

AGENDA

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY MEETING

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually and can be publicly viewed online via live stream feed at - <https://worcestercountymd.swagit.com/live>

May 28, 2020

3:00 PM - Emergency Meeting to discuss Governor Hogan's latest Executive Order and Worcester County's response to the completion of Stage One of the State's Roadmap to Recovery and implementation of outdoor dining and outdoor activities. County staff will provide briefings on the latest information and recommendations for expedited implementation of this next stage in the recovery efforts.

- Item 1 - Governor's Executive Order and Associated Guidance
- Item 2 - Draft County Temporary Outdoor Seating Application
- Item 3 - Letter to Governor on Phase 2 Reopening Request



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

NUMBER 20-05-27-01

AMENDING AND RESTATING THE ORDER OF MAY 13, 2020,
ALLOWING REOPENING OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES AND
FACILITIES, SUBJECT TO LOCAL REGULATION

- WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, 2020, April 10, 2020, and May 6, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed throughout Maryland;
- WHEREAS, To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend canceling large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings;
- WHEREAS, The currently known and available scientific evidence and best practices support limitations on large gatherings and social distancing to prevent exposures and transmissions, and reduce the threat to especially vulnerable populations, including older individuals and those with chronic health conditions;
- WHEREAS, To reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of the novel coronavirus in Maryland, and to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable that individuals in the state refrain from congregating;
- WHEREAS, To protect the public health, welfare, and safety, prevent the transmission of the novel coronavirus, control the spread of COVID-19, and save lives, it is necessary to control and direct the movement of individuals in Maryland, including those on the public streets;

WHEREAS, It is further necessary to control and direct in Maryland the occupancy and use of buildings and premises, as well as places of amusement and assembly;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Recovery Team continues to advise on related public health and emergency management decisions;

WHEREAS, the State has implemented measures to reduce community transmission rates of COVID-19, while strategically activating the Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery plan;

WHEREAS, the State is continuously expanding COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity and locations throughout Maryland, and has increased its disease-investigation capabilities by implementing operations to trace the contacts of up to 1,000 new cases per day;

WHEREAS, the State has carefully monitored hospital capacity, and has worked with hospitals to ensure their surge capacity can accommodate Marylanders who may become ill;

WHEREAS, the State is procuring necessary protective equipment to safeguard critical facilities and staff; and

WHEREAS, total hospitalizations and usage of hospital beds have been stable or slowly decreasing;

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

I. Administrative and Implementing Provisions.

- a. The Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, dated March 12, 2020, entitled “Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers,” as amended and restated on March 16, 2020, and further amended and restated on March 19, 2020 by Order Number 20-03-19-01, and further amended and restated on March 23, 2020 by Order Number 20-03-29-01, and further amended and restated on March 30, 2020 by Order Number 20-03-30-01, and further amended and restated on May 6, 2020 by Order Number 20-05-06-01, and further amended and restated on May 13, 2020 by Order Number 20-05-13-01 is further amended and restated in its entirety as set forth herein.
- b. The Secretary of Health is hereby authorized to issue directives under this Order (“Secretary’s Directives”), as the Secretary deems necessary, to monitor, treat,

prevent, reduce the spread of, and suppress COVID-19 in relation to any activity permitted under this Order or any business, organization, establishment, or facility that is permitted by this Order to be open to the general public, which directives may include, without limitation, binding requirements and/or non-binding recommendations.

- c. Political subdivisions are not prohibited from opening outdoor public spaces to the general public (such as parks, sports fields and courts, beaches, dog parks, and playgrounds), subject to the following:
 - i. The decision to do so shall be made after consultation with the health officer for the county in which the outdoor public space is located (or, in the case of outdoor public spaces located in Baltimore City, the Commissioner of Health for Baltimore City) (the “Local Health Officer”).
 - ii. The Local Health Officer may issue such directives or orders as may be necessary to monitor, prevent, reduce the spread of, and suppress COVID-19 with respect to the use of the outdoor public space (“Health Officer Directives”).
 - iii. The political subdivision must require persons using the outdoor public space to comply with applicable Secretary’s Directives, applicable Health Officer Directives, and applicable social distancing guidance published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”).
- d. If a political subdivision determines that doing so is necessary and reasonable to save lives or prevent exposure to COVID-19, the political subdivision is hereby authorized to issue orders that are more restrictive than this Order (“Local Orders”):
 - i. requiring any businesses, organizations, establishments, or facilities to close or modify their operations; and/or
 - ii. requiring individuals to remain indoors or to refrain from congregating.
- e. Local Orders may remain in effect for so long as this Order (as it may be amended from time to time) remains in effect. The authority granted by paragraph I.d is in addition to, not in derogation of, any authority of a political subdivision under its charter, laws, ordinances, or regulations.

II. Gatherings Larger Than 10 Persons Prohibited. Social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people (“large gatherings and events”) are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Planned large gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been

rescinded.

III. Businesses, Organizations, Establishments, and Facilities That May Be Open.

- a. Religious Facilities. Subject to applicable Local Orders, churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and other similar religious facilities of any faith in the State of Maryland (“Religious Facilities”) may open to the general public, *provided, however,* that the total number of persons permitted in a Religious Facility at any one time shall not exceed 50% of that Religious Facility’s Maximum Occupancy (defined below).
- b. Retail Establishments. Subject to applicable Local Orders, retail businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities in the State of Maryland that principally sell goods (“Retail Establishments”) may open to the general public, *provided, however,* that the total number of persons permitted in a Retail Establishment at any one time shall not exceed 50% of that Retail Establishment’s Maximum Occupancy (defined below).
- c. Manufacturing. Subject to applicable Local Orders, all manufacturing businesses and facilities in the State of Maryland may open.
- d. Certain Personal Services.
 - i. Subject to applicable Local Orders and paragraph III.d.ii below, the following establishments in the State of Maryland (“Personal Services Establishments”) may open to the general public:
 1. beauty salons, but only to provide hair services and provide hair services—blow drying, as described in Title 5 of the Business Occupations Article of the Maryland Code; and
 2. barber shops.
 - ii. All customers over the age of two are required to wear Face Coverings (as defined in the Face Coverings Order (defined below)) while inside any Personal Services Establishment, except to the extent wearing a Face Covering would make it impossible for services to be performed. All Personal Services Establishments shall:
 1. require staff to wear Face Coverings while in areas open to the general public and areas in which interaction with other staff is likely;
 2. provide services on an appointment basis only;
 3. not allow the number of persons in the Personal Service Establishment to exceed 50% of the Personal Service Establishment’s Maximum Occupancy (defined below); and

4. after providing services to each customer, clean and disinfect the area in which services were performed in accordance with applicable guidance from the CDC and MDH.
- e. Outdoor Recreation. Subject to applicable Local Orders, notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Order, the following establishments in the State of Maryland may open to the general public:
- i. golf courses and driving ranges;
 - ii. outdoor archery and shooting ranges;
 - iii. marinas and watercraft rental businesses;
 - iv. campgrounds;
 - v. horse boarding and riding facilities; and
 - vi. effective as of 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2020:
 1. drive-in movie theaters;
 2. outdoor swimming pools;
 3. outdoor day camps; and
 4. tour boats.
- f. Foodservice Establishments.
- i. Subject to applicable Local Orders and paragraph III.f.ii below, effective as of 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2020, notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Order, (a) restaurants, bars, and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for consumption on-premises in Maryland (“Restaurants and Bars”), and (b) social and fraternal clubs (including without limitation, American Legion posts, VFW posts, and Elks Clubs) (“Social Clubs”) with dining facilities may, to the extent permitted by applicable law:
 1. serve food and beverages to customers for consumption in outdoor seating areas;
 2. sell food and beverages that are promptly taken from the premises, i.e., on a carry-out or drive-through basis; and/or
 3. deliver food and beverages to customers off the premises.
 - ii. Restaurants and Bars and Social Clubs that serve food and beverages to

customers in outdoor areas shall:

1. require all staff to wear Face Coverings, in accordance with the Face Coverings Order (defined below);
2. ensure patrons are seated at least six feet away from each other, except for households seated together;
3. not allow groups larger than six persons to be seated together, except members of the same household;
4. not serve food in a buffet format; and
5. clean and disinfect each table between each seating in accordance with CDC and MDH guidelines, using cleaning products that meet the criteria of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use against COVID-19.

