



Calvert County NEWS

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Calvert County Government Provides Update on Services and Operations

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 18, 2020 – Calvert County Government announces additional changes to county services and operations.

Calvert County Government is taking precautionary measures to slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and limit the number of people infected, particularly older adults and those with chronic health conditions. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Calvert County.

County offices remain open. In order to protect the health of staff and customers, citizens are encouraged to conduct as much business as possible by phone, email or web. In accordance with federal and state recommendations and requirements, the following changes are effective March 19, until further notice:

Public Transportation

- Service reductions will be implemented. North Route will run 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; South Route will run 7:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Prince Frederick Shuttle I will run 6:35 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Charlotte Hall Route, Lusby Shuttle Route, Mid-County Route and Prince Frederick Shuttle II are temporarily suspended.
- Paratransit routes are still in operation for medical and nutritional trips only.

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Department of Planning & Zoning

- Fastrack service on permits for residential accessory structures, regularly offered weekly on Wednesdays, is suspended until further notice.

These changes are in addition to those previously announced:

Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter

- The animal shelter is closed to the public and volunteers.
- Animal intake through the shelter will cease until further notice.
- Owner reclaims and rescue transport will be conducted by appointment only.
- The volunteer program is temporarily suspended.
- Drop-off donations will not be accepted. Monetary donations can be mailed to the shelter at 5055 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick MD 20678.
- Adoption inquiries can be made by phone at 410-535-7387 or emailing AnimalShelter@calvertcountymd.gov.

Department of Public Works

- Bulk pickup, mattress pickup, HELP Association pickup and Carol Porto Treatment Facility pickup are suspended until further notice.
- The paper shred event scheduled for March 21 is canceled.
- All scheduled facility tours and events are canceled.

Calvert Marine Museum

- Calvert Marine Museum will close to the public until further notice.
- All museum programming and special events will be postponed or canceled. Information regarding rescheduling will be made available at a later date.

Planning Commission

- The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 18 is canceled.

Department of Parks & Recreation

- All community centers are closed.
- Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center is closed.
- County parks will remain open for passive activities until further notice.
- Organized sporting events at county-owned parks are canceled.

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- Indoor and outdoor recreational programs and activities at county parks and facilities are canceled until further notice. This includes sports, special events, aquatics, community center programs and rentals.
- All large special events and gatherings, including private events, are canceled.
- All Parks & Recreation programs at school facilities are canceled.
- All Parks & Recreation events scheduled through April 30 are canceled.
- Breezy Point Blast-Off scheduled for May 16 is postponed until September.
- A flexible refund and cancellation policy has been enacted for Parks & Recreation programs and services.

Office on Aging

- All senior centers are closed.
- Meals on Wheels deliveries will continue. Congregate meal participants may request meal delivery through the Office on Aging at 410-535-4606 or OOAmailbox@calvertcountymd.gov.

Calvert Library

- All branches are closed to the public but limited services will continue.

Buildings and Grounds

- Water fountains at all county-operated facilities, including dog parks, have been taken out of service.

The county continues to share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 through a virtual resource center on its website, including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus.

Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, www.CalvertCountyMd.gov, Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and Comcast Channel 6.

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