MONTGOMERY COUNTY

RESOURCE LINKS / INFORMATION

For Montgomery County COVID-19 Updates and Press Release see link: [*Montgomerycountymd.gov/COVID19*](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COVID19)

1. **TESTING SITES: By MD Department of Health / County** Current locations:
2. Glen Burnie VEIP (**Anne Arundel County**) 721 E. Ordnance Road Curtis Bay, MD 21226
3. Bel Air VEIP (**Harford County**) 1631 Robin Circle Forest Hill, MD 21050
4. Waldorf VEIP (**Charles County**) 28 Henry Ford Circle Waldorf, MD 20601
5. Columbia VEIP (**Howard County**) 6340 Woodside Ct., #1071 Columbia, MD 21046
6. White Oak VEIP (**Montgomery County**) 2121 Industrial Parkway Silver Spring, MD 20904

Can I show up at a VEIP testing site and wait in line to get a test? No. If you arrive at a VEIP testing site without both an appointment and provider order, you will be asked to leave. Testing is for symptomatic patients who are at high level risk for complications from COVID-19 disease and have a provider order and appointment. <https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Department-of-Health-Continues-Appointment-Only-COVID-19-Testing-at-Additional-Vehicle-Emissions-Inspection-Progra.aspx>

* **PG COUNTY Department of Health:** Note that the Prince George’s County Health Department is running a similar but separate testing operation at FedEx Field. All patients accessing the **FedEx Field testing site**, including those with prescriptions from a doctor, must make an appointment through the Prince George’s Health Department’s **COVID-19 hotline: 301-883-6627.**
* **MOBILE TESTING: University of Maryland -** Upper Chesapeake Health is providing mobile testing for COVID-19 by appointment only. Mobile testing will be available on Monday, 4/13 from 11am - 3pm **After this date:** hours of operation will become Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri from 10am - 2pm Forest Hill Vehicle Emissions Inspection Site at 1631 Robin Cir #3068, Forest Hill, MD 21050 For more info : [**https://www.umms.org/uch/coronavirus/mobile-testing**](https://www.umms.org/uch/coronavirus/mobile-testing) **UM Upper Chesapeake Medical Center Emergency Department:****443-643-2000****/ UM Harford Memorial Hospital Emergency Department:****443-843-5500**
1. **FOOD ASSISTANCE Programs: Food Insecurities**
* **Federal response** to the COVID-19 pandemic,
	+ US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved Maryland’s request to issue emergency **SNAP payments** to currently enrolled households for April and May 2020. This means residents who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP)** benefits will receive the maximum amount allowed per month from April 1 through May 31.
	+ If eligible, a one-person household will receive $194, and a two-person household will receive $355 in food benefits. Maryland has also removed work requirements associated with SNAP during this crisis. SNAP provides monthly financial benefits to individuals and families to buy food.
	+ DHHS “Through the SNAP food assistance program, is in partnership with local organizations who work to fight hunger, we are working hard to help our neighbors in need at this critical time.”
	+ DHHS’s Office of Eligibility and Support Services (OESS) is closed to walk-in services, drop boxes for paper applications and documents are available at all sites, and services are available through online applications. <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/dashboardClient/#/home>
