



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE

Number: COVID19-03
Date: March 20, 2020
Re: Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Number 20-03-19-01, dated March 19, 2020, Amending and Restating the Order of March 16, 2020 Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and Additionally Closing Various Other Establishments

At this time, the Office of Legal Counsel recommends that the Administration interpret the above-referenced Order as follows:

1. **Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, and Health Care Providers in Malls.** Local governments may approve access by the general public to the following parts of Enclosed Malls (as defined in the Order):
 - a. retail establishments (i) that primarily sell groceries or pharmacy products, or (ii) at which licensed professionals provide health care services; and
 - b. pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas, but solely to the extent necessary for the general public to access the retail establishments described in 1.a above.