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# **Joint COVID-19 Response Legislative Workgroup**

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**Teleconference Meeting**

**April 8, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

# **Agenda Overview**

(10:00 a.m. - 10:02 a.m.)

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- 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.)

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- Meeting is being live-streamed on Maryland General Assembly YouTube channel
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Order:
  - Prohibitions on foreclosures, residential and commercial eviction, and repossessions
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Orders:
  - Delegated authority for nursing homes
  - Expanded county health officer authority
- April 7<sup>th</sup> 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.)

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- Presentation from Secretary Neall
- Limited Questions and Answers
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# Public Health Experts Panel

(10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)

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- 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



*April 8, 2020*

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# 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

# COVID-19

**RESOLVE**  
TO SAVE LIVES

Vital  
Strategies



Investments to control the disease permit broader economic reopening.



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# Briefing from Dept. of Education

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- Presentation from Superintendent Salmon
- Limited Questions and Answers
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# Closing Remarks

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- Member Comments
- Next Meeting
  - Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a.m.
  - Plan to meet each week at 10 a.m.