

# 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 reopening:** Calvert County Government offices will reopen Monday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m.; however, buildings will remain closed to the public until further notice, as a precautionary measure to slow the spread of COVID-19. The county remains under a local state of emergency.
- **BOCC meeting:** The BOCC held their meeting this week. If you missed it, you can watch the replay [here](#). The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 2020.
- **Local resource partner:** Calvert County Government has received a number of questions about the number of COVID-19 cases in Calvert County. Citizens are encouraged to visit the [Calvert County Health Department website](#) for information on the total number of cases.
- **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.

- **Mental health:** Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about and your community stronger. These resources from the CDC provide some tools to help:
  1. View the [CDC's resources](#)
  2. Here's [some information](#) on how to help children cope
  3. Remember: If you or someone you care about are feeling overwhelmed with emotions like sadness, depression or anxiety: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 (TTY 1-800-846-8517)
  4. Text TalkWithUs to 66746
  5. Calvert County 24/7 Crisis Helpline: 410-535-1121 or 301-855-1075
  6. **If you're in immediate risk of harm or if there's a threat of harm from others, call 911**
- **Food pantries:** Most food pantries are still in operation. Before visiting the food bank/pantry, call to see if their operating hours or practices have changed. Some allow food to be delivered to your home, instead of picking it up directly. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please let the food pantry know so they can take proper precautions. Visit online for a [list of food pantries](#).
- **Food for school-aged children and youth:** End Hunger In Calvert County, working through local food pantry partners, will distribute a FREE supply of breakfasts and lunches called Kid's Kits. [Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry](#) in Huntingtown, will have these kits available for community pick-ups on their lower level porch (drive around back), from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Fridays. See website or call for details. Helping Hands Food Pantry, NewLife Calvert Church on 231, is providing Kid's Kits for pick-up. In conjunction with End Hunger, the sites below are providing breakfast and lunch (shelf stable) for two days. The child does not need to be present for pick-up and items can be picked up by families or friends of family. Visit [www.mdsummermeals.org](http://www.mdsummermeals.org) for a site near you.
  1. Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry, 6045 Solomons Island Rd, Prince Frederick, Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
  2. New Life Food Pantry, 3710 German Chapel Rd, Prince Frederick, Mondays, 4-6 p.m.
  3. Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maryland, 9021 Dayton Avenue in North Beach, Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon (first come, first served) each week until school reopens. E-mail [Bayside@bgcsm.net](mailto:Bayside@bgcsm.net) or [jhill@bgcsm.net](mailto:jhill@bgcsm.net) or leave a message at 410-257-0007 if you need a kit.
  4. St John Vianney Interfaith Food Pantry, Wednesdays 3-6 p.m. and second Saturday 3-6 p.m.
  5. During COVID-19 closures, free multi-day meals for youth ages 18 and under will be available at the following locations, Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon at the following locations: Windy Hill Middle Bus Drop Off, Calvert High Parking Lot, Southern Middle Parking Lot and Patuxent High Parking Lot.
- **Plans and permits expiration extended:** The BOCC announces the expiration of permits, site plans, subdivisions, road plans and storm water management plans has been extended until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded. On March 12, 2020, Gov. Larry Hogan signed an executive order granting government organizations in Maryland the authority to make the extension.
- **Courthouse restricted access:** By way of the Administrative Order dated April 14, 2020, the Calvert County Courthouse located at 175 Main St. in Prince Frederick will remain under restricted access through June 5, 2020.
- **Billing update for water and sewer customers:** Governor Hogan issued an executive order on March 5, 2020 stating that Maryland utilities and service providers cannot terminate service or charge fees for late or untimely payments. In response to this order, the Calvert County Water and Sewerage Division will not be turning water service off due to non-payment or applying late fees to first quarter 2020 water bills. Additionally, they will not be mailing delinquent bills the week of May 9, 2020. Please be aware that citizens are still financially responsible for the

water and sewer service provided to your residence or place of business prior to and during the state of emergency. For more information, visit the [Water and Sewer webpage](#).

- **Calvert strong:** In this time of fear and uncertainty, Calvert County Government wants to share your stories of goodness, 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 and Media Relations](#), so we can feature them on Facebook. Thank you for everything you do to support each other.
- **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 and Museum or the American Chestnut Land Trust.

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](#). You can also receive updates on the [county's Facebook page](#) and Comcast Channel 6.

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