Please see today’s briefing for my Administration’s continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact my team with your questions or concerns. I remain committed to protecting our City’s health by using every resource available to us. - Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young

BALTIMORE CITY COUNT:

1,602 confirmed cases, 62 deaths
as of 1:00PM April 22, 2020 via coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/

COMMUNITY TOOLKIT

How to get involved

1. Share our information - Help us get important information out about COVID-19 by sharing our graphics: coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/infographics-0


3. COVID-19 Online Dashboard - Dashboard includes information about the number of COVID-19 cases with breakdowns by race, zip code, age, gender. coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/

4. BMORE Alert - Register for BMORE alert system by texting bmore alert to 99411 or via emergency.baltimorecity.gov/bmore-alert

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

City of Baltimore, Salvation Army, Baltimore Orioles and Ravens Team Up to Deliver 10,000 Meals Daily to Vulnerable Seniors During COVID-19 Crisis

Yesterday, Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young announced a large-scale feeding operation in partnership with the Maryland Stadium Authority, Salvation Army, Baltimore Ravens and Baltimore Orioles designed to provide 10,000 meals to vulnerable seniors living independently, and across the 145 senior living facilities and residential housing. The new operation will begin on Monday, April 27, and the site will be run by the Salvation Army. The meals, prepared by The Salvation Army’s food partner Rouge Fine Catering, will include a nutritious cold lunch and a microwavable dinner.

The Salvation Army expects the need for 1,000 dedicated community members to volunteer over the lifetime of the operation. This volunteer effort is in compliance with the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Number 20-03-23-01, dated March 23, 2020. For more information about volunteering and to register email Samantha Bowman at samantha.bowman@uss.salvationarmy.org or visit: https://www.sa-md.org/ravens

Mayor Young Announces New Emergency COVID-19 Water Bill Discount Program

Water billing will resume on Friday, May 8, 2020, along with the new Emergency COVID-19 Discount. Water billing in Baltimore City has
been delayed since March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Due to the billing delay, customers will receive larger than normal water bills that include part of March and all of April. Late fees have not and will not be assessed for overdue water bill payment, and water has not and will not be shut off for lack of payment. DPW will continue to offer payment plans for those struggling to pay their bills.

DPW has announced an Emergency COVID-19 Discount for any Baltimore City water account holder who shows proof of unemployment eligibility. The discount will provide the same assistance that eligible BH2O Assists and BH2O Plus participants currently receive:

1. A 43% discount on charges for water and sewer usage
2. A waiver of Bay Restoration and Storm Water Remediation fees

Eligibility for the Emergency COVID-19 Discount is effective May 8 and will remain in place until 90 days after the end of the current state of emergency or December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. The discount is good for one year.

The application for Emergency COVID-19 Discount and the BH2O programs will launch an application on May 8th here: cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/BH2O/. Applications by mail will also continue to be accepted.

DPW encourages customers to continue to make payments online at cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/water/ or by mailing their payment to the Director of Finance, 200 Holliday St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

DPW's Customer Support and Services Division is available via email DPW.Billing@BaltimoreCity.gov or phone 410-396-5398.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

City Announces Expanded COVID-19 Emergency Food Strategy

COVID-19 Emergency Food Strategy

A two-month view: Late April - Late June

It’s estimated that up to 1 in every 3 Baltimore City residents will need food supplements by June

Our goal:
Minimize hunger in Baltimore during the pandemic

Core components:

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Core components:

- Meal distribution
  - Meals for youth and older adults
- Food distribution
  - Grocery box assembly/distribution hub
  - Community food distribution grants
- Food retail
  - SNAP expansion
  - Grocery supplements
- Urban agriculture
  - Urban farm/garden grants

What it will take:

- A community-driven approach
- Collective impact: 100s of partners
- Maximizing city infrastructure
- An initial $16 million investment: city, state, federal, private
The COVID-19 Emergency Food Strategy has four core elements:

1. **Meal distribution**: The city will continue daily meals for youth and families and add community sites as needed. It will also scale up meal delivery to older adults.

2. **Food distribution**: The city will operationalize a large-scale, centralized food hub for assembly and distribution of grocery boxes purchased from the Maryland Food Bank. Distribution will begin this month with an existing inventory of 10,000 boxes. The goal is to distribute an additional 30,000 boxes/mo. in May and June.

3. **Food retail**: The city will work to expand SNAP accessibility and eligibility. For those who typically don’t benefit from government programs—undocumented residents, opportunity youth, returning citizens and individuals experiencing homelessness—the city is launching a grocery supplement for an initial 3-5,000 households, which it will strive to grow to 6-12,000 households by June.

4. **Urban agriculture**: Building on its commitment to urban agriculture, the city will round out distribution of shelf-stable food with fresh produce by making small grants available to its 37 urban farms and 95 community gardens.

**Baltimore City Government Information**


Maryland State Government Information

Updates from the Governor’s Office: [governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/](https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/

Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) service updates are available here: [mta.maryland.gov/coronavirus](https://mta.maryland.gov/coronavirus)

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**DON’T TRASH OUR CITY**

...this Earth Day or any day. Help stop the spread of coronavirus by throwing disposable gloves and masks in the garbage where they belong.

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