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CCG Employees:

Last Wednesday afternoon, Governor Hogan announced an executive order requiring expanded use of face masks, both indoors and outdoors, and issued a travel advisory for those visiting areas outside of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

After consulting with the Charles County Health Department, the following is how the new order and travel advisory impacts the way we operate as a county government:

1. Face masks are required indoors at all of our public buildings at all times when six feet of distance from others isn't possible, except when speaking at public meetings or hearings.
2. Ventilated masks are no longer permitted inside county government buildings, unless for medical reasons. Cloth or surgical masks are appropriate and will be provided to visitors who come into the building without an authorized face mask.
3. Face masks are required outside of our public buildings on county property where six feet of social distancing is not possible. This includes county parks, pools, and other county facilities.
4. If you travel out of the area to any of the states listed on the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) website having greater than 10% positivity rate, when you return you will be asked to get tested at one of the [State of Maryland COVID Testing Locations](#). You should quarantine until you receive negative test results.

It is easy to get complacent as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, so we are sharing a few important reminders:

1. If you are able to telecommute, it's working for you, and you have the permission of your supervisor, please continue to do so.
2. Please stay home when you are sick; have symptoms such as a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees, coughing, or shortness of breath; or suspect

exposure to COVID-19. You can obtain a free COVID-19 test at many locations here in Charles County. [Click here for details.](#)

3. If you need to have meetings internally or externally, use options such as Microsoft Teams or our conference call system to conduct the meetings virtually whenever possible.

4. If you are reporting to work, in addition to wearing a face mask, please make sure to complete a health screening, wash your hands frequently and maintain six feet of social distance from others at all times.

Thanks so much for your cooperation as we continue to adapt to this public health emergency.

Mark