

# COVID-19/Coronavirus Advocacy & Policy Updates Only as of August 19, 2020 at 4:30pm

## State Updates

### Maryland General Assembly

- Department of Legislative Services Reports:
  - Senate Judicial Proceedings Workgroup Report on the Courts and Criminal Justice System During the COVID-19 Pandemic:  
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs/Committee/2020-JPC-COVID-19-Report.pdf>.

### Additional Updates/Resources

- Up to \$9 million has been allocated for Phase II of the DHCD nonprofit grant. **Notice of Funding Availability** (includes eligibility requirements):  
<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/DHCD-NOFA.aspx>. **Application:** Applications opened August 12<sup>th</sup> and are due by Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm. If grant requests exceed the amount of available funding, the application portal may close early. Access the application portal here: <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/dhcd-maryland-nonprofit-recovery-initiative-round-ii-5f173344ea2cf472a715e6dd>.
- The Coronavirus Special Enrollment period has been extended through December 15, 2020. Individuals may enroll in health insurance using the free "Enroll MHC" mobile app, calling 1-855-642-8572, or going to <https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/>.
- Governor Hogan has applied for the Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) Lost Wages Assistance grant in order for residents who are unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic to receive an additional \$300 weekly in benefits. Once the State's application is approved, eligible residents will be able to receive benefits retroactively to the week ending on August 1, 2020 through December 26, 2020.

## Howard County Updates

### Updates/Resources

- A new food distribution map is available online so residents can easily find the closest food pantries and access free meals. This interactive map presently identifies 31 locations offering food assistance and can be found here:  
<https://data.howardcountymd.gov/InteractiveMap.html?Workspace=FoodDistribution>.
- Announcement: Virtual Health and Wellness Town Hall meeting on August 25, 2020 at 6pm. You may submit questions via e-mail at: [townhall@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:townhall@howardcountymd.gov). To register, click here:  
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- Howard County General Hospital is hosting Community COVID-19 Testing Sites starting August 22<sup>nd</sup> and going through the end of October. Advanced registration is encouraged, but same-day registration is accepted. For dates, times, locations, and registration information, visit:

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard\\_county\\_general\\_hospital/classes\\_events/covid-19-comm-testing-worship.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard_county_general_hospital/classes_events/covid-19-comm-testing-worship.html), or call 410-740-7601.