



# Calvert County NEWS

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## **Calvert County Parks & Recreation Postpones Reopening Pools and Cancels Traditional Summer Camps**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 29, 2020** – Gov. Larry Hogan announced this week that certain outdoor activities may be permitted at the discretion of local jurisdictions, however Calvert County’s outdoor pools including Cove Point and Kings Landing pools will remain closed temporarily. The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation is working closely with the Calvert County Health Department to safely reopen pools and begin offering youth recreation programs and sports in compliance with state social distancing guidelines.

Parks & Recreation also announces that traditional summer camps are canceled for the year. Citizens registered for summer camps or pool programs through June 28 will be issued a full refund. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/SummerProgrammingSurvey2020](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/SummerProgrammingSurvey2020) to take a brief survey and provide input on desired summer Parks & Recreation activities and services. The survey includes questions regarding alternative methods for camps and activities in accordance with state social distancing orders; types of activities citizens would like offered for children; locations and times for activities that work best for parents and more. All activities offered will be in compliance with the State of Maryland’s re-opening plan.

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Swim team programs including the Cove Point Crocs and Kings Landing Lionfish are also canceled for the remainder of the 2020 season. The Edward T. Hall Aquatic center remains closed until further notice to continue reducing the spread of COVID-19.

**The following Parks & Recreation facilities are open:**

- **Most Calvert County parks** will be open to residents and non-residents with normal hours at restricted capacity. Dunkirk, Hallowing Point, Cove Point, and Solomons Town Center parks will continue to close at civil twilight. Playgrounds, pavilions, skate parks, restrooms, athletic fields and basketball courts remain closed.
- **Breezy Point Beach** will continue to be open with regular operating hours. **Flag Ponds** is open with modified summer hours. Both beaches are open to Calvert County **RESIDENTS ONLY**. Beaches are open for sunbathing, picnicking, swimming and other beach activities with distancing requirements. Park capacity will be restricted. Public restrooms are open. Grills and picnic tables are **NOT** available.
- **Chesapeake Hills Golf Course** continues to be open with a modified tee time schedule and reduced capacity. Scheduling tee times prior to arrival is recommended to ensure accommodation. Public restrooms are available for use.

**Citizens are reminded:**

- Gathering of groups are limited to no more than 10 people.
- Capacity at each park will be adjusted to maintain social distancing.
- Patrons will not be allowed to wait at a park gate to gain entry once capacity is reached.
- Recreation activities such as walking, hiking, running or biking are permitted while adhering to 6-foot social distancing measures.

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](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus). Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov), Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](http://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd) and Comcast Channel 6.