		- Residents can apply online at [myDHR](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MTAuMjAwMjk5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL215ZGhyYmVuZWZpdHMuZGhyLnN0YXRlLm1kLnVzL2Rhc2hib2FyZENsaWVudC8jL2hvbWUifQ.Z7y7lcsDv26RXUc_BhjGGPSWMNgz8RNIp6MIsQaCxWo%2Fbr%2F77300135125-l&data=02%7C01%7COhene.Gyapong%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7C2072afd84d7d4395df8c08d7dda8e7e5%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637221589819961998&sdata=vCoCnjfBEifOM4xpkckfQAPczmJT9IbryD01xyA41T0%3D&reserved=0" \o "Original URL: https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MTAuMjAwMjk5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL215ZGhyYmVuZWZpdHMuZGhyLnN0YXRlLm1kLnVzL2Rhc2hib2FyZENsaWVudC8jL2hvbWUifQ.Z7y7lcsDv26RXUc_BhjGGPSWMNgz8RNIp6MIsQaCxWo/br/77300135125-l. Click or tap if you trust this link." \t "_blank) or call OESS at 240-777-1003 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  Visit the [DHHS website](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MTAuMjAwMjk5NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL21vbnRnb21lcnljb3VudHltZC5nb3YvSEhTL1JpZ2h0TmF2L0NPVklEMTlBcHBsaWNhdGlvbnMuaHRtbCJ9.s-WdcJw4s0HYgHBC3Mh0zX8mQLjt24NP4qCdUYRIPzw%2Fbr%2F77300135125-l&data=02%7C01%7COhene.Gyapong%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7C2072afd84d7d4395df8c08d7dda8e7e5%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637221589819961998&sdata=%2FBo4tLaBDiyqTavmqQJSv8u%2B3hQnSHLlV5NddQkPd2o%3D&reserved=0) for more information on applying for SNAP and other financial assistance benefits.
		- Residents can also call the Maryland Benefits Center at 1-833-373-5867, Maryland Hunger Solutions at 1-866-821-5552, or Spanish Catholic Center **301-453-5560 to** get help in applying for SNAP and other benefits.
1. **MONTGOMERY COUNTY - DHHS Safety-Net Services.**
* **Food Supplement Program** (**formerly Food Stamps**) provides monthly benefits to families and individuals who need assistance to buy food.
	+ - **MANNA FOOD SUPPORT** ; Food Resource Assistance <https://www.mannafood.org/how-to-receive-food-from-manna/> regular business hours at **(301) 424-1130)** call by 3:00 pm.
		- **Other Food Assistance**
			* The [Montgomery County Food Council](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcgfy79yk1IGf7B_OvrxTHcWLierBAtu1U7HDg3_np8P3YI0Ihz7BS6DoDAP-9d89kdeSfeyVcFMiGsJZySlpzFg%3D%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249906252&sdata=dGtoezaYpx1bPHuKLBJvuG2IRSC1%2BYoK4FGDvLLVBNs%3D&reserved=0) has a [Food Assistance Resource Directory](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxc5TDq3AtAtiFcKw7wKt1Rwox-iNdtESjPIMPp5QBXbVxN44vlgvvgAL11ZSUFFNgQB2RVxd18c-Bt2jkdMvfXSyKPOTtTpnWaFS_QK9TFK54%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249916246&sdata=%2FRrp4TqAadlCj63by92ouko5la%2FdlB1Jo%2B5F7%2FeV2a0%3D&reserved=0) (available in English & [Español](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxckgxiHKEKuiOR0jiqQmy3gFXmOQMreBjZU1xkxHr_LvfiPQWZJ59LRhkq2UCgTgKGAnDpH_3oQnw3TSmt9-B0rvZZ-pgKaWlzTiJjY56gPAyWdAqaPb5wH_OTOADMYaZThKSqU5NXv2dOcp3beBtvbNQfA81kONPzNQVBd36_Be8%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249926238&sdata=8RwXR%2FLkumYzlhK0zjJGg0PPHXjDEJ8dGPq9%2BNWiBxI%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank)) that includes information on the location, hours, and eligibility guidelines for 100+ sites in Montgomery County where residents can access food & benefits application assistance.

