



Coronavirus COVID-19: Links You Can Trust

The Library has put together a list of online resources to assist our community in learning the facts about the Coronavirus, COVID-19.

This information will be updated on a regular basis as more information becomes available.

World Health Organization (WHO)

- Background and breaking news:
<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- Questions and answers:
<https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>
- Advice for the public and practical information for individuals, families, and communities:
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

- Information on the virus, updated news, and resources for health care professionals, travelers, and all others:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
- Practical Information on preparing at home, work, school, colleges & universities, community and faith based organizations and large gatherings:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fpreparing-individuals-communities.html.

U.S. Department of State

- Information from the U.S. Department of State with travel security updates:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>
- State Department Travel Advisory Update:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/novel-coronavirus-hubei-province--china.html>

Updates from Maryland Governor Hogan

- On March 25, 2020, Governor Hogan held a press conference on the extension of school closures, and child care guidance:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8w4c0yuGgA&feature=youtu.be&t=124
- On March 23, 2020 Governor Hogan held a press conference regarding major steps in the COVID-19 response:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CbZf01hP4>
- A one-stop shop to provide Marylanders with the resources they need to react and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic:
<https://governor.maryland.gov/marylandunites/>
- On March 16, 2020 Governor Hogan held a press conference regarding major steps in the COVID-19 response:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSYxRuC4bvww#action=share>

- On March 12, 2020 Governor Hogan held a press conference regarding major steps in the COVID-19 response: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgvsicjo_-M&feature=youtu.be

- The Governor has declared a State of Emergency in Maryland following confirmation of three positive cases of COVID-19: <https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/03/05/governor-larry-hogan-declares-state-of-emergency-expands-statewide-response-to-novel-coronavirus/>

Maryland Department of Health

- The Maryland Department of Health's page provides information pertaining to Maryland for the community, schools, and more: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx>

Maryland Health Connection

- In an effort to prioritize health and safety and in response to Coronavirus, Maryland Health Connection opened an emergency special enrollment period for uninsured Marylanders.

You can enroll in a health plan starting Monday, March 16, through Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Coverage will begin April 1, 2020, regardless of when a health plan is selected during that time period.

Medicaid enrollment is available all year.

How to enroll:

Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or download the free "Enroll MHC" mobile app. When enrolling, consumers should request or select "Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment Period."

The online application is available daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Free consumer assistance is available by calling 855-642-8572 weekdays from 8 am to 6 pm. Deaf and hard of hearing may use Relay.

While free, in-person assistance is still available in some areas of the state, we strongly encourage you to apply using the website, mobile app or by phone.

Is Coronavirus testing covered under a Maryland Health Connection plan or Medicaid? *Yes. Health insurance companies are required to waive cost-sharing, including lab fees, co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles for any visit to test for coronavirus at a doctor's office, urgent care center, or emergency room.*

Can I qualify for the Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment Period even if I'm not sick? *Yes. All eligible, uninsured Marylanders may qualify for this emergency special enrollment period.*

What do I need to apply? *Have these items ready when you apply:* <https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/how-to-enroll/get-ready-to-apply/>

We encourage all residents to closely follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) for all health-related coronavirus questions.

Maryland 211

- Call Maryland 211 if you wish to talk with someone regarding the Coronavirus. Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in more than 180 languages. Accessible for the deaf and hard of hearing through Maryland Relay (dial 711).

Johns Hopkins University

- The Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University is mapping the number of global cases, deaths, and recoveries from COVID-19 and updating on a regular basis: <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

Harford County Health Department

- Press Release from Harford County Executive Barry Glassman on March 20, 2020: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1730>

- Updates and information from Harford County Health Dept: <https://harfordcountyhealth.com/coronavirus/>

- Harford County Executive, Barry Glassman, Declares State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1726>

- Executive Order: https://www.hcplonline.org/downloads/Executive_Order_20-01_001.pdf

- Harford County Executive Barry Glassman along with the Harford County Health Department, Harford County Public Schools, Harford County Sheriff's Department, and Harford County Department of Emergency Services held a press conference March 9, 2020 providing an update on the Coronavirus in Harford:

<https://youtu.be/kElaj633zs>

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health

- Safety precautions, tips, and other information:

<https://www.umms.org/uch/patients-visitors/coronavirus>

Harford County Public Schools

- Updates from Harford County Public School System:

<https://www.hcps.org>



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