- g. Determination of Maximum Occupancy. With respect to a Religious Facility, Retail Establishment, or Personal Service Establishment (a “Facility”), “Maximum Occupancy” means:
- i. The maximum occupancy load of the Facility under the applicable fire code, as set forth on a certificate issued for the Facility by a local fire code official; or
 - ii. If no such certificate has been issued for the Facility by the local fire code official, the maximum occupancy of the Facility pursuant to applicable laws, regulations, and permits.
- h. Operating Requirements.
- i. All businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are permitted to be open under this paragraph III shall comply with:
 1. applicable Local Orders;
 2. applicable Secretary’s Directives;
 3. applicable social distancing guidance published by CDC and MDH; and
 4. orders issued by the applicable Local Health Officer pursuant to the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland Number 20-04-05-02, dated April 5, 2020, entitled “Delegating Authority to Local Officials to Control and Close Unsafe Facilities”, as it may be amended from time to time.

- ii. For avoidance of doubt, Retail Establishments shall continue to comply with the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland Number 20-04-15-01, dated April 15, 2020, entitled “Requiring Use of Face Coverings Under Certain Circumstances and Requiring Implementation of Certain Physical Distancing Measures”, as it may be amended from time to time (the “Face Coverings Order”).
- iii. Any business, organization, establishment, or facility in the State of Maryland may require its customers over the age of two, visitors over the age of two, and/or staff to wear Face Coverings (as defined in the Face Coverings Order). A business, organization, establishment, or facility that elects to do so shall post signage at each entrance advising customers, visitors, and/or staff about such requirement.

IV. Businesses, Organizations, Establishments, and Facilities Required to Close.

- a. Senior Centers. All senior citizen activities centers (as defined in Section 10-501(i) of the Human Services Article of the Maryland Code) shall remain closed until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
- b. Restaurants and Bars.
 - i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of restaurants, bars, and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for consumption on-premises in Maryland (“Restaurants and Bars”). This Order does not apply to food or beverage services in health care facilities, which are expressly excluded from the definition of “Restaurants and Bars.”
 - ii. Except as permitted by paragraph III.f, all Restaurants and Bars shall remain closed to the general public.
- c. Fitness Centers.
 - i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers, and self-defense schools in Maryland (“Fitness Centers”).
 - ii. All Fitness Centers shall remain closed to the general public, except that the portion of any Fitness Center that is licensed or otherwise permitted by applicable law, regulation, or order to provide child care services may remain open to the general public for the purpose of continuing to provide such child care services.
- d. Theaters.
 - i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of theatres in Maryland at

which live performances occur or motion pictures are shown (“Theaters”).

- ii. Except as permitted by paragraph III.e.vi.1, all Theaters shall remain closed to the general public.

e. Malls.

- i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of shopping centers in Maryland that have one or more enclosed pedestrian concourses (“Enclosed Malls”).
- ii. The following portions of Enclosed Malls shall remain closed to the general public:
 1. pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas open to the general public, including without limitation, food courts; and
 2. retail establishments only accessible to the general public from enclosed pedestrian concourses or other interior areas.
- iii. This paragraph IV.e does not require closure of retail establishments attached to Enclosed Malls that are directly accessible from the outside.
- iv. Notwithstanding paragraph IV.e.ii, local governments may approve access by the general public to the following parts of Enclosed Malls:
 1. retail establishments (a) that primarily sell groceries or pharmacy products, or (b) at which licensed professionals provide health care services; and
 2. pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas, but solely to the extent necessary for the general public to access the retail establishments described in paragraph IV.e.iv.1.

f. Other Recreational Establishments.

- i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of the following establishments in Maryland (“Recreational Establishments”):
 1. bingo halls;
 2. bowling alleys;
 3. pool halls;
 4. amusement parks;
 5. roller and ice skating rinks;
 6. miniature golf establishments;
 7. Social Clubs; and
 8. any other establishment not listed above that is subject to the admission and amusement tax under Title 4 of the Tax-General

Article of the Maryland Code.

- ii. All Recreational Establishments shall remain closed to the general public (including members, in the case of private clubs).

g. Other Miscellaneous Establishments.

- i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of the following establishments in Maryland:
 - 1. tattoo parlors;
 - 2. tanning salons;
 - 3. massage parlors; and
 - 4. establishments that provide esthetic services or provide nail technician services (as described in Title 5 of the Business Occupations Article of the Maryland Code).
- ii. The establishments listed in paragraph IV.g.i above shall remain closed to the general public.
- iii. The term “massage parlors” in paragraph IV.g.i.3 does not include licensed massage therapists providing massage therapy in health care settings, as defined in Title 6 of the Health Occupations Article of the Maryland Code.

h. Other Non-Essential Businesses.

- i. This Order controls the occupancy and use of all businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are not part of the critical infrastructure sectors identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (currently described at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>) (collectively, “Non-Essential Businesses”).
- ii. Subject to paragraph III above, Non-Essential Businesses shall remain closed to the general public.
- iii. Staff and owners may continue to be on-site at Non-Essential Businesses for only the following purposes:
 - 1. Facilitating remote working (a/k/a/ telework) by other staff;
 - 2. Maintaining essential property;
 - 3. Preventing loss of, or damage to property, including without limitation, preventing spoilage of perishable inventory;
 - 4. Performing essential administrative functions, including without

limitation, picking up mail and processing payroll; and

5. Caring for live animals.

- i. Closure By Other Order. All businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are required to close pursuant to any other Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland or any other Order of a political subdivision, shall be and remain closed in accordance with such other Order, as the case may be.

V. Specific Exclusions. For avoidance of doubt, this Order does not require the closure of, or prohibit the movement of any staff or volunteer traveling to, from, or in connection with their duties at any:

- a. federal, State, or local government unit, building, or facility;
- b. newspaper, television, radio, or other media service; or
- c. non-profit organization or facility providing essential services to low-income persons, including, without limitation, homeless shelters, food banks, and soup kitchens.

VI. Government Buildings and Facilities with Large Occupancy or Attendance.

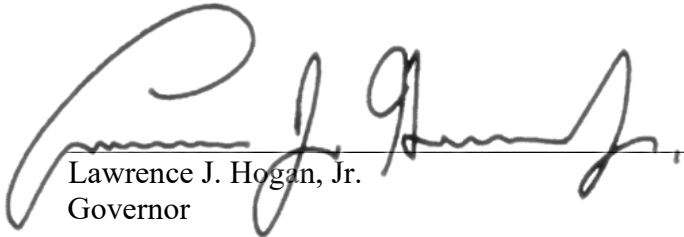
- a. State and local government buildings and facilities with an expected occupancy or attendance of more than 10 people shall:
 - i. Promptly and conspicuously post in the building or facility a copy of the MDH recommendations for social distancing; and
 - ii. Provide all occupants and attendees with the capability to wash their hands.
- b. A copy of this Order shall be made available to all occupants or attendees at any State or local government building and facility with an expected occupancy or attendance of more than 10 people.