Also, meals are available at:

* + - * [Olney Help](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcT5ZJINITYeqMKMhbn2z3P6Ldf4x9H34XnPHvkCiNMS1JGf4jpcZQCC6TCl3asxhoOG6s3H1VXlVwtZrZvXnf1tCQycge1uNf%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249926238&sdata=Bw7Jrj3sjFhHFsuw3o6L0D9B0mIcafGAw27QJcDMlbo%3D&reserved=0)
			* [Sheppard’s Table](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcbGdQbODrvl98aeR3y53Q7vIldrKq6RHNFKt8hf9beQ8RwsPDUQ6nUNKSr8ecdlsBPhkp_qC1fCS7lVMPIuQxWNyqCWFGmgcMXjfF0rP1L4Q%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249936234&sdata=efCdYt2E4%2F64rCZodDORK0RgLfGel7ZMtRdM428fzG0%3D&reserved=0)
			* [GaithersburgHELP](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcEr_DFYVJB2c-2BhRNQ3R1uBuuz3WzeCxOKz-DXBMqEWD_tRiiDarSgxeLtY8afGYmkQZ2ToK60hG_WPW4LJObEvh1k14f1xK%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249936234&sdata=G3vqG9xl2zqiJ4Y9Ducn12TXx5flbFT45ArMycoJpa8%3D&reserved=0); and
			* [Women Who Care Ministries](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxc2EjKnWM9s_k2s12l71BHOiOHwRguV11ozB6B4nXI8hYT5-pG86w9N0GKHsxFiyEJsSBqcS0N_44ztGmT0-x-qCDzKi_d2y4I-oS6nup6Rzw%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249946227&sdata=hfrpuWU5WqGuVuS4SzCHN%2FFlBMGhN2i0MS4spissRdc%3D&reserved=0)
* **Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)**provides cash assistance to families with children under 18 years of age when other resources and services do not fully meet the family's needs.
* **Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP)**provides temporary cash assistance to disabled adults between the ages of 18 and 64 years who have no children under the age of 18 living in the home.
* [Apply online](http://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/) to these programs. If you have eligibility questions, call **240-777-1003**.

You may also fax your application to:

* **Germantown - 240-777-3477**
* **Rockville - 240-777-4100**
* **Silver Spring - 240-777-3070**

Or email to OESS.MoCO@montgomerycountymd.gov

* Walk-in services will only be provided in the case of emergency and/or for families with children seeking emergency shelter.
* For additional information on phone appt, drop boxes,applications, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/COVID19Applications.html>
* To request an appointment, please call 240-777-1003. Phone lines are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
* Drop box locations are available to drop off documents and pick up paper applications. Return the completed application in a postage-paid envelope or in the drop box at these locations below:
	+ - 8818 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring--OESS services CLOSED to customers
		- 1301 Piccard Drive, Rockville -- OESS 2nd floor CLOSED to customers
		- 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown (Drop off only, no applications/forms available) - **Building CLOSED**
		- 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville--OESS services CLOSED to customers
		- 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville -- MA Applications Only -  OESS services CLOSED to customers
1. **MCPS - Free Meal**
	* + ***Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)*** is providing free breakfasts, lunches and dinner meals for children 18 years old and younger and all MCPS students (regardless of age) at more than 40 sites (including mobile sites) throughout the county. Additionally, MCPS school buses will distribute meals in several neighborhoods and county shopping centers. The meal schedule and locations can be found [here](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxctSURRO2AFRhxAG5xITczzQaIImqYTrBBQb2d-cHpy1e2Aw1dDCbd8MEycg_qGD8iuy3IQVzfqFeloIVMSfvqdcJQ4E14lsaQvh9XNcR5h7uDOhAJiuLzqRFuQCKnS193f8aTJr968Dc%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249896259&sdata=c7%2FIbWnDE1fRTsBEQH4o56Di5QqtlvWbzOhheSleXpU%3D&reserved=0). <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/Coronavirus/Meals/#EmergencyMeals>
2. **HEALTHCARE ACSESS**
	* **The special enrollment and update:** The coronavirus emergency special enrollment period will begin in March and ends Monday, June 15.: If you are currently uninsured, a special enrollment period for Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) coverage is now available:
		+ Enroll by April 15, 2020, coverage starts April 1, 2020
		+ Enroll April 16-May 15, 2020, coverage starts May 1, 2020
		+ Enroll May 16-June 15, 2020, coverage starts June 1, 2020
	* Online enrollment can be completed at <https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/>
	* Free enrollment support is available by calling 1-855-642-8572 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Help is available in more than 200 languages. Please use the Relay service if deaf or hard of hearing) Additional telephone assistance is available at 240-777-1815 [https:](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.marylandhealthconnection.gov%2F&data=02%7C01%7CHarrieta.Shangarai%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb93a03ef999740168a5108d7dd6f252a%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637221341739753615&sdata=4wZSNy%2FqM4CCv1B9St4h73VVLkAXMDS%2BdH2QNk6JuHs%3D&reserved=0)[https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/coronavirus-sep/](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.marylandhealthconnection.gov%2Fcoronavirus-sep%2F&data=02%7C01%7CHarrieta.Shangarai%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb93a03ef999740168a5108d7dd6f252a%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637221341739753615&sdata=wud23PpDNy7hjWW63H68rWym6hfEo4TT7uQfyuYOnUQ%3D&reserved=0)
3. **MENTAL HEALTH**

