



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

**INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE**

**Number:** COVID19-10  
**Date:** April 13, 2020  
**Re:** Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Number 20-03-30-01, dated March 30, 2020, Amending and Restating the Order of March 23, 2020, Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and All Non-Essential Businesses and Other Establishments, Additionally Requiring All Persons to Stay at Home

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

1. **Volunteer Fire, EMS, and SAR Training.** The Order does not prohibit volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and search and rescue personnel from participating in mission-critical training exercises and programs in groups of 10 persons or less, provided that all applicable social-distancing guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health is adhered to.
2. **Custody and Visitation Arrangements.** Regarding divorced and separated parents who share custody of, or have visitation rights with respect to children, the Order does not prohibit those parents from leaving their Homes, as necessary to facilitate visitation or exchange of custody. The foregoing sentence applies to all custody and visitation arrangements, including arrangements established solely by agreement of the parents, and arrangements established by court order.