Baltimore City
Joint Information Center

COVID-19 DAILY BRIEF

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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:

72 confirmed cases as of 4:00PM March 26, 2020

New Baltimore City Updates

Mayor Young's Statement on Two Baltimore City Fire Department EMS Providers and one member of the Baltimore Police Department Testing Positive for COVID-19

"On behalf of the people of Baltimore, we are all extremely grateful for our first responders. They have a very difficult job that requires them to place their lives on the line in order to protect the public's health. We all owe them a debt of gratitude."

"The City has prepared for this possibility, and will take all necessary precautions to limit contacts," Mayor Young said. "My team will work with Commissioner Harrison, Fire Chief Ford and Health Commissioner Dr. Dzirasa to ensure these steps are taken immediately. The health and safety of our first responders is paramount."

After the City learned of the positive tests, the Health Department initiated contact trace investigations. These investigations allow the Health Department to help determine who the individual may have come into contact with, and to inform those residents so that they can self-quarantine and take precautions to limit the spread of the virus.

"Data from previous epidemics have shown that first responders and medical personnel are at an increased risk of contracting contagious diseases such as COVID-19," Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Letitia Dzirasa said. "The Baltimore City Health Department is working with Infection Control at the Baltimore Police Department and Fire Department to identify individuals who may have been exposed."

"We appreciate the efforts of all of our first responders who are tirelessly working to protect the health of Baltimore City residents," Mayor Young said. "I am confident that the actions being taken by Chief Ford, Commissioner Harrison, and Commissioner Dzirasa will limit the potential impact of this test."

Website represents multi-agency approach to information gathering, one-stop-shop for residents

Today, Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young announced the release of a new City website dedicated to COVID-19. Mayor Young issued the following statement:

"As we continue to work across the City to provide essential services for residents while also protecting their health and well-being, we know that centralizing critical information is key.
to our efforts,” Mayor Young said. “We can’t let misinformation and rumors lead people to make poor decisions about their health and this virus.”

The website includes information on the City’s food distribution and resource efforts, clinical guidance for healthcare providers, and downloadable infographics for sharing on social media. The site also includes resources and links for residents looking to volunteer or donate to people or organizations in need.

coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/

COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan for People Experiencing Homelessness

Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young announced his COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan for People Experiencing Homelessness, which includes:

1. Emergency shelter assessments and testing
2. Proactive hospital discharge practices
3. Safe isolation sites for quarantine
4. Expanded capacity for social distancing in shelters
5. Outreach to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness

For more information visit homeless.baltimorecity.gov

content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDBALT/bulletins/282fd83

Employment Resources

The Mayor’s Office of Employment Development is providing help with finding new employment, unemployment needs and local business recovery. moed.baltimorecity.gov
State Economic Relief Package

Governor Hogan announced more than $175 million to assist small businesses and workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. More information and resources:

businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus

- Maryland Department of Commerce will offer up to $125 million in loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofits through the Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. Additional eligibility requirements:
  commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-fund-programs

- The Department also has a number of existing financing programs. A total of about $40 million is available through these existing programs.
  commerce.maryland.gov/fund

- Governor Hogan has allocated $5 million and the Maryland Department of Labor has allocated $2 million to collaboratively launch the COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund.

Resources for Older Adults

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Updates on Baltimore City Government Operations are available via the link below:

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

Looking for information in other languages related to the City’s COVID-19 response? Check out the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs’ multilingual resources:
mima.baltimorecity.gov/coronavirus

Food Access:
Baltimore City is providing grab-n-go meals to all Baltimore Children and youth (18 and under) Monday-Friday March 23-27. All sites are listed by geography and with meal type and time. If you are sick, please call ahead.
bmorechildren.com/freemeals

How to get involved

Help us get important information out about COVID-19 by sharing our graphics:
coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/infographics-0

We greatly appreciate the outpouring of support for Baltimore’s preparation and response to COVID-19. Volunteer opportunities here:

Maryland State
Government Information

Updates from the Governor’s Office are available here:
governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/

Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) service updates are available here:
mta.maryland.gov/coronavirus

Interpretive Guidance on Governor Hogan’s executive order, COVID19-04:

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