* [ABOUT US](https://www.every-mind.org/about/our-mission/)

* [VOLUNTEER](https://www.every-mind.org/get-involved/volunteer/)E
* EveryMinds Hotline 301.738.225 (helps to find a provider)
* **EveryMind 201 424 0656 /** <https://www.every-mind.org/>
* NAMI -National Alliance of Mental Health <https://www.nami.org/covid-19-guide>
* **Family Service Inc 301 840 2000 /https://bit.ly/3bPanAe**
* **Thrive Behavioral Health 301 493 24000 /www.thrivebh.com**
* **Crisis Center: 24 hours 240 777 4000**
* [ABOUT US](https://www.every-mind.org/about/our-mission/)
* [VOLUNTEER](https://www.every-mind.org/get-involved/volunteer/)E
* Disaster Distress Helpline call 1800-985-5990 ext. 66746
* [National Domestic Violence Hotline external icon](https://www.thehotline.org/) or call 1-800-799-7233 and TTY 1-800-787-3224
* Maryland Department of Health releases mental health public service announcements on coping during COVID-19 pandemic and ways to cope with stress, anxiety and depression during the novel coronavirus 2019 (Behavioral Health Administration, See link here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEXKdJm2OCrtqxeu2uirCrw/>
	+ Montgomery County Emergency – 911
	+ **Non-Emergency –**301-279-8000 /**Domestic Violence –**240-773-5050. The Montgomery County Police will respond to calls for emergency assistance, take reports, investigate crimes, respond to violations of a court order and a variety of other services.
	+ Montgomery County General Information 311
1. **FAMILY & RESIDENCE RELIEF** Apply online at  [mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us](https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/dashboardClient/#/home)
* **PROHIBITION ON UTILITY SHUTOFFS:**Governor Hogan has issued an emergency order that prohibits electric, gas, water, sewage, phone, cable TV, and internet service provider companies from shutting off any residential customer’s service, or charging any residential late fees. [Read the governor’s emergency order.](https://t.co/mZoDQ7KGyl?amp=1)
* **PROHIBITION ON 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.](https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Temp-Evictions-Prohibiting.pdf)
* Renters having trouble paying rent due to the Coronavirus situation are temporarily protected from eviction per order of the Governor of Maryland. This order is in effect until the State of Emergency ends.
* If a landlord attempts to *physically evict* a tenant during this moratorium, the tenant can call the police non-emergency number at **301-279-8000**. Other information for renters can be found at the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) – click [here](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcuT3XSam-deWPfCTdYNBFyvylLRI4BoOMZpBd1gBn_omB4Uvuvz_ocAei51z-VRTnkLDI-temeqdZaiN3cjDbYD3tM1goVRpKtKQrZtDrub-JFNsEFzpFqZiWaF62ra0hN3-PYuvudifn6g4RzYfAqW0_t7l0ptitpX6VmqyE2z4%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249816308&sdata=%2By7r3q87coQr5PSJZQLZhjjY9VPkCDskFgYYvxTEk8Y%3D&reserved=0).
1. **UTILITIES**

