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Calvert County Declares State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 17, 2020 – Out of an abundance of caution over the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has declared a State of Emergency for Calvert County.

"We've taken this step as an act of readiness that provides the flexibility needed to rapidly respond to this evolving situation," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "This declaration formalizes the work we've been doing for several weeks. We know people are concerned; the public can rest assured we are using every avenue available to keep the public safe and healthy."

Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Calvert County, the BOCC urges citizens to follow aggressive precautionary actions that will reduce the risk of infection and limit the spread of COVID-19 from other areas. These actions include the following:

- Avoid large gatherings, both public and private.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

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- Protect others by staying home if you are sick.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.

- Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily, including doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks.

- Stay informed, as information is changing frequently.

The county continues share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 through a virtual resource center on its website, including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures. Residents, employees and media are encouraged to regularly monitor the page and use the resources available at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus.

Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, www.CalvertCountyMd.gov, Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and Comcast Channel 6.

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