

“To Do” List--Let’s Reopen Maryland!

Please do ALL these steps, EACH DAY. The first time will take the longest but after that I promise it will go faster!

*Say whatever you like about your reasons for wanting to reopen MD (**pls keep it courteous and respectful**). If you need an idea to get started, there’s a question or talking point to get you started. Sample email wording at the very end.*

Action items below, followed by contact info and sample email wording if you need it. Bottom line: email, tweet, and facebook EVERYONE, EVERY DAY, and cc media too (media contact info coming).

Tuesday, April 14

Email/ post topic: How has this shutdown harmed your family? How would reopening business and school help?

What To Do:

1. Go to the Governor’s Contact Portal and send a message with your request to Reopen Maryland: <https://governor.maryland.gov/contact-us/>
2. Find your delegate and senator at:
https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/?address=

Copy their contact info. Delegate lists also posted in the Files section of this group.

3. Send an email re: this topic to: your delegate, senator, the Governor (personal and official page), the Governor’s staff, the Lt. Governor, MSDE/ State Superintendent Dr. Salmon and the Board of Ed, and the Governor’s Super PAC. If you have a child with an IEP, please copy Dr. Frankczowski, MSDE’s State Superintendent of SPED. ALSO copy local media on this email.

If you have time to send separate emails to all these folks, great. If not, one email with everyone included is better than no email at all. Contact info follows.

4. If you can, record a 1-minute video (easy to do on your phone) testimonial addressing how the shutdown has affected you. SHARE on your personal social media account (Twitter/ Facebook/ Instagram) and hashtag #ReopenMaryland. ALSO tag/ tweet: your delegate, senator, the Governor (personal and official page), the Governor’s chief of staff and communications staff, the Lt. Governor, MSDE, MSDE Special Ed, and the Governor’s Super PAC. Social media handles below.
5. If you can’t record a video, create a 1-2 sentence testimonial and share on your personal social media pages, use hashtag #ReopenMaryland, and tag/ tweet your delegate,

senator, the Governor (personal and official page), the Governor's chief of staff and communications staff, the Lt. Governor, MSDE, MSDE Special Ed, and the Governor's Super PAC. Twitter and Facebook handles are below.

6. If you have older children who use social media and want to advocate for school reopening, please ALSO encourage them to reach out and tweet/ Facebook WITH YOUR PERMISSION AND SUPERVISION. Remind them to hashtag #ReopenMaryland and tag the Governor, MSDE, and your delegate.

Remember: Email, video testimonial, social media EVERY DAY to EVERY PERSON. CC and tag local media; hashtag EVERYTHING #ReopenMaryland. We want to get this hashtag and YOUR STORIES trending.

Contact info:

Governor's contact portal (please do this):

Governor Hogan: <https://governor.maryland.gov/contact-us/> (you have to use this portal--no email) Phone (not answered at this time): 410-974-3901 or 1-800-811-8336

Emails (copy/ paste into your email to field) and **ALSO INCLUDE YOUR DELEGATE AND LOCAL MEDIA--SUPER IMPORTANT!**

governor@maryland.gov, matthew.clark@maryland.gov, ltgovernor@maryland.gov, info@changemaryland.org, michael.ricci@maryland.gov, karen.salmon@maryland.gov, tiffany.clark1@maryland.gov, stateboard.msde@maryland.gov, newstips@wbaltv.com, newsroom@wjz.com, marcella.franczkowski@maryland.gov (if your child has an IEP only)

Note: info@changemaryland.gov is Gov. Hogan's Super PAC, so let him know if he will have your support or not in future runs for higher office. :)

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/BoydKRutherford> (@BoydKRutherford)

<https://twitter.com/GovLarryHogan> (@govlarryhogan)

<https://twitter.com/larryhogan> (@larryhogan)

<https://twitter.com/riccimike> (@riccimike)

<https://twitter.com/katadhall> (@katadhall)

<https://twitter.com/mdpublicschools> (@mdpublicschools)

<https://twitter.com/mdspecialled> (@mdspecialled)

<https://twitter.com/marylandmatters> (@marylandmatters)

<https://twitter.com/wbalradio> (@wbalradio)

<https://twitter.com/wjz> (@wjz)

AND your individual delegate and senator--search for them on Twitter and tweet to them too using #ReopenMaryland

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/GovLarryHogan/>
<https://www.facebook.com/LarryHogan>
<https://www.facebook.com/BoydKRutherford/>
<https://www.facebook.com/MdPublicSchools/>
<https://www.facebook.com/statemaryland/>
<https://www.facebook.com/CBSBaltimore>
<https://www.facebook.com/wbaltv11/>

AND your delegate and senator--PLEASE DON'T FORGET THIS! Use #ReopenMaryland

Local media BY REGION (please find and cc/ tag your local outlets):

Baltimore metro:

Email: newstips@wbaltv.com, newsroom@wjz.com

Twitter: @wbalradio, @wjz

Other regions coming soon!

All right, folks...quick recap:

- 1) Email EVERYONE, EVERY DAY. Including the media!!
- 2) Post to Facebook and Twitter, EVERY DAY, and TAG EVERYONE!! Use #ReopenMaryland
- 3) Share a 1-minute video, EVERY DAY! Hashtag #ReopenMaryland and tag LOCAL MEDIA as well as the governor and your delegates!!
- 4) Be courteous as well as clear!

Let's get this state rocking--we want to make LOTS OF NOISE! Keep inviting, keep sharing, keep emailing, keep tagging, keep tweeting! We can do this Maryland!!

Sample Email: (please customize and adapt as needed)

Dear Senator/ Delegate _____: (or Lt. Gov. Rutherford):

As a Maryland citizen and your constituent, I am writing to express my concern at the unprecedented, overly broad shutdown orders in Maryland and to request that you advocate on behalf of your constituents for an immediate plan to reopen the state, rescind the shutdown orders, and identify the earliest possible date for school reopening.

Recent studies have called into question the scientific basis of lockdowns, the merit of school closures to combat coronavirus, and the lethality of COVID-19, particularly for individuals not at risk. In addition, the modeling used to predict COVID-19 crises in Maryland and across the nation has not verified. Governor Hogan's assertion that "by Easter, Maryland will look a lot like

New York” has, thankfully, not come true, and our state has added hospital bed and healthcare system capacity. It is time to reopen the state.

This shutdown has had significant harmful consequences for my own family and community.
(ADD YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.)

For all of these reasons, your support for an immediate, responsible reopening of the state is urgent and necessary. Thank you for your time,

Dear Governor Hogan/:

As a Maryland citizen and your constituent, I am writing to express my concern at the unprecedented, overly broad shutdown orders in Maryland and to request that you implement an immediate plan to reopen the state, rescind the shutdown orders, and identify the earliest possible date for school reopening.

Recent studies have called into question the scientific basis of lockdowns, the merit of school closures to combat coronavirus, and the lethality of COVID-19, particularly for individuals not at risk. In addition, the modeling used to predict COVID-19 crises in Maryland and across the nation has not verified. Your assertion that “by Easter, Maryland will look a lot like New York” has, thankfully, not come true, and our state has added hospital bed and healthcare system capacity. We appreciate your prompt action to keep Marylanders safe, but it is time to reopen the state.

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(ADD YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.)

For all of these reasons, your initiation of an immediate, responsible reopening of the state is urgent and necessary. Thank you for your time,