

# COVID-19

## CITIZEN UPDATE



### Calvert County Board of County Commissioners COVID-19 Citizen Update:

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve, please know the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is receiving daily updates from Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Larry Polsky, County Administrator Mark Willis and other local, state and federal partners to make sure we have the latest pertinent information. Citizens can rest assured we are using every avenue available to keep the public safe and help reduce the spread of the virus. Here are a few Calvert County Government items you should know:

- **State of Emergency** - Calvert County remains under a state of emergency. This allows the county to provide the flexibility needed to rapidly respond as the situation unfolds.
- **Government Operations** - County government remains open, including the convenience centers and the landfill. The work of the county government must move forward. To make sure we don't disrupt essential government decisions and important business, we held our scheduled BOCC meeting yesterday. You can watch the replay of the meeting [here](#).
- **Social Distancing** - We are maximizing social distancing and telework options to keep government operations open as long as possible, but most importantly, to protect the health and welfare of our employees.

- **Building Closures** - Calvert County Government building access is closed to the public.
- **FY21 Staff Budget** - On March 24, we held a public hearing on the FY21 Staff Recommended Budget. In case you missed it, you can watch the meeting [here](#). The BOCC also extended the public comment period until we host a BOCC public budget hearing later this spring. For more information, please visit <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/2628/Fiscal-Year-2021-Budget-Development>.
- **Business Resources** - Business owners can also find resources through the Calvert County Department of Economic Development's COVID-19 resource page at [www.eCalvert.com/COVID19](http://www.eCalvert.com/COVID19).
- **Meals on Wheels Deliveries Continue**. Seniors or disabled adults in need of meal assistance can request delivery through the Office of Aging at 410-535-4606 or by sending an email to [OOAmailbox@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:OOAmailbox@calvertcountymd.gov).
- **Virtual Resource Center** - Calvert County Government continues to share the latest updates surrounding our county's response to COVID-19 including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures through a virtual resource center at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus). You can also receive updates on the county's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](http://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd) and Comcast Channel 6.
- **Community Testing** - We continue to push for available COVID-19 test kits.

In addition to basic good hygiene, do everything you can to limit contact with other people, even if you feel fine. Avoid public spaces as much as possible during the next few weeks. Avoid gatherings, both public and private.

We know that you have many questions, concerns and fears. It is frustrating when answers aren't immediately available. We are working hard with county staff to share as much information that is reliable, timely and accurate, as quickly as possible. We also know that the prescribed precautionary measures are disruptive to daily routines; however, social distancing and isolation practices recommended by federal and state authorities are absolutely necessary. These actions help slow the spread to prevent overwhelming our health care system. We all need to do our part to protect the health of our most vulnerable neighbors, as well as, our first responders and health care providers. Doing our part helps keep them healthy, strong, ready and available.

What makes Calvert County such a special place to live and work is how we come together in a crisis. Thank you to the nonprofit organizations, the churches, the food pantries, businesses and neighbors, for your significant contributions during these last several weeks.

Calvert County has a big heart and we are blessed to call this community our home. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for recognizing this serious threat to public health. We are in this together, and we will get through this together. Stay strong. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, Calvert County.





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