



ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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NEWS RELEASE *for Immediate Release*

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St. Mary's County Government Announces COVID-19 Operational Changes

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government is committed to preventing the spread of the coronavirus and announces the following changes and adjustments to county operations.

Effective today, St. Mary's County Government is operating under the approved Pandemic Response Level 3. St. Mary's County Government offices are closed to the public. Essential county services will continue to be provided via phone at 301-475-4200, online, and through mail and drop off options.

Department of Aging & Human Services

All Senior Activity Centers (Garvey, Loffler and Northern) are closed to the public. Senior Information & Assistance appointments will not be conducted in person. Individuals are encouraged to conduct business by phone or email, or to reschedule appointments for a time when Senior Activity Centers have reopened. All programs and activities are canceled, including the second annual Centenarian Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, April 24, at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Home-Delivered Meals will continue as regularly scheduled. There will be no congregate meals at Senior Activity Centers, but meals will be provided to New Towne Village and Cedar Lane Senior Living Communities.

***Department of Economic Development
Business Support***

St. Mary's County businesses with questions regarding support and services should visit the Economic Development webpage at www.yesstmarysmd.com for a full list of business-related COVID-19 resources.

Farmers Markets

All County Farmers Markets are open with modifications to reduce exposure and spread of COVID-19; farmers markets are drive-thru only.

Department of Land Use and Growth Management

The Department of Land Use and Growth Management has adjusted operations to accept permit applications and commercial project and subdivision submittals via email, U.S. mail, FedEx, and UPS. Complete permits will be returned to the applicant upon receipt of credit card or check payment. Packages can be mailed to P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD, 20650. For questions regarding final inspections, please call 301-475-4200, ext. 71500.

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Department of Public Works and Transportation
Convenience Centers and Landfill

The six convenience centers and the St. Andrews Landfill are [on a normal schedule](#) but the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day scheduled for April 11, 2020, is canceled.

STS Transit

St. Mary's County [STS Bus System](#) is operating under the [Saturday schedule](#), and per social distancing guidelines, no more than nine passengers per trip may board the bus; first responders and medical service workers have priority. ADA and SSTAP paratransit service will continue to book and provide medical trips such as dialysis, chemotherapy, hospitals, clinics, mental health facilities as well as trips to pharmacies and grocery stores.

Saturday service:

- o Rt. 3 Great Mills Route (Supplemental) Tulagi Place to Callaway and return Every hour 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (see attached)
- o Rt. 6 Northern Route -Every other odd hour 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
- o Rt. 7 Southern Route- Every other odd hour. 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
- o Rt. 11 Great Mills/California Route- Every hour, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- o Rt. 12 Leonardtown Route- Every hour, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- o Rt. 14 County Span Route-NB/SB Every other even hour.6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday service:

- o Rt. 11 Great Mills/California Route – 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- o Rt. 12 Leonardtown – 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For additional information, call the STS dispatcher at 301-475-4200, ext. 71120.

St. Mary's County Regional Airport

[St. Mary's County Regional Airport](#) is under normal operations, but the terminal is closed to the public. All food truck service at the airport has been suspended. Construction [updates are available online](#).

Department of Recreation and Parks

All programs, including organized practices and games in the parks, remain canceled.

Parks

Adjustments to public park access are as follows: waterfront parks, including Elms Beach, Myrtle Point, and Snow Hill Park, are closed to the public. All other St. Mary's County Government-owned and operated parks are open under safety guidelines which include, passive activity such as walking and exploring with social distancing measures including a 6-foot distance between individuals and no gathering of groups of more than 10 in any specific area of the park.

Public Landings

Public landings may be accessed for launching boats and loading them back onto a trailer. No other gathering at the public landings is permitted.

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Museums

The [St. Clements Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum](#) are closed to the public. However, the public is welcome to utilize museum grounds from dawn until dusk. Residents are reminded to follow all guidelines for safe space between each other and the restricting of gatherings of more than 10 people but are welcome to enjoy the walking paths and picnic spaces. The museum division is also offering virtual tours and fun ways to stay engaged through their [Facebook page](#).

Wicomico Shores Golf Course

[Wicomico Shores Golf Course](#) Pro Shop and Riverview Restaurant are closed to the public.

The Circuit Court of St. Mary's County

The Circuit Court is closed to the public under [Administrative Order 2020-4 Restrictions](#) on Accessing the Courthouse.

College of Southern Maryland

All instruction remains online through April 30. Student services will continue to operate remotely until April 3. Access to CSM's campuses is restricted to pre-approved and authorized personnel through April 3. For

St Mary's County Libraries

[St Mary's County Libraries](#) are closed, and library programming and events are canceled. No fines will be levied during library closure period.

St. Marys County Metropolitan Commission

[All Metropolitan Commission](#) administrative lobbies and offices are closed to the public.

St. Marys County Public Schools

St. Mary's County Public Schools are closed through April 24.

[SMCPS Drive-up lunch service](#) will continue from March 30-April 3, 2020, Monday-Friday, at the following locations from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meals will be offered to all children 18 years and younger free of charge. Parents and children can drive up to these locations and receive take home meals.

Additional information will follow regarding the continuity of meal programs for the upcoming weeks.

Leonardtwn Elementary School
22885 Duke Street
Leonardtwn, MD 20650

Margaret Brent Middle School
29675 Point Lookout Road
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

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Greenview Knolls Elementary School
45711 Military Lane
Great Mills, MD 20634

Lexington Park Elementary School
46763 Shangri-La Drive
Lexington Park, MD 20653

For questions regarding the lunch service program, please email foodservices@smcps.org.

Treasurer's Office

The Treasurer's Office is closed to the public. Tax payments should be mailed to St. Mary's County Treasurer, P.O. Box 642, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Payments will be credited using the postmarked date on envelope.

For information and updates regarding county government operations and COVID-19 resources, please visit St. Mary's County Government: www.stmarysmd.com

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