ORDER  
OF THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND  
NUMBER 20-03-19-01  

AMENDING AND RESTATING THE ORDER OF MARCH 16, 2020, PROHIBITING  
LARGE GATHERINGS AND EVENTS AND CLOSING SENIOR CENTERS, AND  
ADDITIONALLY CLOSING VARIOUS OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed  
on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within  
the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency  
still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to  
person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health  
catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties;

WHEREAS, To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend  
canceling large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings;

WHEREAS, The currently known and available scientific evidence and best practices  
support limitations on large gatherings and social distancing to prevent  
exposures and transmissions, and reduce the threat to especially  
vulnerable populations, including older individuals and those with  
chronic health conditions;

WHEREAS, To reduce the threat to human health caused by transmission of the novel  
coronavirus in Maryland, and to protect and save lives, it is necessary  
and reasonable that individuals in the state refrain from congregating;

WHEREAS, To protect the public health, welfare, and safety, prevent the  
transmission of the novel coronavirus, control the spread of COVID-19,  
and save lives, it is necessary to control and direct the movement of  
individuals in Maryland, including those on the public streets;
WHEREAS, It is further necessary to control and direct in Maryland the occupancy and use of buildings and premises, as well as places of amusement and assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Response Team will continue to advise on related public health and emergency management decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

I. The Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, dated March 12, 2020, entitled “Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers,” as amended on March 16, 2020, and entitled “Amending and Restating the Order of March 12, 2020, Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and Additionally Closing Bars, Restaurants, Fitness Centers, and Theaters,” is further amended and restated in its entirety as set forth herein.

II. Social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events (“large gatherings and events”) of more than 10 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers.

III. Planned large gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

IV. All senior citizen activities centers (as defined in Section 10-501(i) of the Human Services Article of the Maryland Code) shall remain closed until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

V. Restaurants and Bars.

a. This Order controls the occupancy and use of restaurants, bars, and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for consumption on-premises in Maryland (“Restaurants and Bars”). This Order does not apply to food or beverage services in health care facilities, which are expressly excluded from the definition of “Restaurants and Bars.”

b. All Restaurants and Bars shall remain closed to the general public, except that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, and in accordance with any social-distancing recommendations of the Maryland Department of Health, food and beverages may be:

i. sold if such food or beverages are promptly taken from the premises, i.e.,
on a carry-out or drive-through basis; or

ii. delivered to customers off the premises.

VI. Fitness Centers.

a. This Order controls the occupancy and use of fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers, and self-defense schools in Maryland ("Fitness Centers").

b. All Fitness Centers shall remain closed to the general public, except that the portion of any Fitness Center that is licensed or otherwise permitted by applicable law, regulation, or order to provide child care services may remain open to the general public for the purpose of continuing to provide such child care services.

VII. Theaters.

a. This Order controls the occupancy and use of theatres in Maryland at which live performances occur or motion pictures are shown ("Theaters").

b. All Theaters shall remain closed to the general public.

VIII. Malls.

a. This Order controls the occupancy and use of shopping centers in Maryland that have one or more enclosed pedestrian concourses ("Enclosed Malls").

b. The following portions of Enclosed Malls are hereby closed to the general public, effective as of 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020:

   i. pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas open to the general public, including without limitation, food courts; and

   ii. retail establishments only accessible to the general public from enclosed pedestrian concourses or other interior areas.

c. This paragraph VIII does not require closure of retail establishments attached to Enclosed Malls that are directly accessible from the outside.

IX. Other Recreational Establishments.

a. This Order controls the occupancy and use of the following establishments in Maryland ("Recreational Establishments"):

   i. bingo halls;
   ii. bowling alleys;
   iii. pool halls;
   iv. amusement parks;
v. roller and ice skating rinks; and
vi. any other establishment not listed above that is subject to the admission
    and amusement tax under Title 4 of the Tax-General Article of the
    Maryland Code.

b. All Recreational Establishments are hereby closed to the general public, effective
    as of 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020 (or shall remain closed, if closed by a prior
    Order).

X. Government Buildings and Facilities with Large Occupancy or Attendance.

a. State and local government buildings and facilities with an expected occupancy or
    attendance of more than 10 people shall:

   i. Promptly and conspicuously post in the building or facility a copy of the
      Maryland Department of Health recommendations for social distancing; and

   ii. Provide all occupants and attendees with the capability to wash their hands.

b. A copy of this Order shall be made available to all occupants or attendees at any
   State or local government building and facility with an expected occupancy or
   attendance of more than 10 people.

XI. Each law enforcement officer of the State or a political subdivision shall execute and
     enforce this Order.

XII. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor
     and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not
     exceeding $5,000 or both.

XIII. This Order remains effective until after termination of the state of emergency and the
      proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until
      rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

XIV. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political
      subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.

XV. The underlined paragraph headings in this Order are for convenience of reference
     only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Order.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND
EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.

[Signature]
Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor