

CALVERT COUNTY *Maryland*

COVID-19 CITIZEN UPDATE



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

With the new move to expanded services opening in the county, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is focused on reopening businesses and easing social isolation without triggering a renewed spread of the virus. Remember, nothing is zero risk; just because you can do something doesn't mean you necessarily should. If we all continue to use common sense and take precautions, we can continue to gradually return to normal again.

Please see below for the latest updates from your Board:

- **BOCC meeting next week:** The BOCC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020, is canceled to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and limit the number of people infected. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 23, 2020.
- **Expansion on Stage Two recovery:** In response to Gov. Hogan's announcement this week that Maryland is moving to Stage Two of reopening, the BOCC confirms Calvert County will take parallel actions to include expanded services for indoor dining and outdoor amusements beginning yesterday at 5 p.m. Local businesses and citizens should review the state guidelines, available online at <https://governor.maryland.gov/recovery>. In addition, the Department of Parks & Recreation announce that Kings Landing Park and Cove Point Park pools will reopen for lap swim only beginning Monday, June 15 from 6-7 a.m. and noon-7

p.m. Access is limited to Calvert County residents only and pool time will be limited to one hour. To prevent lines and wait times, swimmers must reserve a swim time through the WebTrac online registration system at <https://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>. Walk-ins will not be admitted.

- **State of emergency extended:** The BOCC has voted for a third extension to the declaration of a local state of emergency for Calvert County. The resolution extends the declaration for an additional 30 days in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but does NOT impact Stage Two reopenings. This action enables us to remain at a heightened state of readiness, with the flexibility we need to respond swiftly as this crisis evolves.
- **COVID-19 business grant:** The BOCC announces limited financial relief is available for local small businesses and nonprofits that have experienced significant economic hardship due to COVID-19. The Calvert County Department of Economic Development pre-launched the application process for the COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Fund Grant on June 11, 2020. Anyone interested in applying is invited to visit **online** to create a user name and password, become familiar with the application criteria and determine eligibility. On June 17, 2020, at noon the portal will open to receive applications and remain open until 11:59 a.m. on June 24, 2020.
- **Mini-grant program for Southern Maryland farmers:** COVID-19 has severely affected all aspects of life, including agriculture and farm businesses. The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) has committed a round of mini-grants to address current needs and minimize financial burdens specifically related to the pandemic. SMADC will begin accepting mini-grant applications on July 1, 2020. The Pandemic Relief Mini-Grant cycle will close on July 22, 2020, with awards announced by August 2020. [Visit calvertag.com](http://calvertag.com) for information on SMADC's mini-grant program.
- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Budget gets approved:** The BOCC has approved a \$319 million FY 2021 general fund operating budget. FY 2021 begins July 1, 2020. The budget takes steps to address fiscal and operational sustainability to keep our county in a strong financial position, while supporting access to educational, recreational and other life-enriching opportunities for all citizens. Residents are encouraged to review the approved budget online.
- **2020 Census update:** Way to go Maryland! As of June 9, we are ranked number 11 in the country for self-response rates, just behind Indiana. In addition, Calvert County has surpassed our 2010 self-response rate! Let's keep the momentum going and achieve a complete count by filling out the Census form online at 2020Census.gov.
- **Support local businesses:** Throughout the pandemic, our local businesses have been significantly impacted due to prolonged closures. Visit online for a [list of businesses that are currently open](#). This is the perfect time to show your support and shop local to boost our county economy.

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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