**The CARES Act provides funding for the Low-Income Home Energy** **Assistance Program to help low-income households** with

* Heating and cooling in homes, weatherization, and energy-related low-cost home repairs or replacements.
	+ Click [here](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcOg6OrFdtI1WdoH4jbaqQ7cQku2o9Cor4Jce_ONAs67aD1jxUDYY0vd5H5Y3P5BmQV1KxGpGu3mWGD4bZTT8kdmbq0fatbWFRVHTKk3dmRZt9t6P8ac5NLY12akcZYHk_eC37BJV56Zcgh9FuIVeWI7PkOslPhhDYqro8v8bim31M0KF-nwOX8pRrvySP3NzXIRbCMg640tSi6fK7WW1uUbaT35wdofd6vaN5871sDA7GpG2msB0QTkD5Y_LqHDN8PIknZyCdv5hwtRaV_fBjjCKLo1jF021gaIqk8GoxD-2KeN0k8pSZrYTypZ8H80gYyOqFcMrqCgw_FSmYXEsR76c2l8jLT1wgiWQMP5NIKuTmSRKQW2kN0xhddn7FSYyFo5NWvCBLLuwgBxGZIp4N9hTtd1kxyNqz%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249816308&sdata=BwBeidt%2FFnpOmemBEe5aGvn7Wlli7edreHbXKOlHIGA%3D&reserved=0) to apply for utilities assistance through Maryland’s Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) or call **1-800-332-6347**.
	+ Hearing and speech impaired customers call **1-800-735-2258**.
	+ **Pepco** and Coronavirus Support - click [here](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcE5IZlEF-KWOwxvVeY_q9wU3N499oFwujz33hz-R9lCt9npnKIvnu2Sk7LJ2l45ENb-tol3exPH_yVYApJu1U2PO8OIsZ7bc80wu3of8JeHMIrZr-ze_j1ERRGqnEZUv2gnN7Jl4y0xfLhDhIW4Kx7g%3D%3D%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249836298&sdata=RAPxMgMJDXxE03hdwrUqxhET%2BhKtGB6RR1aScw7hTF8%3D&reserved=0). Customers may contact Pepco Customer Care at **202-833-7500**for assistance.
	+ **Washington Gas** and Coronavirus Support – click [here](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eetZdJVVU581tI-n3wsCsSDX7VTf3nWsy6H2o17n07Wud4Su_-gDh5v9ZdlFQCxcTSshU6E7Y-1oEkzuvrJq2IuRnkFpS1-EFeDzcakTlagYFAv3tqAh_EI98LuubG_7UzTS_paV7lBLjSwip_hVXnhG6m-uzQTFJCTSAY48DcqkfRaxAT76bTS22TjaMcGU%26c%3DlkyzzplyO8JVPNixBAVyjLfIi0s0Pypx21npD5n-oCltzN5J3znFtg%3D%3D%26ch%3DmHE27ylJBu27biqttN2kei5siYF_g2NUh8qM-KYuugbck5ZiYFjykg%3D%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cjewru.bandeh%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7Cb89059f277074fe9850908d7e09f8f17%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637224848249836298&sdata=5hSSq1z5bqLeFXB6ZMgO2LRijnGpnO4EMDNnUlZrs00%3D&reserved=0). Customers may call Washington Gas at **844-WASHGAS (927-4427)** for assistance.
1. **[COVID-19 Employee Rights](https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/FFCRA_Poster_WH1422_Non-Federal.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) : United States Department of Labor**

See link: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/FFCRA_Poster_WH1422_Non-Federal.pdf>

