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December Updates and Resources

Dear Friend:

As 2020 comes to a close, I want to thank you all for your adaptability, patience and grace as we have had to adjust to the continued hardships that we have faced in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, on both a national level and as a community. I am sincerely grateful to our frontline workers for their tireless commitment to keep us safe and healthy and to all of you who have donated to support those who are in need. There is still a great deal of work to do, and with vaccines on the horizon in 2021, I am hopeful that we will once again be able to return to our normal schedule of work, school and social activities. I extend my best wishes to all for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Some useful updates and resources are provided below.

Health Insurance

The Maryland health insurance open enrollment period is happening now through the state's official health insurance marketplace. Shop for a plan and enroll. The deadline is **Tuesday, December 15**. To sign up:

1)   Go online to MarylandHealthConnection.gov

2)   Call 1-855-642-8572 to speak to someone who will walk you through this process and answer questions about eligibility, plans, etc.

Coronavirus

NEW: *COVID Prevention Hotline*

The Maryland State Police is expanding its 24/7 COVID-19 Prevention Hotline, where members of the public can report unsafe facilities and activities or public health order violations. Marylanders who see unlawful behavior are encouraged to report it by emailing Prevent.Covid@maryland.gov or by calling (833) 979-2266.

NEW: *MarylandMedNow Job Opportunities*

A partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Hospital Association, MarylandMedNow has been launched to recruit Maryland job seekers with clinical backgrounds to assist with screening, testing, treatment and healthcare delivery at state hospitals, nursing homes, testing sites, and vaccination clinics. Marylanders who are interested in being hired for these paid positions can find them at MarylandMedNow.

COVID testing sites in Montgomery County

Testing is free. If you have insurance, you will be asked

for your information, but there are no co-pays or deductibles. The list can be found HERE.

COVID testing sites in Maryland can be found HERE.

Executive Orders

Governor Hogan's Executive Orders

Montgomery County Executive Orders

Housing, Food, and Family Resources

Maryland Assisted Housing Relief Program

UPDATED: The Assisted Housing Relief Program is intended to help bring rental delinquencies current for rentals in multi-family projects financed by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and provide relief for the tenants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic through direct payments to the eligible property management company. Tenants in eligible properties will be credited with up to a nine-month rent rebate. Eligibility requirements and a property lookup feature are included on the website. The deadline is **December 18.**

Montgomery County Landlord-Tenant Affairs

The Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs informs the public of the general rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords and helps resolve disputes amicably, free of charge.

Child Care Subsidy Programs

The Working Parents Assistance Program (WPA) and The Maryland Child Care Subsidy Program (CCS) offer assistance to eligible families.

Montgomery County Food Resources calendar
Lists food giveaway events.

Montgomery County Food Council's Food Assistance Resource map
Lists more than 100 sites throughout the county.

Volunteer and Donate

Montgomery County Volunteer Center

Volunteers are still needed for emergency response needs, donations of items, financial support, and more.

Montgomery County Food Council

Volunteers can donate food, funds, supplies, or time to assist in the local COVID-19 response efforts. Sign up to donate food items HERE.

Upcounty Consolidation Hub at BlackRock Center for the Arts

The Upcounty Consolidation Hub at BlackRock is a temporary consolidation center for donated essential goods for communities in Upper Montgomery County. Check the website for lists of items that are needed, or phone or email them at 240-912-1077 or hub@blackrockcenter.org. Drop-off is Monday-Friday, 10:00am-3:00pm, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, MD.

I look forward to the work ahead of us in the Maryland General Assembly when we return in January. As always, I value your feedback and encourage you to contact me with any questions or comments at
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