Joint COVID-19 Response
Legislative Workgroup

April 8, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Teleconference Meeting
Agenda Overview
(10:00 a.m. - 10:02 a.m.)

I. Introduction
II. Briefing from Maryland Department of Health
III. Public Health Experts Panel
IV. Briefing from Maryland State Department of Education
V. Closing Remarks
Introduction
(10:02 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.)

• Meeting is being live-streamed on Maryland General Assembly YouTube channel
• April 3rd Executive Order:
  – Prohibitions on foreclosures, residential and commercial eviction, and repossessions
• April 5th Executive Orders:
  – Delegated authority for nursing homes
  – Expanded county health officer authority
• April 7th Executive Order:
  – “Strike Teams” for nursing homes
  – Local health department authority for social distancing infractions
Briefing from Dept. of Health
(10:05 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)

• Presentation from Secretary Neall
• Limited Questions and Answers
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Public Health Experts Panel
(10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)

• Thomas V. Inglesby, MD
  Director, Center for Health Security, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

• Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD
  Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement, Bloomberg School of Public Health

• Limited Questions and Answers

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Considerations for Maryland

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Joshua Sharfstein, MD
Considerations

1. Communication
2. Partnerships
3. Economic and disease control strategy
Effective Public Health Communication

1. Timely
2. Accurate
3. Credible
4. Express empathy
5. Promote action
6. Show respect

https://emergency.cdc.gov/cerc/
Partnerships  
(In collaboration with public health)

1. Message amplification: TV, radio, faith, community  
2. Nursing homes: Sponsorships  
3. Human resources for call centers, contact tracing  
4. Social support: isolation locations, food delivery
Linking Economic Recovery to Disease Control

Adaptive Response

Loosen or Tighten Physical Distancing according to levels of:
- Virus transmission
- Healthcare preparedness
- Public health capacity

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Investments to control the disease permit broader economic reopening.
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Briefing from Dept. of Education

• Presentation from Superintendent Salmon
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Closing Remarks

• Member Comments

• Next Meeting
  – Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a.m.
  – Plan to meet each week at 10 a.m.