



THE COORDINATING CENTER
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The Center Line



Governor Hogan's administration Updates

Caregivers:

- Providing care for children, senior citizens, or individuals with special needs at those individuals' homes is considered an essential activity. **Read the interpretive guidance.**

Updates in American Sign Language (ASL) from the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

- The Maryland Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been working with the Governor and the state to ensure accessibility for the deaf and hard of hearing community, including providing a Certified Deaf Interpreting team at Governor Hogan's press conferences. You can watch his press conferences at **governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus** or on **Facebook, Twitter,** or **YouTube.**
- Maryland COVID-19 ASL video updates from the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is also provided on their YouTube playlist or on their Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter pages. **Sign up for email newsletters from the office here.**
- The YouTube videos are shown below, beginning with the most recent update. More Maryland ASL resources include **Centers for Disease and Control Prevention (CDC), Maryland School for the Deaf** and **National Association of the Deaf.**

Health Care Designation for Disabilities Service

Personnel:

- Governor Hogan issued an executive order ensuring that workers who provide important support services to the disabled will be treated as health care providers under the recently-enacted Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
- This order officially recognizes the essential function of services for the disabled—including in-home care, interpreting services, social services, and support systems for substance abuse and mental illness—and designates those who provide these services as essential health care providers.
- Read the executive order here and [watch the ASL announcement here](#).

Evictions:

- Governor Hogan has issued an emergency order that prohibits Maryland courts from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can show that their failure to pay rent was the result of COVID-19—for example, because of lost or reduced unemployment, or needing to care for a school-aged child—or because they are diagnosed with, or under investigation for, COVID-19. [Read the governor's emergency order](#).

Click the Red Box to Access the More Information on the Latest News from Governor Hogan



HHS Office for Civil Rights in Action

In light of the Public Health Emergency concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is providing

this bulletin to ensure that entities covered by civil rights authorities keep in mind their obligations under laws and regulations that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, and exercise of conscience and religion in HHS-funded programs.

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Community Resources

Insurance:

- The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange is establishing a special enrollment period through Maryland Health Connection specifically for the Coronavirus.
- Individuals can enroll starting Monday, March 16, **through Wednesday, April 15**. Coverage selected during this time will have a start date of April 1, 2020, regardless of when a consumer enrolls during this period.
- **Learn more.**

Childcare:

- Beginning at the end of the day on Friday, March 27, 2020, all child care programs are to be closed. **During this State of Emergency, child care programs have been established by the State to serve only designated essential personnel at no cost.**
- Eligible programs may be found on the MSDE website at **earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org** or by using the LOCATE: Child Care resource, a telephone service that is available by phone Monday – Friday at 877-261-0060 between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. **Visit the MSDE website.**

Food Distribution:

- **Free and Reduced Meals.** The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) applied for a federal waiver and beginning today, has the capability to provide three meals a day, and a snack, to students impacted by the statewide closure of schools. MSDE has hundreds of meal distribution centers across the state, which can be found at **mdsummerschools.org**.
- **Food Assistance/SNAP.** The Maryland Department of Human Services is expediting services for their customers. Marylanders can get information, apply for DHS programs and services, and check the status of applications online **[here](#)**, and by calling the DHS Call Center at 1-800-332-6347 (TTY 1-800-735-2258), available from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- This news station has a listing of all the **free meal sites across Maryland** and Washington, D.C. Click **[HERE](#)** for more information.

Drive-Thru Testing:

- Governor Hogan announced the opening of four Maryland drive-thru COVID-19 screening and testing sites. There is no charge at any of these sites. However, testing is strictly limited to Marylanders who have a referral from their health care provider and who have an appointment to be tested. **Learn more.**

Maryland Senior Call Check:

- The **Maryland Department of Aging Senior Call Check**, is a

FREE resource for MD residents over 65+. This service will provide free daily calls to Marylander's 65 and over who register. The verification and enrollment process can be completed within 24 hours Monday – Saturday. Senior Call Check phone lines are **open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** During these hours, seniors can call toll-free **1-866-50-CHECK** (1-866-502-0560) and register. Registration is also available online at aging.maryland.gov.

Mental Health:

- If you or someone you know needs mental health support **call Optum at 1-800-888-1965.** Optum can assist you in identifying participating providers and answer questions about Maryland Medical Assistance Mental health Benefits.
- NAMI Homefront is a free, 6-session educational program for families, caregivers and friends of military service members and veterans with mental health conditions. [Register for this training](#) or [learn more about this program.](#)

**Click the Red Box for Maryland's
COVID-19 Resource Guide**




Looking for Entertainment?

Checkout this link to access Livestreams & Virtual Concerts that are being held during the COVID-19 Crisis: Click [HERE](#).

30-Day Lego Challenge

30 Days of LEGO Play

Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!

Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4	
You were hired by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster.		NASA needs you to build a new rocket.		Your parents want to build a new home and they want you to build it.		Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.	
Day 6	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 11
You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.	Ford hires you to create the toughest pick up truck in the world.	You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	Captain Hook needs a new pirate ship and wants you to build it.	You and your friends decide to build a tree house.	Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.	Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.
Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 18
Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.	Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance.	Help your fellow pioneers build a wagon to make it across the country.	Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.	Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.	Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.
Day 19	Day 20	Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 25
The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	Pizza party! It is up to you to make a pizza for all the guests.	You are hired to build a brand new hospital.	The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of.	You are now in medieval times. You are commissioned to build a jousting arena.	The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.	Design and build your dream bedroom.	Design and build your dream bedroom.
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30			What was your favorite day?
You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.	Aliens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them.	The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them.	You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.	There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile.			What was your favorite day?

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