VII. General Provisions.

- a. Each law enforcement officer of the State or a political subdivision shall execute and enforce this Order and any Local Order.
- b. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order or any Local Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.
- c. This Order remains effective until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

- d. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended to the extent of the inconsistency.
- e. The underlined paragraph headings in this Order are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Order.
- f. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are severable.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor



MARYLAND STRONG

ROADMAP TO RECOVERY



10,000 TESTS/DAY

GOAL MET

300,444 TESTS

COMPLETED TO DATE



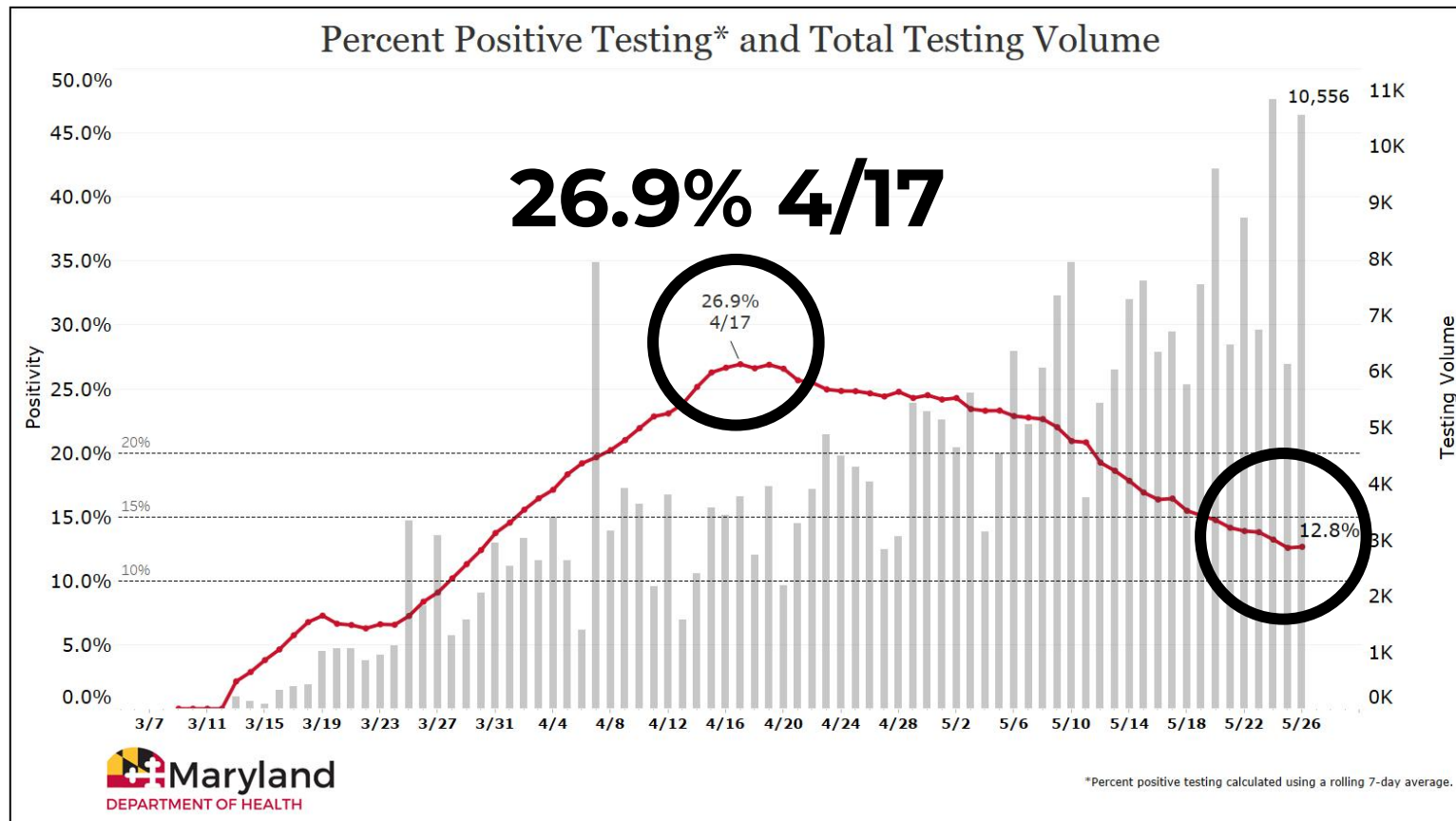
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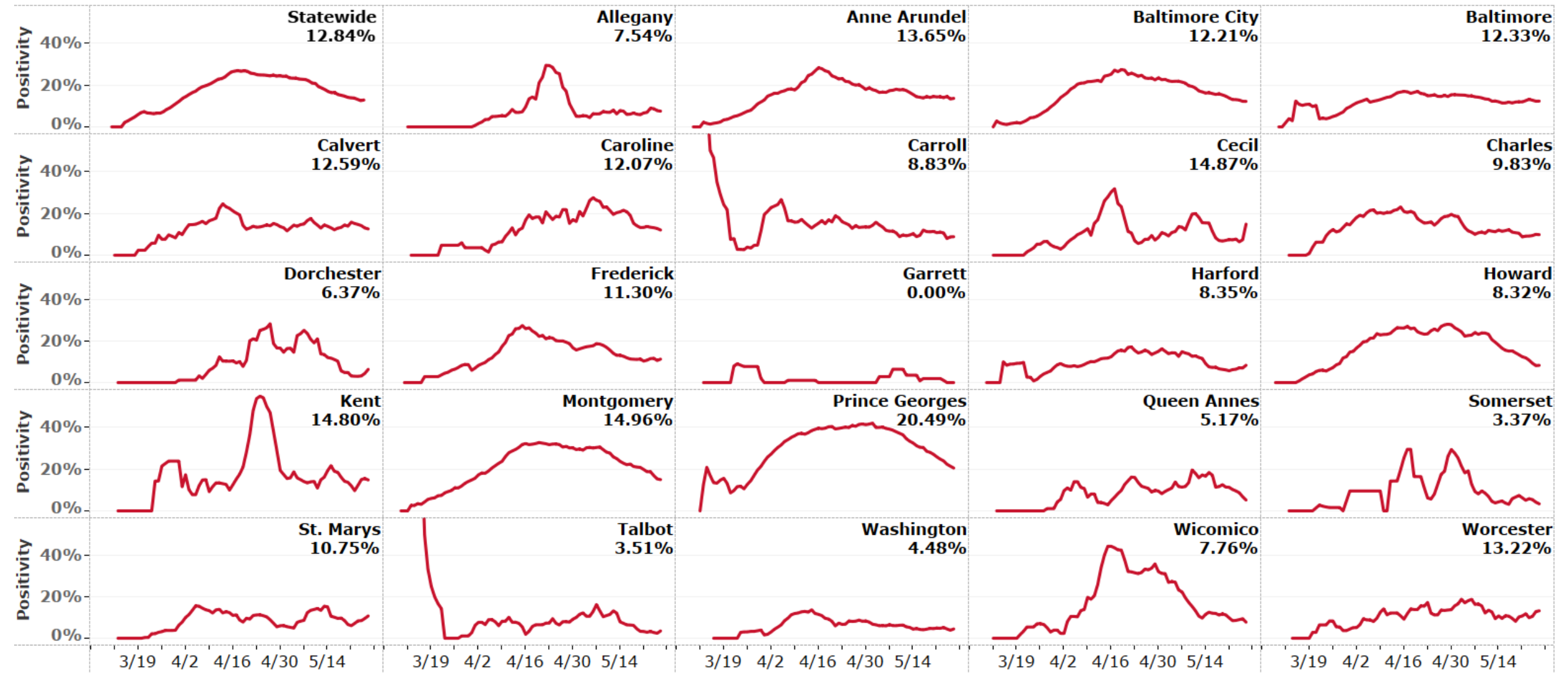
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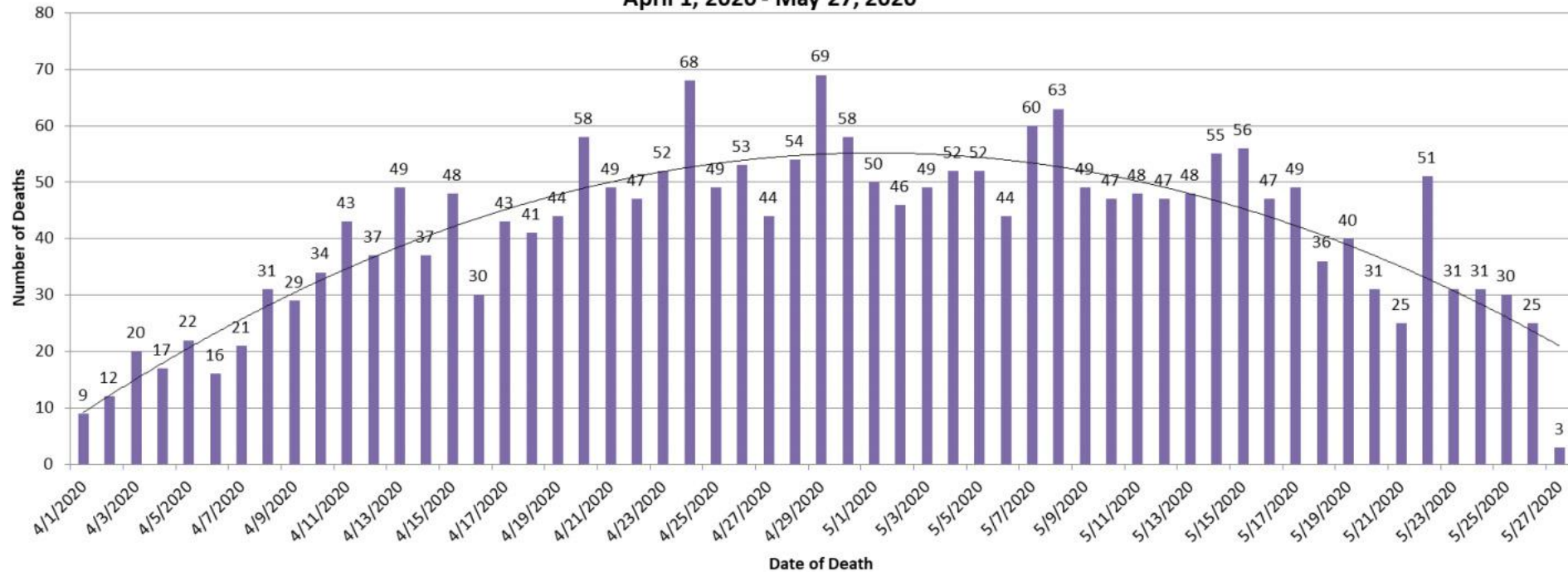
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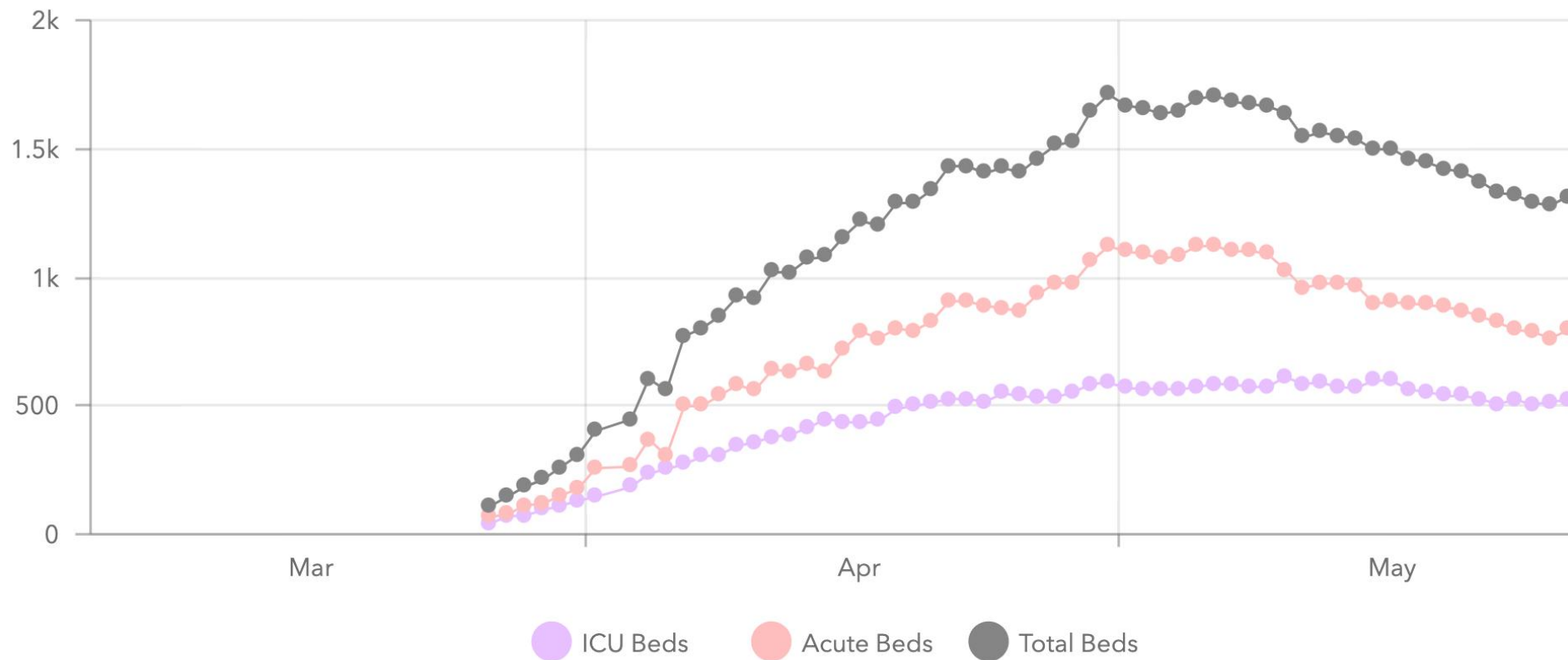
DEATHS PER DAY

