



Reopen Maryland

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Reopen Maryland Asks Governor for Near-Term Opening and Transparency.

Riverdale, MD--Six weeks into the COVID state of emergency, Marylanders lack important information and assurances. Broad, restrictive decisions have been made without consideration of less restrictive alternatives or review of newly emerging research. Claims used to justify restrictive measures, such as the Governor's statement that we would look "a lot more like New York" by Easter, have been shown to be highly exaggerated. New cases and new deaths have been trending down for days in Maryland. States such as Georgia, with more cases, more deaths, and fewer tests completed, have announced plans to open for business as of May 1.

Accordingly, Reopen Maryland calls for the following:

- **PHASE ONE ON MAY 1.** Begin implementing the White House Phase 1 steps across all of Maryland on May 1, consistent with Presidential guidelines and the actions of other states experiencing downtrends in case data.
- **MODEL TRANSPARENCY.** Provide full public transparency regarding models used to justify shutdowns, including accuracy, confidence intervals, model error rate, authorship and revisions over time.
- **LESS RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVES.** Provide the evidence basis for current restrictions and immediately explore less restrictive alternatives to many of the shut-down and lock-down requirements, whose utility has been questioned in emerging studies.
- **IMPACT ANALYSIS.** Collect and publicly report data and narratives on Marylanders' shut-down related financial, health, and social losses alongside COVID-19 case, hospitalization and fatality statistics.

Reopen Maryland organized a successful, well-attended protest on Saturday. Concerned Marylanders peacefully exercised their voice while collecting food for the hungry. Additional activities are contemplated and will be announced to the press as they occur.

Reopen Maryland is a grass-roots, nonpartisan group representing over 20,000 Marylanders. We advocate for an end to the overly broad, economically and socially destructive shutdown and lockdown policies that have injured countless Maryland families and businesses and had a chilling effect upon civil rights.

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