1. **BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS -** Montgomery County Public Health Emergency Grant Resources
* County has allocated 20 Million Dollars for Business and Non-profit which are impacted by COVID – 19
* Is your business physically located in the County; **or**
* Has locations outside of the County, and the County-based location(s) account for more than 50 percent of the business’s total number of (full-time-equivalent) employees, **or** more than 50 percent of the business’s gross sales; **and**
* Employs 100 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees (including sole proprietors and businesses with no employees);
* See link for details: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Biz-Resources/pheg>
1. **SENIOR RESOURCES**
* Meals on the Wheels / <http://www.colesville-meals-on-wheels.org/>
* Dedicated hours to shop/ <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/Resources/Files/COVID19GroceryStores.pdf>
	+ Manna food programs/<https://www.mannafood.org/how-to-receive-food-from-manna/>
	+ [Senior Planet Montgomery Offering Free Online Life Learning Classes for Seniors April 13-17](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=25157)
	+ Senior Support – check in calls
	+ Senior Planet Montgomery is offering virtual programs
	+ Need support? Give us a call on the Senior Planet Montgomery hotline: (240) 753-0676
* Grocery stores that delivers food
* Aging & disability resources for aging adults
1. **UNEMPOYMENT LINE:** <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/officenum.shtml>

<https://secure-2.dllr.state.md.us/NetClaims/Welcome.aspx>

* + **COVID-19 EMPLOYER AND CLAIMANT INFORMATION** The Division of Unemployment Insurance’s website and call centers are currently experiencing an unprecedented volume of users due to COVID-19. This may result in long wait times.
	+ **Updated Process for Filing A Regular Claim** To provide our claimants with an efficient and hassle-free filing process, we are encouraging our claimants to file according to a new system. To file an initial regular unemployment claim online or through our call centers, please file your claim according to your last name as detailed below:
* If your last name starts with A - F, file your claim on Monday.
* If your last name starts with G - N, file your claim on Tuesday.
* If your last name starts with O - Z, file your claim on Wednesday.
* Claim filing is open to all last names by phone on Thursday and Friday and online Thursday through Sunday.
* Filing later in the week will not delay your payments or affect the date of your claim
* Beginning Wednesday, April 1st, 2020, our Claims Centers telephone lines will be extended and open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. To contact a Claim Center, call 410-949-0022. If you are having difficulty placing a call or accessing our website, claimants can e-mail <http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/unemployment.shtml?fbclid=IwAR0QP75aJ4Q3x_fF3wBnwVwGSfjnSJv3590QHE50A4bbxA40vxEOBVZ4Mys>
1. **Updates on Remote Wills; New Court Orders/Virtual Filing in Montgomery County**
* **WILLS & POWERS OF ATTORNEY**Friday, April 10, 2020 Governor Hogan enacted an emergency order to allow wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives to be witnessed remotely, i.e. by video conference*.*[*https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Remote-Witnessing-4.10.20.pdf*](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgovernor.maryland.gov%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F04%2FRemote-Witnessing-4.10.20.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CHarrieta.Shangarai%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7C5bdbc0a5e2084b32465008d7ddbcb623%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637221674929914943&sdata=vIGuGBHaW6oSz94ckQQ89twKdquPqovGFDuQTN%2BgR%2FQ%3D&reserved=0)
* **Emergency Order Permits Remote Witnessing of Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Advanced Directives**
	+ MSBA has been hard at work during the COVID emergency to advocate on behalf of the legal profession, particularly in the area of estates and trusts.
	+ MSBA has a strong partnership with the Governor's Office and has presented questions to the Office of Legal Counsel regarding the Governor's Orders during the COVID emergency and shared responses with our members.
	+ MSBA strongly (and successfully) advocated for remote notarization to the Governor's Office during this emergency, and then shifted efforts to expand to remote witnessing of wills and other estates and trusts documents. Today the Governor signed an Emergency Order permitting remote wills, powers of attorney, and advanced directives:

[https://governor.maryland.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/R emote-Witnessing-4.10.20.pdf](https://governor.maryland.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/R%20%20%20%20emote-Witnessing-4.10.20.pdf)

* **Montgomery County Circuit Court**

The Court has established a Virtual Drop Box for electronic filing… (see link below), Individuals may still file by regular mail or physically depositing filings at the drop box on Maryland Avenue. Please click below to view the Order and mandatory guidelines for virtual filing.

