



THE COORDINATING CENTER
INSPIRED SOLUTIONS

The Center Line



OUR MISSION

To partner with people of all ages and abilities to achieve their aspirations for independence, health and meaningful community life.

A Message from Our CEO



By now, I am sure you have received dozens of e-mails about the Coronavirus, **COVID-19** from doctors' offices, schools, stores, restaurants and other organizations that you frequent. The Coordinating Center has been closely monitoring the current state of emergency, following the guidance of the Center's for Disease Control (CDC), Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), as well as responding to the needs of our clients. While our official headquarters is now closed, **The Coordinating Center remains open.** Coworkers are teleworking from their home and Coordinators are conducting visits by phone or by video chat (when permitted).

Our Clinical Care Coordinators, Supports Planners, Housing Coordinators, Health Coaches, Life Care Planners and Support Team are extremely busy reaching out to **ALL** of our clients to make sure they have what they need to remain healthy and at home during this pandemic. The Coordinating Center supports more than 10,000 children and adults with disabilities and complex medical and social needs statewide, many of whom have immunocompromised conditions. **It is critical for the health and safety of our clients that the public remain at home so that we can keep our community safe.**

If you would like to help support the critical needs of our clients, consider making a donation to The Coordinating Center's Family Resource Fund. **100% of your donation will support:** emergency housing/utility support, food related to a special diet requirement, medicine, medical supplies, and transportation for medical needs.

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Please also remember to manage your personal health and stress by taking **deep breaths**, focusing on accurate sources of information such as the CDC, maintaining a **routine**, staying in contact with **loved ones** and **staying active**.

COVID-19: Governor Hogan Updates

- Today, Governor Hogan has **closed all non-essential businesses at 5 p.m. today** and has asked all Marylanders to stay home; although, he did not declare an official *Shelter in Place* order. The Federal guidelines for defining essential business (i.e., grocery stores, pharmacies, health care and emergency personnel), can be found on the [Maryland Unites](#) website.
- **Gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people**, consistent with CDC guidelines for social distancing. The Governor is asking citizens to **remain at home** and only leave the home for a critical need (i.e., to access food, medicine, and health care).
- **The Governor is asking that folks please do not hoard supplies.** All grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open and continue to restock food and other supplies. Gas stations will remain open too.
- It is recommended that only the following people use **public transportation** (i.e., buses, MARC train and the light rail): emergency personnel, front line healthcare workers and essential supply chain workers.
- **BWI Airport** is now only open to ticketed passengers and employees.
- Maryland's April 28th **primary election will be postponed to June 2nd.**
- A special general election will be held on April 28th for the **7th Congressional District (Elijah Cummings District)** and conducted through a vote by mail system.
- The Maryland Transportation Authority will move to **cashless tolling** statewide.
- **Until further notice:** ALL MDOT MVA branch locations are closed on Saturdays. All branch offices will close at 4:30 p.m. daily. All VEIP testing stations are closed. Self-service VEIP kiosk locations are open. Limited Service Branches in Oakland and Prince Frederick are closed. For more information on how MDOT MVA is responding to COVID-19, [click here](#).
- Governor Larry Hogan is asking President Trump to extend the federal REAL ID deadline for all states.

For more information about COVID-19 check out the Governor's website: [Maryland Unites](#) and the [CDC](#).



Gala Fundraiser for the Family Resource Fund is Postponed

As a result of the current state of emergency, **CenterFlix: a Taste of the Arts**, originally scheduled for May 7th will be postponed until **Thursday, September 10th** at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore. "As you can imagine this was not an easy decision to make, but we feel it is in the best interest of the the health and safety of our guests and team." said Teresa Titus-Howard, PhD, MHA, MSW, President/CEO of The Coordinating Center.

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Meet Alian

"We don't decide our futures, we decide our habits and The Coordinating Center helps me keep up with the habit of taking care of myself."

At 16-years old most teens are busy getting ready for prom, learning to drive, and playing sports, and Alian was no different. At an early age Alian fell in love with the game of soccer, he continued to play the sport until one day he suddenly fell ill. Alian, who was 16 at the time was rushed to the hospital where he was diagnosed with kidney failure.

After receiving a kidney transplant Alian developed diabetes and was referred to The Coordinating Center by his primary care physician for support with managing his new diagnosis. Alian's new diagnosis came with some harsh realities, including the need for him to stop playing competitive soccer.



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