Total Confirmed and Probable Deaths to Maryland Residents Due to COVID-19 Occurring in Maryland,
April 1, 2020 - May 27, 2020





HOSPITALIZATIONS AND ICU





**EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, MAY 29 AT
5 PM, RESTAURANTS AND SOCIAL
ORGANIZATIONS MAY BEGIN TO
SAFELY REOPEN FOR OUTDOOR
DINING.**



OUTDOOR DINING

- Strict public health measures and physical distancing
- No more than six seated at a table
- Sanitization procedures for seating and surfaces





OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Youth sports and day camps
- Outdoor pools
- Drive-in movie theaters





REOPENING GUIDELINES

open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness



COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH

- We continue to empower local leaders with the flexibility to determine timing of Stage One reopenings





PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY



- Avoid crowds
- Outdoor activities are safer
- Telework encouraged indefinitely
- Masks and physical distancing
- Avoid public transit





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ROADMAP TO RECOVERY



**AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER FOR IDENTIFICATION
AND RETENTION OF NON-CONGREGANT SETTINGS**

**Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. §§ 18-102, 18-902, and 18-905, and Public Safety §
14-3A-03**

No. MDH 2020-05-27-03

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health, finding it necessary for the control and medical containment of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“SARS-CoV-2”) and the disease that it causes – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), and for the investigation of actual or potential exposures to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, hereby make the following findings regarding the need for non-congregant sheltering options and direct and order local jurisdictions to identify and reserve non-congregant housing options. **This Directive and Order replaces and supersedes the Directive and Order for Identification and Retention of Non-Congregant Settings, dated April 22, 2020.**