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/Resources/Files/COVID-19-Notices/AdministrativeOrderRegarding_Electronic_Filing_04102020.pdf>

1. **IRS INCOME TAX & FILING**
	* **IRS Extends More Tax Deadlines** to Cover Individuals, Trusts, Estates, Corporations, and Others
	* To help taxpayers, the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service [announced](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irs.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Firs-extends-more-tax-deadlines-to-cover-individuals-trusts-estates-corporations-and-others%3F_lrsc%3Db59584de-999d-4bf8-a466-d19bdc408cad&data=02%7C01%7CHarrieta.Shangarai%40montgomerycountymd.gov%7C5bdbc0a5e2084b32465008d7ddbcb623%7C6e01b1f9b1e54073ac97778069a0ad64%7C0%7C0%7C637221674929944801&sdata=3qXzXPOwRiGa9SC7JAvQ51qlYZb6bMOAnaaC%2Fua0oDs%3D&reserved=0) today that Notice 2020-23 (PDF) extends additional key tax deadlines for individuals and businesses.
	* Last month, the IRS announced that taxpayers generally have until July 15, 2020, to file and pay federal income taxes originally due on April 15. **No** late-filing penalty, late-payment penalty or interest will be due. Today’s notice expands this relief to additional returns, tax payments and other actions. As a result, the extensions generally now apply to all taxpayers that have a filing or payment deadline falling on or after April 1, 2020, and before July 15, 2020. Individuals, trusts, estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers qualify for the extra time. This means that anyone, including Americans who live and work abroad, can now wait until July 15 to file their 2019 federal income tax return and pay any tax due.
2. **Digital Library Services**
While Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) are closed to the public, we would like to share some of our virtual services that can still be accessed with a Montgomery County Public Library card.
	* If you or your clients do not have a library card you can get a new [digital library card](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=bab409d38a&e=a6965e54c4), which covers virtual services available on the MCPL website.  **(Your author, Shawn, got his digital library card and the process couldn't have been easier!)**
	* MCPL has [e-books](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=4466b03ec1&e=a6965e54c4) and [audiobooks](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=9e34b72b1f&e=a6965e54c4), movies through [Kanopy](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=b76dc0ab64&e=a6965e54c4" \o "Original URL: https://montgomerycountymd.kanopy.com/. Click or tap if you trust this link." \t "_blank) and [Indiflix](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=a61488774c&e=a6965e54c4" \o "Original URL: https://montgomerycomd.rbdigital.com/service-details/entertainment/indieflix. Click or tap if you trust this link." \t "_blank), television through [AcornTV](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=430f6517dd&e=a6965e54c4" \o "Original URL: https://montgomerycomd.rbdigital.com/#/acorn/browse. Click or tap if you trust this link." \t "_blank), and many [online classes](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=5ba4075da7&e=a6965e54c4)! Furthermore, MCPL offers free language learning through [Mango and Rosetta Stone](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=0858e4737b&e=a6965e54c4), and has many research resources available at no cost to library card holders.
3. **TRANSPORTATION GUIDE –**
	* **Ride On -** Do you need Ride On's Route 5 in order to make your essential travel trips? MCDOT is putting Route 5 back into service starting Wed., April 8, to improve access not covered by other routes. Buses every 50 min. Check Essential Service details here: [http://ow.ly/OwpN50z77Cr](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=ff48ab0537&e=a6965e54c4)
	* **BUS** - The **Department of Transportation** has information regarding reduction in bus services, free parking in certain garages, and more.
	[https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/](https://silverspringdowntown.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd8805537d3a89b3ed6979ce2&id=d46c488522&e=a6965e54c4)