBER** - 240-532-0558 Video about Peer Support: https://youtu.be/EIML_RnIdAY Peer support is providing assistance to Sagepoint employees by some critical incident stress management teams.
HazMat:	Providing Logistics support for the EOC

Law Enforcement: MSP & CCSO	*Charles County Sheriff's Office:*
	    • *5 sworn officer quarantined*
	    • *0 officers isolated*
	    • *0 correctional officer quarantined*
	    • *0 correctional officers isolated*
	    • *5 civilian quarantined*
	    • *1 civilians isolated*
	Maryland State Police: None local
	Maryland Transportation Authority: None local
	La Plata Police Department: None
	Natural Resources Police: None
	
	Governor's Order Violations since Emergency Orders Issued:
	
	Violation sustained calls for service: 44
	Warnings: 41
	Charges later: 2
	On-scene arrest: 1

Career EMS & Volunteer Fire & EMS:	**Items Being Worked On:** - Reduction of Force Policy – Information gathering occurring for Vols, Draft submitted to Union. - Station Health Screening Policy – Completed - PPE Burn Rate / Inventory - Completed -*Special Order 2020-03 – Evaluation, Monitoring, Testing Policy - completed* *Stations/Apparatus:* *- No Contaminations issues at any Stations.* *- No Apparatus with any contamination issues.* *- No Service Deliverability Issues with Apparatus O.O.S.* ***Personnel - 26 Members across 3 Stations (6 Positive / 5 Negative):*** *- Fire Station 3 – 1 Member in 14 Day Isolation – Tested Positive 4/16/2020* *- Fire / EMS Station 11 - 2 Members -2 Due to Family Members being Quarantined o – 3 Members Due to potential exposure from another patient.* *- Fire / EM Station 12 – 20 members due to a Positive Member in the Station (Currently 5 Positive/5 Negative)* *- **Providers are slowly making improvement health wise.*** ***Incidents/Call Volume:*** *- No Major Incidents to Report related to COVID-19* *- Yesterday's EMS Call Volume was average, and Fire Call Volume was average* *45 Ems Related Incidents ----- 16 Fire Related Incidents* ***Other Information:*** *- Continue to push out information about Social Distancing in the Stations.* *- Continue to push out Peer Support Information.*
Special Operations Collapse Team:	No report requested at this time.
Emergency Management:	Closely watching guidance from the CARES act to begin application expeditiously once released. Coordinating shelter for first responders that need shelter and for the vulnerable population 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) Medical Tent vendor has reached out to CRMC. Still waiting for ETA. Hospital Bed request completed by CRMC today and submitted to WebEOC.

	Continuing to facilitate daily meetings with the Core Planning Group. Sending out updates as needed. Webpages for sharing SitReps/Safety Messages/Special Orders with responders and others in the public. Short code websites: <mark>First Responder Discounts at local businesses: https://tinyurl.com/yavb5sjl</mark> 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
Animal Control/CART:	Working with the PIOs to promote information on Social Media to inform pet owners that pets do not carry COVID. Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD 15 mins · 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/. 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 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.
**INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

LOGISTICS
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.) Seat covers have been ordered for the ambulances and we've had no issues with decon, D3 station is being disinfected.

FINANCE
CONTINUE tracking any response costs your agency may have now. **An email address has been established for finances:** **desfinance@charlescountymd.gov** **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.** **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.**

STATE SUPPORT
Actively coordinating with MEMA & MDH 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.
	MEMA Full Activation of the SEOC – with staff will be operating Monday – Friday 0700 to 1700. Virtual on Weekends.
	State Coordination calls will occur every day at 1500 hours for the duration of the event.

Governor's Representative	**STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
	
	The Maryland Departments of Commerce is offering three new business assistance programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:
	
	(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.
	
	(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 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.
Assistance for County Employees : Pinnacle Center Employee Assistance Program: https://www.pinnaclecenter.com/ CareFirst behavioral health: 800.245.7013 (For employees covered by the County's health insurance)	