1. Scientific evidence has been collected in connection with SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, and found that the disease is capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability, and is identified in Maryland’s public health laws as a “deadly agent.” See Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. § 18-901(c); Public Safety § 14-3A-01(c).
2. The World Health Organization (“WHO”) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a global pandemic. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has also declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; the President of the United States Donald J. Trump has declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a national emergency; and the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland, has declared a state of emergency and the existence of a catastrophic health emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak within the State.
3. Quarantine and isolation of individuals who have, or have been exposed to, SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 is medically necessary and reasonable to prevent or reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.
4. Health care workers, first responders, those who reside in congregant facilities, and vulnerable populations like the homeless need and do not always have access to adequate shelter for isolation or quarantine in the event they are found to have or be exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

5. Therefore, local health officers in the State of Maryland are hereby directed and ordered to coordinate with local housing authorities, local emergency managers, and other appropriate partners to identify space in non-congregant settings for individuals in need of such housing for quarantine and isolation.

6. That the need for the identification of space in non-congregant settings existed as of March 5, 2020 when SARS-CoV-2 was first identified in Maryland, and community spread was anticipated.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Robert R. Neall

Secretary of Health



DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING SWIMMING POOLS

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-05-27-01

No. MDH 2020-05-27-01

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“SARS-CoV-2” or “2019-NCoV” or “COVID-19”), and for the protection of the health and safety of patients, staff, and other individuals in Maryland, hereby authorize and order the following actions regarding the operation of swimming pools for the prevention and control of this infectious and contagious disease under the Governor’s Declaration of Catastrophic Health Emergency.

1. Limitations on Pool Operations

- A. Subject to the following conditions and Executive Orders in effect, all outdoor swimming pools may open as of 5:00 p.m., May 29, 2020:
- I. All pool operators shall track pool capacity to ensure social distancing and post signs telling patrons who are sick not to enter;
 - II. The number of patrons may not exceed the limitations in Section 2.A. of this Order;
 - III. All pool operators shall post signs:
 - Telling patrons not to enter if sick
 - Post handwashing reminders
 - Cover your cough reminders
 - Post reminders to shower before entering the pool.
- Note: MDH prepared signs are available here:
<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/business-resources>
- B. The following facilities are not allowed to open: wading (kiddie) pools, spas (hot tubs), spray or splash pads, and lazy river pools.
- C. As specified in Executive Order 20-05-27-01, fitness center and aquatic center pools are still closed.
- D. Physical therapy pools may remain open as prescribed by a healthcare provider.

2. Pool Operations

A. Prepare the Facility/Grounds

A pool operator shall:

- Determine the maximum number of people in a pool at any given time by dividing the square footage surface area of the pool (determined by multiplying the length of the pool by the width) by 36. This ensures 6 feet of separation between pool patrons in the water. The maximum number allowed in the pool shall be posted at the pool.
- Ensure that all patrons on the pool deck or grounds are at least 6 feet apart, except for members of the same household. The deck layout should ensure that in standing or seating areas, individuals or household groups remain at least 6 feet apart.
- Implement physical distancing where patrons form a line waiting for the pool to open or for someone to leave so they can enter.
- Maintain an adequate supply of soap for handwashing and showers
- Ensure dispensers of hand sanitizer are available and filled.
- Ensure that all water systems (e.g., drinking fountains, decorative fountains, heated pools) are safe to use after prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.
- Ensure there is adequate equipment for patrons and swimmers (e.g., kickboards and pool noodles) to minimize sharing to the extent possible or limiting the use of equipment by one group of users at a time and cleaning and disinfecting between use.

B. Protecting Employees

- Staff who interact with patrons or other staff should wear face coverings whenever possible.
- Provide and use one-way valve masks for CPR, if available.
- Monitor staff absenteeism, require staff to stay home if sick, have a plan to ensure required staffing. If possible, vulnerable staff should be allowed to telework.
- For staff training, including lifeguard certification, maintain physical distancing and, except in the water, wear face coverings for in-person training. Provide online training for classroom portions of training.
- Train staff on new hygiene procedures.

C. Protecting Patrons

- Patrons should stay at least 6 feet apart (both in and out of the water) from other individuals not from their household.
- Patrons should wear face coverings when interacting with staff or other individuals not from their household.
- Patrons should not wear face coverings in the water.
- Patrons should be discouraged from sharing objects that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect or that are meant to come in contact with the face (for example, goggles, nose clips, and snorkels).
- Patrons should also be discouraged from sharing items such as food, equipment, toys, and supplies with those they don't live with.

D. Cleaning and Disinfection

All pool operators shall:

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as pool railings, deck furniture, water fountains, doorknobs, and entry gates twice per day, and more often if needed due to the number of patrons.
- Clean and disinfect in accordance with [CDC](#) and [EPA](#) guidelines on COVID-19 and product instructions.
- Maintain daily cleaning of the facility (floors, toilets, etc.) with soap and water.
- Train staff on guidelines and product instructions for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Follow instructions for use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products on the product label.
- The pool may need to temporarily close if the lifeguard on duty must clean and disinfect the pool area.
- Facility will clean/brush pool tile/wall at the water line to reduce slime and biofilm once a week or more if needed.
- To protect against COVID-19, maintain chlorine and pH levels per current regulations, including shock or superchlorination as needed.
- Notify the local health department that the pool will open.

3. **Severability**

If any provision of this Directive and Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of this Directive and Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Directive and Order are severable.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Robert R. Neall

Secretary of Health



DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING YOUTH CAMP PROGRAMS

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-05-27-01

No. MDH 2020-05-27-02

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“SARS-CoV-2” or “2019-NCoV” or “COVID-19”), and for the protection of the health and safety of patients, staff, and other individuals in Maryland, hereby authorize and order the following actions regarding the operation of youth camp programs for the prevention and control of this infectious and contagious disease under the Governor’s Declaration of Catastrophic Health Emergency.

1. Limitations on Youth Camp Programs

A. Conditional Opening

Subject to the following conditions, all outdoor youth camps may open as of 5:00 p.m., May 29, 2020:

- I. Residential and overnight camp programs are not permitted.
- II. No group of campers and staff may exceed 10 individuals at any time.
- III. Out of state campers are not permitted.
- IV. Each youth camp program shall implement appropriate social distancing protocols as enumerated in 2.A of this Order.

B. Daily Monitoring for COVID-19 Symptoms

- I. Each youth camp program shall create a plan for monitoring the health of staff and the health of campers.
- II. Each youth camp program shall implement a process to screen all staff and campers daily for symptoms and possible exposure to COVID-19, using questions recommended by CDC. Staff or children who have tested positive for COVID-19, are symptomatic, or who have had a known exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 shall be excluded according to CDC guidance.
- III. The youth camp program shall keep a log of temperature and symptom screening for campers and maintain confidentiality of these records.

2. Youth Camp Operations

A. Social Distancing and Face Coverings

Each youth camp program shall create policies and implement procedures to ensure that:

- Individuals shall maintain 6 feet of physical distance, wherever and as often as possible.
- Staff should wear face coverings.
- If they can be worn safely and consistently, children age 9 and older should wear face coverings.
- Staff, children and parents shall wear face coverings when campers are arriving and leaving.
- Individuals from outside the camp are limited in their interactions with staff and campers, including parents during camper drop off/pick up.

