

# CALVERT COUNTY *Maryland*

## COVID-19 CITIZEN UPDATE



### Calvert County Board of County Commissioners Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Citizen Update

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is committed to being transparent and keeping our community informed. Please see below for the latest updates:

- **Calvert County Government closure:** Calvert County Government offices will remain closed through Friday, April 24, as a measure to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- **BOCC meeting next week:** The BOCC will hold their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, April 21 at 10 a.m. Due to COVID-19, county buildings are closed to the public. Citizens are invited to tune in online to [watch the meeting live](#) to learn more about the local community. Call in numbers to participate are as follows: U.S. toll-free number: 888-475-4499 or 877-853-5257, meeting ID: 949 0673 4821, passcode (if asked): #.
- **No shopping day restrictions in Calvert County:** This week, the Calvert County Health Department issued suggested consumer guidance regarding grocery store shopping days on their website. The public is advised there are currently no restrictions in Calvert County, Maryland. Citizens may continue to shop at their convenience.
- **Executive order for retail and transportation:** Governor Larry Hogan has issued

a new executive order requiring face masks or coverings when inside retail establishments or when riding any form of public transportation in Maryland. Follow the [CDC's guidelines](#) to make your own face covering at home. For more information on the order, including age limits and policies for employees, visit [online](#).

- **Help is available:** As Calvert County families spend weeks at home confronting the challenges of COVID-19 and mounting financial and emotional stress, national statistics have revealed a surge in incidences of violence between couples, toward children and the elderly as well as cases of sexual assault. The Calvert County Commission for Women wants to remind citizens that Calvert County's Crisis Intervention Center Helpline is available 24 hours a day. In the event of an emergency, citizens are encouraged to call 911. For non-emergency assistance, the Calvert County helpline is 410-535-1121/301-855-1075, the Maryland Hotline is 1-800-MD-HELPS and the National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE.
- **COVID-19 hotline:** CalvertHealth Medical Center has received an overwhelming number of calls from residents seeking information on COVID-19. In an effort to meet this need, they are establishing a community hotline to answer questions and provide COVID-19 information. The line will be answered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The number is 410-535-8469.
- **Support for Maryland businesses:** COVID-19 is causing extraordinary disruption for businesses across the United States. Calvert County residents are encouraged to visit the [Maryland Business Relief Wizard](#) – a one-stop destination for businesses navigating financial relief programs. Through a short series of questions, the wizard identifies which state and federal programs a business is eligible for and subsequently provides information on the application processes for those programs.
- **Support local businesses:** Many local restaurants, food trucks, breweries and wineries remain open with carryout, curbside, delivery and drive-thru options. Visit [online](#) for a list of [open establishments](#).
- **Calvert strong:** In this time of fear and uncertainty, Calvert County Government wants to share your stories of compassion, community and hope during the COVID-19 pandemic. How are you building community during social distancing? Have you witnessed an example of neighbors helping neighbors? Do you know of someone going above and beyond or putting themselves on the line for others? Please send your local good news stories and photos to the Department of Communications & Media Relations at [communications@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:communications@calvertcountymd.gov), so we can feature them on Facebook. Thank you for everything you do to support each other.
- **Please flush responsibly:** The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Water and Sewerage Division, is seeing an increase in items other than human waste and toilet paper being flushed. These items -- even if labeled "flushable" -- can damage the sewer system and cause sewer backups into your home. For the sake of you and your neighbors, please [flush responsibly](#).
- **Calvert County parks are open:** Calvert County Parks remain open to Calvert County residents for passive recreation only, such as walking, biking, running and hiking, however park restrooms are closed. Residents are advised of temporary park guidance on the [Calvert County Government website](#). Out of county residents can still use the trails at Calvert Cliffs State Park, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum or the American Chestnut Land Trust.
- **Support local sites and attractions:** You may not be able to visit in person, but you can stay connected with many local Calvert County attractions and sites. Visit the [Calvert County Tourism Calendar of Virtual Events](#) for informative and entertaining events to enjoy from home.

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



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