COVID-19 Daily Update

Maryland Department of Health

Maryland Primary Care Program

Program Management Office

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Key Takeaways

❖ You remain on the front line against COVID-19 in Maryland

❖ Epidemic **most seriously affects the high-risk and elderly populations**, but a significant and growing number of cases exists among younger people

❖ You are uniquely positioned to identify at-risk populations, provide important social distancing information to them, and serve their healthcare needs through telemedicine

❖ No one can do this better than you!

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Agenda

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❖ General Guidelines

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Today's Key Updates for Maryland

❖ COVID-19 continues to spread in Maryland, overwhelmingly through community transmission

❖ Statistics (as of early 3/27/20)
  ➢ 8000+ tested; 4000+ processed in lab so far
  ➢ **774** confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection had been identified total across all regions of the State; 194 new cases since yesterday and the biggest increase so far in one day
  ➢ 136 cumulative hospitalized
  ➢ 4 deaths
  ➢ More information at https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/

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Order on Elective Procedures and Appointments

❖ Shall perform only medical procedures that are critically necessary for the maintenance of health for a patient. **All elective and non-urgent medical procedures and appointments shall cease effective at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and shall not be performed for the duration of the catastrophic health emergency.**

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Maryland Code, Public Safety, 14-3A-06 on Immunity

❖ "A health care provider is immune from civil or criminal liability if the health care provider acts in good faith and under a catastrophic health emergency proclamation."

❖ This is current now and through the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly

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What's Important Now (WIN)

❖ **Identify and contact high-risk patients**

❖ **Maximize non-face-to-face visits using telemedicine**

❖ Maximize access to care

❖ Identify appropriate candidates for testing

❖ Clinical management of patients

❖ Stay current, stay safe

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Identifying and Contacting High-Risk Patients

Identify:

❖ Use data from CRISP and EMR to identify

❖ Use clinical intuition

❖ Use Pre-AH tool

➢ Avoid unnecessary ED, Urgent Care and Hospital visits

✓ Contagion
✓ Overcrowding

Outreach:

❖ Call chronically ill, frail, elderly, DM, COPD, ESRD, immunocompromised, etc.

❖ Care Team intervenes as appropriate

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Maximize use of non-face-to-face visits

❖ Patients must call ahead – determine need for visit; no ambulatory walk-in visits!

❖ Telemedicine
  ➢ Free services
  ➢ Expanded payer coverage - see links and postings
  ➢ Includes telephonic consultations
  ➢ Cannot completely exclude the need for office visits
  ➢ Training and resources in these webinars

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MHCC Telemedicine Guidance

❖ David Sharp, Ph.D., Director

Health Information Technology and Innovative Care Delivery

Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC)

Presented yesterday on the MHCC **Telehealth Readiness Assessment (TRA) Tool**

❖ MHCC *Broadening Access to Telehealth during a Public Health Emergency*

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MDoH COVID-19 Testing Guidelines – March 26, 2020

❖ [Guidance from Md State Department of Health](#)

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Clinical Response to Positive Test

- ❖ Clinical judgment and underlying conditions

- ❖ Referral to Emergency Department - if needed

- ❖ Contact Local Health Department

- ❖ Home Care and Monitoring
  - ➢ Close telemedicine follow-up depending on underlying condition
  - ➢ Second week of illness typical worsening
  - ➢ Ability to do home monitoring factors in

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CDC Guidelines for Management

❖ Healthy people can be monitored, self-isolated at home

❖ People at higher risk should contact healthcare providers early, even if illness is mild

❖ Older adults and people with severe underlying chronic medical conditions are at higher risk, need closer contact

❖ Emergency Department and Hospitals only when needed - not for screening or low risk/minimal disease

❖ **Guidelines are important and powerful tools, but remember providers' clinical experience and judgment are key to care**

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use and Requests

❖ Remain in scarce supply

❖ Strategies for optimizing

➢ The supply of facemasks

➢ The supply of eye protection

➢ The supply of isolation gowns

➢ The supply of N95 respirators

❖**Find PPE request forms and local contacts here**

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Sample of PPE Procurement Contacts

Jurisdiction	Contact	E-mail address	Work #	Cell #
Allegany	Roger Bennett	rbennett@alleganygov.org	301-876-9155	240-580-0220
Annapolis City	Kevin Simmons	kjsimmons@annapolis.gov	410-216-9167	443-875-7640
	David Mandell	dsmandell@annapolis.gov	410-216-9167	410-320-2559
Anne Arundel	Timothy Mikules	fdmikule@aacounty.org	410-222-0603	443-336-1003
	Pretti Emrick	ememri22@aacounty.org	410-222-0605	410-703-1907

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State Emergency Funds for Small Business

- ❖ [Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan Fund](#)
  - ➢ $75 million loan fund (to be paid to <u>for-profit business only</u>)
  - ➢ Loans are up to $50,000
  - ➢ No interest or principal payments due for the first 12 months
  - ➢ Thereafter converts to 36-month term loan of principal and interest payments, with interest rate of 2% per annum

- ❖ [Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Fund](#)
  - ➢ $50 million grant program for <u>businesses and non-profits</u>
  - ➢ Grant amounts of up to $10,000
  - ➢ Grant amounts not to exceed three months of demonstrated cash operating expenses for Q1 2020

- ❖ [Emergency Relief Fund FAQ](#)

- ❖ Questions or concerns email [fpaaworkflowcoordinator.commerce@maryland.gov](#).

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State Emergency Funds for Small Business

- ❖ [COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund](#) (from Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Maryland Dept. of Labor)
  - ➢ Designed to support businesses undergoing economic stresses due to the pandemic by minimizing the duration of unemployment resulting from layoffs
  - ➢ Award of up to $50,000 per applicant
  - ➢ Will be quick deployable benefit and customizable to specific business needs

- ❖ [View the One-Pager](#)

- ❖ [COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund Policy](#)

- ❖ [COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund Application](#) (Excel)

- ❖ Submit your completed application to: [LaborCOVID19.layoffaversion@maryland.gov.](#)

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Federal Emergency Funds for Small Business

❖ Disaster Loan Assistance (from Small Business Administration)
   ➢ Low-interest financial disaster loans for working capital in small businesses suffering substantial economic injury due to COVID-19
   ➢ FAQs

❖ CARES Act (pending federal legislation)
   ➢ Sets up a $350 billion loan program for small businesses
   ➢ Small businesses can apply for low-interest loans that cover up to 2.5 months of expenses
   ➢ Maximum loan amount is $10 million
   ➢ Loans can cover payroll, rent, utilities, or existing debt obligations
   ➢ Interest rates cannot exceed 4%
   ➢ If employer continues to pay workers through June, the amount of the loans that went toward eligible costs would be forgiven
   ➢ Loans will be available through the Small Business Administration and Treasury-approved banks, credit unions, and some nonbank lenders

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Staying Current - Sources

❖ CDC

❖ MDH COVID-19 information page

❖ MDPCP COVID-19 webpage

❖ Local Health Departments

❖ CONNECT

❖ Clinician Letters

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Resources and References

❖ Maryland Department of Health Coronavirus Website (https://coronavirus.maryland.gov)

❖ CDC Coronavirus Website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html)

❖ CDC Interim Guidance for Homes and Communities (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html)

❖ CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html)

❖ CDC Interim Guidance for Childcare and Schools (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-for-schools.html)

❖ CDC Travel Website (https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/)

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Resources for Specific Groups

❖ Community- and Faith-Based Organizations (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html)

❖ Mass Gatherings and Large Community Events (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html)

❖ Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions for Specific Groups (https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions/index.html)

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Questions and Answers

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