B. Infection Control Strategies:

All youth camp programs shall implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread:

- Cover Your Cough
- Practice recommended regular and routine handwashing practices
- Avoid use of items that are not easily cleaned and disinfected
- Practice proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings
- Post signs with COVID-19 prevention and control practices
- Provide policies and education on COVID-19 symptoms and response
- Ensure adequate supplies of tissues, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, household cleaning products suited for the facility

C. Campers and Staff

All youth camp programs shall implement the following:

- The group size for youth camps shall be limited to 10 individuals.
 - If a youth camp has one group, the group is 2 adults and 8 children.
 - If a youth camp has two or more groups:
 - Each group may be 1 adult and 9 children.
 - Do not mix campers or staff among groups.
- Arrival and departure times of campers shall be staggered to prevent crowding.
- Keep each group separate from other groups using physical distance or by using shared areas at different times. (like separate meal times or separate bathroom times for each group)

- If different groups share areas (bathroom, lunch tables, craft room), clean high touch surfaces in the shared area between groups and keep a log of the cleaning date, time and individual who does the cleaning.
- Obtain clearance from the individual's primary care physician to attend or work at a youth camp for:
 - children under age 5,
 - staff above age 64, and
 - Individuals of any age with underlying medical conditions that are considered to be higher-risk for severe illness if they contract COVID-19.
- Staff should be alert for heat-related signs and symptoms and consider additional protective measures for hot and Code Red days.

D. Response and Management for COVID-19

- Any staff or child exposed to a person diagnosed with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 may not work or attend camp until they have completed self-quarantine following the CDC guidelines. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19, must be cleared for release from isolation according to CDC guidelines.
- If a group has a staff member or a child that is found to have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 at the facility:
 - The group shall quarantine following the CDC guidelines.
 - Individuals may not work at or attend until completing self-quarantine and obtaining clearance from the individual's primary care physician.
 - Follow exposure control plans in the camp's health program.
 - Communicate with the local health department and parents.
 - Based on consultation with the local health department, the entire facility may be closed based on level of contact and potential exposure.
 - Wait 24 hours, then complete extra cleaning/disinfection of the facility, all areas not just high touch surfaces, and wait at least 5 days to bring in the next group.
- If a staff member or a child develops symptoms of COVID-19 during camp, safely isolate the person and place a mask or face covering. Contact the youth camp's health supervisor and the parent/guardian and arrange for safe transportation to a healthcare facility or home.

E. Food Service Operations

All youth camp programs shall:

- Not use shared items such as serving utensils or condiment containers;
- Eliminate self-service (buffet-style) food options; and
- Ensure physical distancing for campers waiting for food service.

F. Youth Camp Programming and Training

I. Field Trips and Camp Transportation

- All transportation provided by camps should follow social distancing guidelines for occupants and should prevent mixing of camp groups.
- Staff and campers shall use face coverings during transportation and when in public areas.
- Clean and disinfect vehicles after each use.

II. Sports activities

- Groups may not exceed the limit of 10 participants, including staff. Groups should not mix.
- Physical distancing rules apply. No close physical contact during sports activities.
- Clean and disinfect equipment after each use.

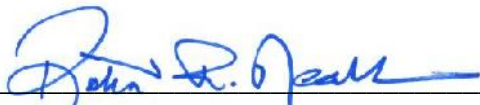
III. Staff Training

- Encourage as much staff training as possible by online means. For in person training, follow appropriate CDC and MDH guidelines regarding social distancing and COVID-19 prevention.

3. Severability

If any provision of this Directive and Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of this Directive and Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Directive and Order are severable.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Robert R. Neall

Secretary of Health

Interim Guidance for **LIMITED OUTDOOR YOUTH SPORTS**



OPEN FOR YOUTH SPORTS

- This guidance specifically addresses skill-building drills and team-based practice, as described in the CDC Guidance on Considerations for Youth Sports.
- Develop a plan or checklist for reopening of outdoor facility consistent with CDC guidance that includes:
 - Communications and signage.
 - Routine and frequent environmental cleaning and disinfecting, especially for high-touch surfaces, in accordance with CDC recommendations.
- Each program shall create a plan or checklist to ensure that:
 - No group may exceed 10 individuals at any time.
 - Individuals shall maintain 6 feet of physical distance, wherever and as often as possible.
 - Staff shall wear face coverings.
 - There is a staff training plan that includes COVID-19 prevention.
 - Staff and youth athletes are screened regularly for illness or exposure to COVID-19.
- If they can be worn safely and consistently, youth athletes age 9 and older shall wear face coverings.
- Staff, youth athletes, and parents/guardians shall wear face coverings when participants are arriving and leaving.
- Individuals from outside the program are limited in their interactions with staff and participants, including parents/guardians during drop off/pick up.
- Youth athletes who are sick from COVID-19 may not attend a practice or training until they are cleared for release from isolation according to CDC guidelines and cleared to return by a healthcare provider.
- Any staff or youth athlete exposed to a person with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 may not attend the program until they have completed quarantine following CDC guidelines.
- Social distancing protocols and procedures exist for staff, youth athletes and parents/guardians, with special consideration for entrances and exits, queues, bottlenecks, facility layouts, and safe capacity limits.
- Evaluate all program activities to identify possible “high-touch” practices and opportunities to reduce or prevent COVID-19 transmission.
- Outdoor facility capacity may be limited based upon executive order or other local government guidance.
- Check with the local health department for any additional requirements in the jurisdiction.



OPEN FOR EMPLOYEES

- Train staff on current COVID-19 prevention guidelines, such as hand hygiene and cleaning protocols, along with proper PPE use and disposal.
- Implement a daily screening process for staff and youth athletes, which includes CDC or MDH recommended health questions, and consider temperature testing.
- Direct staff and parents/guardians of youth athletes to follow CDC and state guidelines regarding home isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID infections.
- Require face coverings when interacting with other staff and youth athletes, and parents/guardians, particularly if social distancing cannot be assured.
- Train staff on the proper responses to those who challenge social distancing, facial covering, and other protocols.

Interim Guidance for LIMITED OUTDOOR YOUTH SPORTS



OPEN FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Consider establishing a 6-foot marking system to visually demonstrate the recommended social distancing.
- Consider staggered practice and training times to minimize bottlenecks at entrances and exits of outdoor facilities.
- Limit parents/guardians attendance. If it is necessary for them to be at practice, ensure that proper social distancing is maintained between parents/guardians.
- Keep each group separate from other groups using physical distance or by using shared areas during breaks, no use of indoor locker facilities, and limit the number of people in shared bathroom facilities to minimize exposure.
- Limit all activities to avoid contact.



OPEN FOR CLEANLINESS AND COMFORT

- Frequently clean and disinfect equipment and gear, and all high-touch surfaces per CDC guidelines.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to parents/guardians, staff, and youth athletes, including at the entrance of the outdoor facility and at bathroom facilities.
- If food is available at the outdoor facility, the facility will follow the guidance developed for food service.
- Restrict team huddles, high fives, and handshakes or other close contact activities.



OPEN FOR COMMUNICATION

- Communicate commitment to COVID-19 prevention by posting adherence with the CDC's guidelines.
- Show everyone care by having signage that details social distancing protocol and COVID-19 prevention.
- Communicate with parents or guardians, staff, and youth athletes on the measures taken for their comfort and on the shared responsibility to monitor their health and stay home if not feeling well.

All Executive Orders still in effect must be complied with. See most up to date orders here: governor.maryland.gov/covid-19-pandemic-orders-and-guidance.

