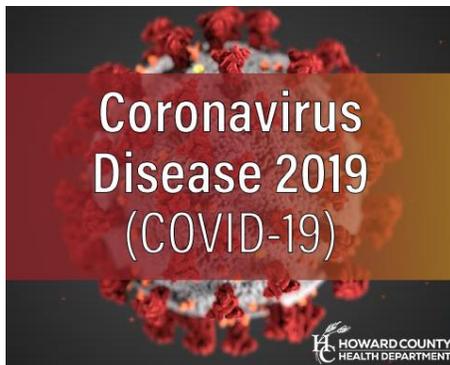


Harper's Choice Voice

The e-Newsletter for the Village of Harper's Choice



Take care of yourself.



COVID-19 Coronavirus County Government Updates

- As of *April 7, 2020*, there are 374,329* presumptive cases of the Coronavirus in the United States. (*source CDC which updates counts daily at noon reflecting confirmed cases as of 4 pm the previous weekday; does not include repatriated cases)
- As of *April 7, 2020*, there are 4,371 cases in Maryland.

COVID-19 Information Line Hours The Coronavirus Information Line will be available from 8:00am-5:00pm - 7 days a week.

Call 410-313-6284 for answers to health and medical questions about Coronavirus.

[Howard County Health Department](#)



Wash Your Hands

CDC Cases in U.S.
page

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.



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cdc.gov/coronavirus

County
Updates

Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource
Center

Visit the Coronavirus in Maryland page

Harper's Choice Village Election

Keep an eye out for the Harper's Choice Voice Newsletter, which should be in your hands between April 16 - April 18. It contains your ballot and all of the information that you'll need to vote in this year's Harper's Choice Village elections.



There will be no in-person voting this year.

[Click here](#) for advance information.



COVID - 19 HCCA Closing & Cancellations

Association offices are currently not staffed. If you have business with the Association or Kahler Hall, please reach us via email at the below addresses. You can also call us at 410-730-0770 and leave a message. We will be retrieving voice mail remotely.

We have made arrangements to make resale packets available during this time; [email the covenant advisor](#).

We will not be taking any bookings to rent Kahler Hall or scheduling any showings of the facility until further notice. Check us out online for up-to-date information: www.harperschoice.org and www.kahlerhall.org

Kahler Hall and Harper's Choice Community Association Email Addresses:

[Cathy Murphy - Facility Rentals](#)

[Leah Akers - Executive Assistant and Events](#)

[Debbie Nix - Covenant Advisor](#) [Steve Ingley - Village Manager](#)

The AARP Tax Aide Program, here and across the entire United States, has been suspended indefinitely. The tax filing deadline has been moved to July 15, 2020. IF they are permitted to resume tax preparation, they will call all previously scheduled clients for appointments. There are no further details.

With that being said, the Neighbors of a Vibrant Harper's Choice, have decided to cancel the Family Fun Festival. The Family Fun Festival was scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

A Message From Howard County Public School System



Update from Monday, April 6, 2020

Dear Community and Colleagues:

This week teachers are preparing for the transition to the next phase of our Continuity of Learning process, which begins April 14 for high school students, and the following week for middle and elementary students. Communication has been a top priority throughout this closure period, and up to this point I have emailed all families and staff each day to share new announcements and ensure that learning continues while schools are closed. As we shift to online teacher-led learning, you will receive frequent messages directly from teachers and principals to provide information specific to your student and school. I realize that at times you may feel overwhelmed with messaging, so rather

than daily updates, I will start each week with an update on our progress and any new announcements, and we will end the week with a summary of system-level information.

Of course, I will continue to immediately share with you any major announcements affecting students and families throughout our system.

Our HCPSS [COVID-19 website](#) provides the latest information and resources for [Continuity of Learning](#), answers to many [frequently asked questions](#), and much more. This one-stop resource is updated regularly so please check back often.

Please know that our students and staff are always uppermost in my thoughts and prayers. While I plan to check in frequently on the online meetings that take place among teachers, students and colleagues, I miss seeing students and staff members in person, and I look forward to the day when we can all return to our schools and offices. Until that day, I wish you and your family peace and good health.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.
Superintendent

To Get More Information for Your Child's School Click Here

YMCA Blood Drive THIS FRIDAY!



YMCA Blood Drive

Friday, April 10 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Y in Central Maryland - Training Center

1201 S. Caton Ave
Halethorpe, MD 21227

Schedule your appointment today!

RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | Blood Donor App

Sponsor Code: **YMCABLOODRECOVERY**



YMCA Blood Drive Recovery Program:

As workplaces and schools close due to coronavirus concerns, many blood drives have been canceled across the country. In response, YMCA locations throughout Maryland, DC and Virginia will be hosting blood drives in the weeks to come to ensure a readily available supply of blood for hospitals. Healthy individuals are urged to donate blood to help patients counting on lifesaving blood.

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Maryland Launches First-in-

Nation Wellness Calls for Senior Citizens



Maryland is the first state with a program that offers daily wellness checks by phone for older residents. Since most people say they want to "age in place" in their own homes, Senior Call Check provides a phone call to Marylanders age 65 and older each day at a designated time.

If seniors don't answer the phone after three attempts, a designated contact person or local law enforcement will go to the home. [Click here](#) to read more about this program.



Crisis Info

HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

In these very trying times, there are resources where one can turn to for help.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE, AVAILABLE 24/7

1-800-273-8255

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

CRISIS TEXT LINE

Text 741741 from anywhere in the USA to text with a trained Crisis Counselor.

Every texter is connected to a Crisis Counselor, a real-life human being trained to bring texters from a hot moment to a cool calm through active listening and collaborative problem solving. All of Crisis Text Line's Crisis Counselors are volunteers, donating their time to helping people in crisis. Learn more at: <https://www.crisistextline.org/>

Village Board Virtual Meetings

The next meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7 PM** via GoTo Meeting.

[Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.](#)



- You can also dial in using your phone.
 - United States: tel:+1-872-240-3311
 - Access Code: 908-237-781

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Architectural Committee Meetings

The Architectural Committee meets twice a month to review applications for changes to the exterior of properties in the Village and In-home business submissions. Meetings are held at Kahler Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and meetings are open to the public. Application submissions

are due two weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Upcoming submission deadlines and meeting dates are noted below.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

March 27
April 14
April 28
May 12

MEETING DATE

April 14
April 28
May 12
May 26

Have you visited us on Facebook lately?

Please join us on Facebook for up-to-date information about what's happening in and around the Harper's Choice Community.

[Facebook](#)



Keeping You Informed

This weekly e-Newsletter serves as a recap of news and events we share with our community throughout the week via other social media channels. Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to receive more regular announcements and information from us.

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Was this message forwarded to you from a friend? You can [subscribe to this newsletter directly](#) so that you can receive it straight to your inbox from us! You may also text HCCANEWS to 22828 and follow the prompts to register.

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