Anne Arundel County Department of Health- March 12, 2020
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Guidance for Government Sponsored In-Person Events and Meetings

Given the spread of COVID-19 and the increasing number of cases in Maryland, we are moving from a containment strategy (targeted efforts to limit the spread of virus by specific individuals) toward a mitigation strategy (broad efforts to limit the spread within the population). This guidance is broken down by mandatory gatherings and discretionary gatherings. At this time, there is preliminary evidence of community spread so we recommend the following measures.

For Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis government:

- Government led public gatherings:

  ○ Do not schedule new in-person gatherings with the public through the end of April. We will reevaluate monthly or more frequently if needed.
  ○ For gatherings already scheduled that are **not** targeted toward high-risk individuals (elderly, chronic disease, homeless):

    ❏ Postpone/cancel all discretionary gatherings
    ❏ Advise high-risk populations not to attend in-person mandatory gatherings
    ❏ Switch to virtual attendance as much as possible for mandatory gatherings
    ❏ Practice social distancing for mandatory in-person gathering attendees to the greatest extent possible, maintaining 6 feet distance between participants
    ❏ If possible, register attendees to maintain a record of participation

  ○ For gatherings already scheduled that are targeted toward high-risk individuals (i.e., elderly, chronic disease, homeless):

    ❏ Postpone/cancel all discretionary events/meetings
    ❏ Postpone/cancel all mandatory events/meetings and utilize alternative methods to achieve objectives

- Government only events or meetings:

  ○ Restrict out-of-state travel
  ○ Postpone/cancel discretionary gatherings
  ○ Move to virtual meetings for mandatory gatherings as much as possible
  ○ Promote social distancing in the workplace and at in-person gatherings

In the event that there is evidence of significant community spread or additional guidance from the Maryland Department of Health, we will revisit these guidelines and will move toward large scale cancellation of all gatherings.