

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) understands the toll this pandemic is taking on families and businesses in Calvert County and all over the world. Children are missing iconic milestones such as graduations and proms, businesses are eager to welcome back customers and families are under an immense amount of pressure to keep a sense of normalcy in their homes amidst home school, telework, canceled vacations and ever-changing routines. The BOCC would like to extend well wishes of hope to all Calvert County residents. We are in this together. Together, we will persevere.

Please see below for the latest updates from your Board:

- **BOCC meeting next week:** The next BOCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 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: 899 4188 8251, Passcode (if asked): #.
- **State of emergency extended:** The BOCC has voted to extend the declaration of a local state of emergency for Calvert County for an additional 30 days. This action enables us to remain at a heightened state of readiness, with the flexibility we need to respond swiftly as this crisis evolves. The state of emergency will expire 60 days

after the declaration first went into effect, unless terminated earlier.

- **Maryland in phase one of Roadmap to Recovery:** Effective today, May 15, Gov. Larry Hogan has lifted the stay at home order for Maryland residents and moved instead to a safer at home public health advisory. Calvert County Government is following state guidance on plans to reopen the county and does not control the reopening of businesses. Visit [Maryland.gov](https://www.maryland.gov) for details on the roadmap.
- **County Commissioners donate to provide food for local families:** In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, food distribution has become a major means of relief for Calvert County families. This week, the BOCC signed agreements to provide \$140,000 to the Maryland Food Bank to distribute the food to local food pantries and programs, which have been suffering from donation shortages.
- **Parks & Recreation eases restrictions:** The Department of Parks & Recreation announces changes to park use following Gov. Larry Hogan's announcement broadening permitted outdoor recreational activities. Chesapeake Hills Golf Course, Flag Ponds and Breezy Point beaches, tennis courts, fishing piers and more have started a slow reopening. Visit the online [Calvert County Government virtual resource center](#) for more information.
- **Citizen resources and relief support:** Citizens looking to support local residents can donate through an online [GoFundMe page](#) created in partnership with Calvert Family Advocates or through [End Hunger in Calvert County](#).
- **Free online credit reports:** Experian, Equifax and TransUnion are offering free weekly online credit reports through April 2021. Individuals who have been affected financially by COVID-19 are encouraged to visit annualcreditreport.com and view their credit report to better keep control of their finances.
- **Free Shop for Seniors program:** New Life Church is offering a free "Shop for Seniors" program to help seniors with groceries and prescriptions they cannot retrieve themselves. Residents are encouraged to [sign up online to receive assistance](#) or call 301-609-8423.
- **Free online enrichment:** University of Maryland Extension has [enrichment resources](#) available for citizens on a variety of relevant topics: Finance, Telework, Food and Health Safety, as well as Resources for Farmers and Businesses. Visit online for [upcoming virtual events](#) for individuals to engage and stay connected from home in all Extension program areas.

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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