

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR MHA MEMBERS

This afternoon, [Gov. Larry Hogan announced](#) sweeping executive action, taken in consultation with his cabinet, elected leaders and health and education leaders, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19/coronavirus in our state. The moves came shortly after Maryland reported the first instance of community spread of the virus—a new phase in our work to mitigate and limit the spread of the pandemic.

[Gov. Hogan announced the following:](#)

- All public schools will close March 16-March 27
- All hospitals must adopt restricted visitation policies (one adult visitor per patient; no one under 18; no one with flu-like symptoms or recent overseas travel)
- Gatherings of more than 250 prohibited
- State emergency management agencies to highest activation level
- Maryland will activate the National Guard
- All non-essential state employees will telecommute
- All senior centers closed
- No visitation to prisons
- Restricted access to state buildings
- Closure of the cruise ship terminal at the Port of Baltimore
- Extension of expiration dates for licenses, etc.

MHA sent a letter to Gov. Hogan earlier today, sharing information about the potential impact of broad school closures on health care providers and their workforce. In his announcement, Gov. Hogan referenced steps to ensure health care workers have childcare support during the school closures.

MHA is evaluating the executive order and coordinating with Gov. Hogan's team to get additional details to share with you, especially with regards to supports for health care workers to make sure they can keep coming to work. We know your workers are critical to your response to this pandemic and are key to keeping Marylanders safe.

This Member Alert was sent to hospital CEOs, COOs, CFOs, government relations leads, public relations leads, and MHA's three governance councils and Executive Committee.