Directive Summary - Maryland Department of Health Order 20-05-27-02

YOUTH CAMPS



OPEN FOR YOUTH CAMPS

Directive and Orders Regarding Youth Camps

- Please see the Maryland Department of Health Directive and Order Regarding Youth Camps for more information.
- Outdoor day camps will be limited to groups of ten people. If camps host more than one group, they may task one adult staffer to nine children. There will be no residential or overnight camps, and no out of state campers will be permitted.
- Camps should not mix campers or staff among groups. They should establish separate times for each group for dropoff/pickup, meal times, and bathroom breaks. Common areas shall be cleaned between different group usages.
- Field trips and sports should only involve one group of ten at a time, and utilize strict social distancing. If sports equipment cannot be sanitized between uses, it should not be used at all.
- No sick camper or staffer may attend camp. Staff and campers shall have their temperature checked and be screened for COVID-19 symptoms when they arrive at the facility each day.
- Campers under five years old, staffers over 64 years old, or individuals with underlying medical conditions shall obtain clearance from their primary care physician before attending camp.
- Campers older than nine years old and all staff should wear face coverings when appropriate, and maintain six feet physical distance.
- Camps must implement prevention and mitigation strategies according to CDC and MDH infection control guidance.
- Camps should conduct staff training online, if possible, and should update staff on hands only CPR training.

This summary is a direct order from the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health. These directives and all other Executive Orders that still remain in effect must be adhered to. To view this order visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/cdc-resources>.



ROADMAP TO RECOVERY
MARYLAND STRONG

Directive Summary - Maryland Department of Health Order 20-05-27-01 **SWIMMING POOLS**



OPEN FOR SWIMMING

- Outdoor swimming pools may open after determining the maximum number of people who may be in the pool while safely social distancing (dividing the surface area of the pool by 36).
- Patrons must maintain six feet social distance while in the pool and on the grounds.
- The following are closed: wading (kiddie) pools, spas (hot tubs), spray or splash pads, and lazy river pools.
- Pool operators must implement social distancing measures for all staff and patrons.
- Staff should wear face coverings outside of the water when interacting with others.
- Patrons should wear face coverings outside of the water whenever possible.
- Pools must maintain a supply of soap and hand sanitizer for patrons' use, as well as an ample supply of pool equipment like noodles and kickboards to minimize sharing. No difficult-to-clean equipment should be shared outside of a family.
- Pool operators must disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least twice a day. They must also clean the floors, toilets, and sinks with soap and water daily. They must clean the pool tile and walls at least once a week.
- People who are ill with COVID-19 or in home isolation should not be at the pool.

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Best Practices for Businesses to Reopen **RESTAURANTS AND BARS**



OPEN FOR RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Develop a plan or checklist for reopening consistent with [CDC](#), [FDA](#), and [National Restaurant Association](#) guidance that includes:
 - Staff training
 - Leave policies, absenteeism plans, and employee screenings
 - Facial covering requirements for patrons and staff
 - Physical facility evaluation for any damage or issues caused by vacancy. Follow [CDC](#) and [Maryland Department of the Environment](#) guidance on reopening buildings, including checking mechanical, air, and water/ice systems. Ensure all water lines are flushed, including equipment water lines and connections, according to the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Social distancing protocols and procedures for staff, vendors, and patrons, with special consideration for entrances and exits, queues, bottlenecks, facility layouts, and safe capacity limits
 - Communications and signage
 - Routine and frequent environmental cleaning and disinfecting, especially for high-touch surfaces, in accordance with [CDC recommendations](#)
- Develop a plan for vendors to bring products safely into the business by arranging for deliveries when there are the fewest customers and employees.
- Establish procedures for third-party food delivery businesses to safely pick up orders while adhering to COVID-19 prevention precautions. Communicate these procedures directly with each business and/or with signage.
- Check with your local health department for any additional requirements in your jurisdiction, or if you have questions, especially if modifying operations (such as adding outdoor dining).
- Train employees on the proper responses to customers who challenge social distancing, facial covering, and other protocols.
- Face coverings are required when interacting with other staff or guests, particularly if social distancing cannot be assured.
- Employees should wear gloves when removing food service items and wash their hands immediately afterwards.
- Wait and order stations should be wiped down after each use and those tools and equipment that are shared should be sanitized prior to giving to another employee and at the beginning and end of each shift.



OPEN FOR EMPLOYEES

- Employees should be trained in and understand current COVID-19 health and workplace guidelines, such as hand hygiene and cleaning protocols, along with proper PPE use and disposal.
- Implement a daily screening process for workers, which includes [CDC](#) or MDH recommended health questions, and consider temperature testing.
- Direct sick workers to follow [CDC](#) and state guidelines regarding home isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infections and returning to work.
- Encourage employees to maintain social distancing, including during breaks, and modify procedures to avoid staff congregation.



OPEN FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Establish a 6-foot marking system to visually demonstrate the recommended social distancing at all locations where customers and staff congregate.
- Modify floor plans to ensure patrons are seated at least 6 feet away from each other, except for households seated together. For facilities with booth seating, the social distance of 6 feet must be maintained by closing every other booth.
- Designate and signpost the direction of foot traffic in main circulation paths. Consider one-way circulation routes.



Best Practices for Businesses to Reopen RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Minimize congregating in common areas through signage, floor markings, barriers, and employee communications. Restrict access to areas where social distancing and social gathering requirements cannot be followed.
- Customers seated at the bar must comply with the appropriate social distancing guideline of at least 6 feet. Standing in a bar area should not be permitted.
- Use a reservation system wherever possible to avoid crowding. Use phone apps, texting, or signs to let patrons know when their table or carryout order is ready. Avoid the use of pagers.
- Prepare guidance on facility capacity, how customers queue in and outside of the store, and curbside pickup. Be mindful of creating situations that might cause lines and crowds.
- Post signage advising customers to not enter the establishment if they are sick or symptomatic. Provide a phone number or website for alternative purchasing methods, such as carryout or delivery, which should be encouraged.
- If possible, set aside special hours for vulnerable or at-risk customers.
- No more than six people may be seated at a table. Large gatherings and parties should not take place at this time.



OPEN FOR CLEANLINESS AND COMFORT

- Frequently clean and disinfect facilities per [CDC guidelines](#), particularly high touch areas, and every table after each use. Use cleaners appropriate for food contact surfaces that still meet the [EPA criteria](#) for use against COVID-19.
- When removing soft goods from the table, place in a tote to await laundry service and launder the soft goods in the warmest water possible.
- The use of buffets and/or customer self-service is strongly discouraged. Coffee bars should incorporate enhanced cleaning protocols, limit the number of customers at one time, and provide customers with napkins or other barriers when touching cafes, condiments, milk cartons, etc.
- For customer comfort, place table settings after the party is seated, provide condiments in either single use containers or disinfected manufactured packaging. Use menu boards, disposable menus, or mobile ordering apps. If a facility uses regular menus, they must be cleaned and sanitized between each customer's use.
- Multi-use amenities and unnecessary items such as magazines, coupons, menus and brochures should be removed from areas open to the public.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to employees and customers, particularly at key patron and employee entrances and contact areas where guests are likely to congregate.
- Where possible, implement and encourage touchless payment.

- Employees and customers should continue to wear facial coverings where applicable or required; removal of masks is appropriate when customers are consuming food and beverage.
- Provide disposable hand towels and trash bins in restrooms, so that customers can exit the restrooms without touching doors handles with clean bare hands.



OPEN FOR COMMUNICATIONS

- Communicate commitment to cleanliness by posting compliance adherence with the [CDC's guidelines](#).
- Show customers care by having signage that details social distancing protocol and COVID-19 prevention.
- Communicate with employees and customers on the measures taken for their comfort and on the shared responsibility to monitor their health and stay home if not feeling well.
- Communicate to customers in advance or during the reservation process about any changes to their dining experience, including procedures for seating, serving, ordering, paying and wearing face coverings.
- Reach out to customers through communication channels that you are open for business.

