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Weekly Update on COVID-19 From Harford County Executive Barry Glassman

BEL AIR, Md., (March 13, 2020) - County Executive Barry Glassman has issued the following weekly update on the COVID-19 virus in Harford County:

“I want to share what we know and what we are doing to keep you safe.

At this time, we have not received reports of additional cases in Harford County. Our first and only case remains hospitalized and her family remains under self-quarantine.

However, as testing increases, public health officials tell us the number of cases will grow.

Therefore, I have taken the following actions to slow the spread of the virus in Harford County.

Effective today:

• All county-owned senior centers are closed until further notice;
• All parks and recreation programs, activities and facilities are closed;
• County government events are cancelled through March 31;
• Meetings of county advisory boards are cancelled through March 31; and,
• Out-of-state travel for county employees is suspended.

I am also recommending that all county groups and organizations cancel large gatherings of 250 or more until further notice.

Everyone should practice social distancing: Stand at least 6 feet apart; cover your nose and mouth if you sneeze or cough; wash your hands, and above all, stay home if you are sick.
These recommendations are consistent with guidelines I have received from the Maryland Department of Health.

I will re-evaluate my decisions as needed and I will keep you informed.

In the meantime, Harford County government remains open for business. I encourage you to use our online services as much as possible to minimize visits to county offices, and call ahead to departments if you must meet in person. Online services and contact information is on the county website, www.harfordcountymd.gov.

Continue to follow COVID-19 updates on the Harford County Health Department website, https://harfordcountyhealth.com/coronavirus/.

Stay calm, stay informed, and we will get through this together.”

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