Please see today's briefing for my Administration's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact my team with your questions or concerns. I remain committed to protecting our City's health by using every resource available to us. - Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

BALTIMORE CITY POSITIVE TEST COUNT:
35 confirmed cases as of 3:00PM March 23, 2020

New Baltimore City Updates

Governor announces nonessential business closures, economic relief, testing capacity

Today, Governor Larry Hogan announced an executive order, COVID19-04, requiring all non-essential businesses to suspend operations and urging residents to remain home, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young issued the following statement:

"I support Governor Hogan's decision to close nonessential businesses," Mayor Young said. "This order helps protect our most vulnerable residents by limiting opportunities for the disease to spread."

While the announcement did not include a "shelter-in-place" requirement, residents are urged to remain home as much as possible, to help limit contact and slow the transmission of COVID-19 in Baltimore City.

Today's order will not impact essential City services. Police, Fire, and emergency responders will continue to respond to 911 calls, trash and recycling will still be picked up, and Citizen Drop-Off Centers will remain open among other services. Additionally, the Emergency Operations Center will remain active to manage the City's response to the virus.

"I am asking all Baltimore City residents to follow this order - for your health, and also for your family, your friends, and your neighbors," Mayor Young said. "It is vital that we come together as a City to help slow the spread of the virus, and assist our neighbors performing critical functions by doing our part."

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Essential businesses may remain open. This includes:
- Restaurants (carry-out/delivery/drive-thru only)
- Grocery stores
- Liquor stores
- Pet supply stores
- Pharmacies
- Laundromats
- Banks
- Public works

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Mayor Young announces updated service changes resulting from statewide executive order

“Several of our agencies have, and will further, suspend service that would require them to come in contact with the public,” Mayor Young said. “We have taken these measures to protect the health and safety of our city employees and the residents of Baltimore City as we work to flatten the curve, stopping the potential spread of the Coronavirus.”

Parking Authority of Baltimore
The Parking Authority of Baltimore remains closed. However, staff are available to assist the public via email at parkingauthority@bcparking.com or by phone at (443) 573-2800.

Baltimore Municipal and Zoning Appeals
As of today, BMZA has suspended all operations. No new appeals will be accepted and all hearings in April are hereby suspended until further notice.

Mayor’s Office of Employment Development
MOED has suspended the operation of its adult and youth service locations. Those seeking help with finding employment or other supports are encouraged to visit MOED.baltimorecity.gov for links to available resources.

Department of Transportation
Department of Transportation (DOT) will scale back its employee workforce in order to comply with social distancing protocols. “Skeleton” and on-call crews will be used to perform daily agency operations, which will be significantly reduced. The following services will be affected:

- The enforcement of Residential Permit Parking, street cleaning parking, 48-hour parking, abandoned vehicles and peak hour parking violations will be suspended.
- Towing operations will be significantly reduced. City’s impound facilities at Pulaski Highway & Fallsway remain closed to public.
- Maintenance crews and operations will be scaled back which will limit the repairs of roadways, signs, lighting, etc.
- Traffic calming studies will be postponed.
- Federal contract work will continue to operate. This includes bridge, buildings and reconstruction/streetscape projects.
- Paving and sidewalk work (except for federally funded projects) will be postponed.
- Conduit contractors will reduce work forces and respond only to critical BGE repairs.
- DOT’s Right-of-Way office remains closed to the public and permit requests should be submitted online.
- Parking meters/parking meter restrictions will be suspended.
- Parking meter payments/restrictions will not be enforced for this period.

“Thank you to the leadership and staff at each of these agencies for their continued contributions to making sure city services run as smoothly as possible during this challenging time,” Mayor Young said. “I ask that residents support the City’s efforts at containing COVID-19 by continuing to practice social distancing and reaching out to those departments who have suspended in-person service through other avenues available to them.”
Baltimore Together

The spread of COVID-19 has impacted everyone. The City of Baltimore, State of Maryland and the Federal Government is working on providing information as quickly as possible. This website is a repository of information and resources for both residents and businesses and will be continuously updated as new information becomes available. baltimoretogether.com/

Food Access

Making sure all residents have access to food during this time is a priority for the city. Please visit bit.ly/2IXby3X for the official list of locations where grab-n-go meals are available, complete with time, meal and eligibility details.

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The filing deadline for individual and corporate income tax has been extended to July 15, 2020. https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/

Baltimore City Government Information

Updates on Baltimore City Government Operations are available via the link below: health.baltimorecity.gov/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

Baltimore City Public Schools COVID-19 Information Portal:
baltimorecityschools.org/health-updates

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Baltimore City
Joint Information Center

COVID-19 DAILY BRIEF

Updated: 03/23/2020, 3:00PM

How to get involved

Help us get important information out about COVID-19 by sharing our graphics on social media:
health.baltimorecity.gov/coronavirus/infographics

We greatly appreciate the outpouring of support for Baltimore’s preparation and response to COVID-19. These are a few ways for individuals and organizations to help out. We will be updating this page in the days and weeks ahead:

COVID-19 Overview

Official guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to avoid close contact with people who are sick; stay home when sick; avoid touching one’s eyes, nose, and mouth; wash hands with soap and water; and clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Practicing social distancing is advised as a measure to reduce exposure to COVID-19. There are currently no immunizations for COVID-19.

Feeling sick?
Everyone doesn’t need to take a COVID-19 test. If you have a fever, cough, or are experiencing shortness of breath and your symptoms are mild, call your doctor for further guidance. Do not go to the emergency room if your symptoms are mild.
If you do not have a doctor, call 211 and ask for a list of local clinics.
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Maryland State
Government Information

Updates from the Maryland Governor’s Office are available via the link below:
governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/

Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) service updates are available via the link below:
mta.maryland.gov/coronavirus

Maryland Department of Health COVID-19 Information Portal:
coronavirus.maryland.gov/

Senior Call Check is a FREE service available to adults 65+ in Maryland.
aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx

Link to access infographics:
health.baltimorecity.gov/coronavirus/infographics

Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center:
Detailed information on the spread of the outbreak: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

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