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WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
COVID-19
TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING
PERMIT APPLICATION

Expansion of a previously approved outdoor dining or bar area, or establishment of a new outdoor dining or bar area requires a Permit Application (which can be found at the end of this document) to be approved by the Building Official, Fire Marshal's Office, Environmental Programs Official, Health Department, Board of License Commissioners (as applicable), and Zoning Official. **THERE SHALL BE NO FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REQUEST.**

The permit will be valid only until December 31, 2020, or the cessation of the occupancy restrictions by the State of Maryland, whichever is earliest. The Zoning Administrator, Jennifer Keener, will be the point of contact for this process.

Permit Application for Outdoor Seating MUST include:

- Property owner signature/authorization.
- A site plan is required with the permit application indicating new, expansion, or tented area.
 - NOTE: If you are unable to locate a site plan, please contact the Department of Development, Review and Permitting and we will send you a copy from the County's records. In rare cases, a survey may be requested depending upon the circumstances.
- A detailed, written description of the use area to include activities to be conducted in the area, ingress and egress paths, proposed barrier details, and the type of service and/ or stations to be provided. Please see the guidance documents attached to this application packet for additional information.

NOTE: A separate permit will be required to be obtained from the Worcester County Health Department. Please contact their office at (410) 352-3234 for details.

We understand that each proposal is unique, and as such the items outlined above are a general starting point for the review, and may not be comprehensive enough to cover every situation. Please contact each department with any questions specific to their particular regulations.

WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
COVID-19

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING

PERMIT APPLICATION

Date: _____

Address of the Subject Property: _____

I am applying for the following Seating Space application (check all that apply):

New Outdoor

Expanded Outdoor

Tent OR Awning Over

Size of Proposed Space (in square feet): _____

Existing Space (in square feet): _____

Size of Proposed Tent (in square feet): _____

Proposed Date of Install: _____

Electrical Install required? Yes / No

Plumbing Install required? Yes / No

Restaurant or Bar/ Business Information

Restaurant or Bar / Business Name: _____

Restaurant or Bar / Business Address: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Point of Contact Phone: _____

Point of Contact Email: _____

Restaurant or Bar / Business Owner's Name: _____

Restaurant or Bar / Business Owner's Home Address: _____

Restaurant or Bar / Business Owner's Phone: _____

Restaurant or Bar / Business Owner's Email: _____

WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
COVID-19

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING

PERMIT APPLICATION

Contractor Information if applicable *(if more than one, please use another sheet)*

Contractor's Name: _____

Type of Contractor: _____

General Contractor License #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Contractor's Address: _____

Contractor's Phone: _____

Contractor's Email: _____

Shall it be determined by any County Agency, including the Board of License Commissioners, that the operation has failed to abide by the required criteria, or that it is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood, Worcester County, Maryland shall have the right to alter, suspend, or revoke the right to have outdoor seating.

I understand the approval and enforcement of this permit is contingent upon meeting the required Outdoor Seating and Tent specifications above, and that Worcester County, Maryland may revoke this permit at any time for any reason, specifically if there is a failure to adhere to these guidelines. I will return my facility to its prior seating configuration when all the restrictions for the COVID-19 pandemic event are lifted.

Property Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Business Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Must follow current MARYLAND STRONG: ROADMAP TO RECOVERY and all CDC Guidelines

General Guidelines for Outdoor Seating

- Must adhere to all conditions of the Governor's most current executive order as it pertains to physical distancing, face coverings and hygiene for retail and food service establishments.
- Outdoor seating space, tents and barriers shall not block fire department access for emergency apparatus, sprinkler fire department connections, fire hydrants or knox box accessibility.
- The outdoor dining area shall be clearly delineated by railings, stanchions, or other suitable barriers and shown on the plan. No service shall be permitted outside the delineated area.
- Handicap access to and from seating to the building, restrooms and parking areas shall be shown. Must maintain a clear, marked path for pedestrians, a minimum of six feet.
- Outdoor seating or new use areas may not be located within a required yard setback, stormwater management facility, drainage area or closer than ten feet to any well.
- Outdoor seating will be limited by state restrictions on restaurant capacity, but in no instance can previously permitted seating levels for the food service facility be exceeded.
- Seating that is not used due to state capacity restrictions must be removed or roped off and restricted for public use with appropriate signage.
- Customers shall be served only when seated at tables. No standees.
- Must maintain six feet between tables as measured from the closest chair to closest chair as measured when occupied.
- Adequate on-site parking must be provided as required by the Zoning Ordinance for the size of the use area as determined by the Zoning Administrator.
- No outdoor food or beverage prep shall be permitted, nor shall a bar structure be permitted.
- No outside music or sound system shall be permitted in the temporary outdoor seating area.
- Social distancing must be maintained. No waiting queues are permitted; patrons required to make reservations or have a mobile device notification.
- Outdoor area must close the earlier of 10:00 P.M. (Sunday – Thursday) / 11:00 P.M. (Friday and Saturday) unless required to close earlier by the Board of License Commissioners.
- The plan should identify any lighting or other safety measures to be utilized during the evening hours of operation.
- Signage of customer requirements shall also be posted at each buffet table and for restrooms. Directional signage, ropes or stanchions will be required to manage the flow of customers through the buffet lines and back and forth to the restrooms to ensure proper physical distancing.
- Must contact Environmental Health Department for operational procedures, including cleaning and sanitizing.
- No portable restrooms shall be permitted.

Tent Requirements

- Tents of all sizes require completion of a permit. Tents over 400 square feet will require submission of the manufacturers flame spread certificate and anchoring requirements and a physical inspection from the Fire Marshal's Office and the Building Department prior to permit use. All tents must comply with the following:
 - No sides.
 - No heaters under the tent.
 - No cooking under the tent.
 - Electricity is permitted with an Electrical Permit and required inspection.
 - Tents shall not be located within any required yard setback, or within 20 feet of any parking of vehicles with internal combustion engines.
 - Any tent in excess of 700 square feet may not be closer than twelve (12) feet to another structure or tent.
 - No smoking, fireworks or open flames of any kind shall be permitted in any tent or shelter.
 - NO SMOKING signs shall be posted.
 - No flammable liquids or gases (this includes LP gas) shall be brought into any tent.
 - Fire extinguishers are required.
 - Tents shall have at least TWO means of egress remote from each other. Means of egress shall have suitable exit indicating signs.
 - Tents with center poles shall have them securely lashed (figure 8's) to ground driven stakes.
 - Tents shall not be erected for more than 180 consecutive days.



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May 27, 2020

The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan
Governor of the State of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

With the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery plan currently in Phase 1, and with key statistics showing a downward trend across the state, we write to you requesting the start of the Phase 2 reopening plan with the inclusion of the opening of certain commercial activities including outdoor and limited indoor restaurant and bar seating; certain attractions like miniature golf, go-karts, and other stand-alone attractions; limited operation of the Ocean Downs Casino; outdoor open-air wedding venues; indoor gymnasiums, and the raising of the cap on social gatherings and certain activities.

As part of a safe and smooth transition back to normalcy, and consistent with your Maryland Roadmap to Recovery plan, we respectfully request these medium risk commercial activities be allowed to reopen at the earliest available time. Every effort is being made by these businesses to open in a safe manner, adhering to strict physical distancing and appropriate masking requirements. For example, the Ocean Downs Casino has developed an elaborate Health and Safety plan with all recommendations by our local Health Officer being met and exceeded. With temperature screening at entrances and limited available video lottery terminals, the facility will be safe for guests and staff alike.

We continue to be steadfast in our commitment to avoid situations that would lead to a relapse of the virus outbreak and will take all the necessary steps to ensure a safe reopening to protect all residents and visitors to Worcester County. We appreciate your consideration of the above request.

Respectfully,

Joseph M. Mitrecic
President