



# **COVID-19 Outdoor Youth Day Programs Guidance for Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery**

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# Notes for Today's Webinar

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- ❖ Questions will be addressed at the end of the presentation.
- ❖ Please use the Q&A box to ask questions at the end.
- ❖ We will get to as many questions as we can and will review all those submitted (please do not submit the same question multiple times).
- ❖ We will be posting an FAQ, a copy of these slides, and a recording of today's webinar on our website:

<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OEHFP/CHS/Pages/YCCertification.aspx>

or: [health.maryland.gov/youth-camps](https://health.maryland.gov/youth-camps)

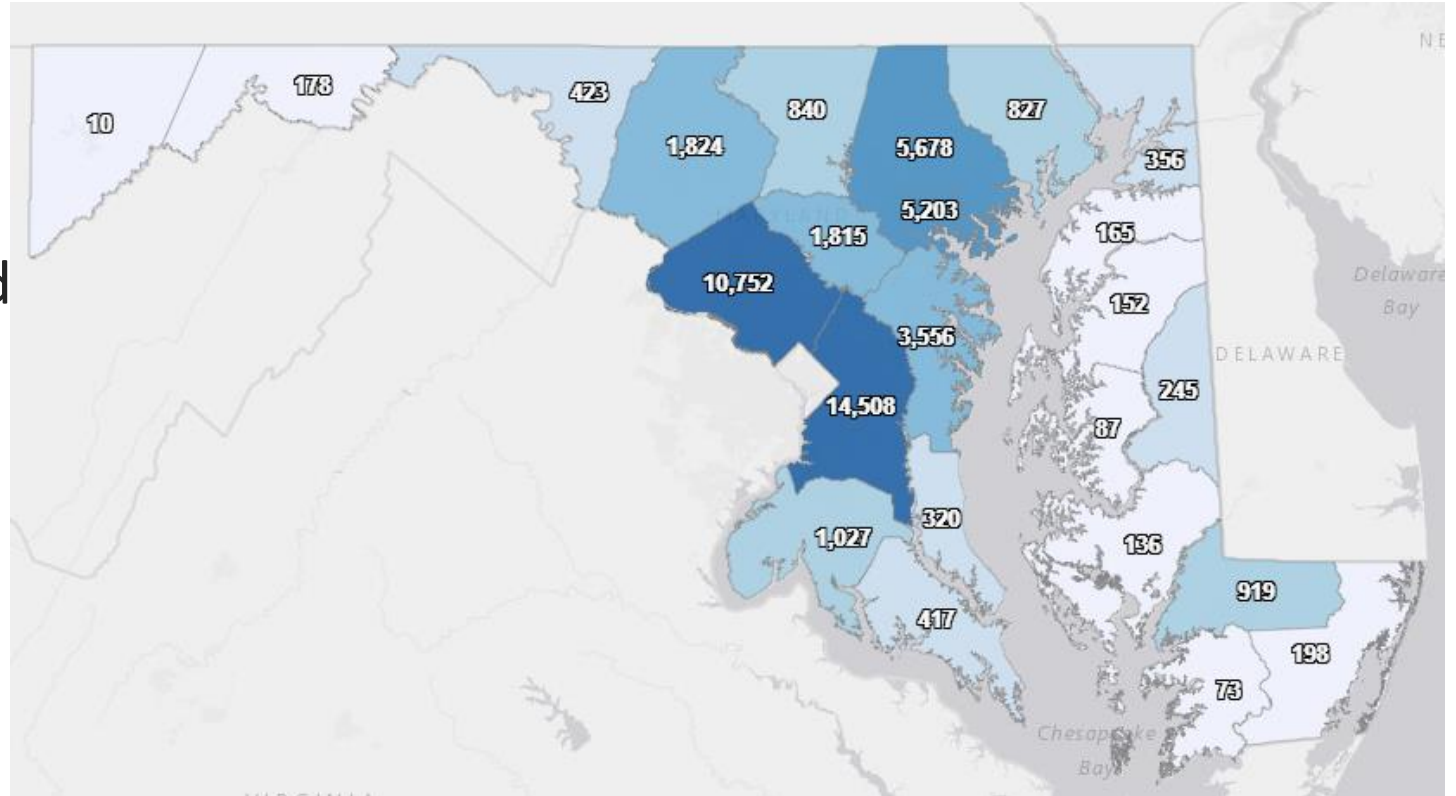


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# COVID-19 Basics

# Where We Are – Data and Trends

- ❖ 55,858 confirmed cases
- ❖ 2,546 deaths
- ❖ 1,096 currently hospitalized
  
- ❖ Decreasing/steady\* hospitalizations
- ❖ Increased testing volume
- ❖ Contact Tracing
- ❖ PPE availability



Data current as of 6/4/20.

# Moving from Stage 1 into Stage 2

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- ❖ We are increasing activity, but cautiously, and COVID-19 is still a threat
- ❖ We are working with the business community to allow reopening in a safe manner
- ❖ Our collective purpose is to assure that people can do allowed activities as safely as possible
- ❖ Our primary goal is to communicate requirements and recommended guidelines in a clear, consistent way to everyone

# Providing Guidance for Reopening

- ❖ CDC/public health recommendations:
  - Social distancing
  - Facial covering
  - Hand hygiene
  - Cough and sneeze hygiene
  - Effective cleaning and disinfection
  - Not working/patronizing while either ill or on home isolation due to exposure
  - Clear signage and communications
- ❖ Questions from the business community
- ❖ Coordination with State and local partners



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# Guidance for Outdoor Youth Camps

# Framework

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- ❖ Executive Order 20-05-27-02(III.e.vi.4): Outdoor day camps allowed to open as of 5:00 PM, May 29, 2020.
- ❖ “Day camps” regulated under Health-General 14-401(g) and COMAR 10.16.06.02(B)(13):
  - Operated for all or part of the day but less than 24 hours a day;
  - Conducted for at least 7 calendar days during a 3-week period; and
  - Provide three or more recreational activities or any one specialized activity or program.
- ❖ Other unregulated “day” camps must still operate safely, follow MDH, CDC guidance



# Limitations on Youth Camps

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- ❖ Subject to the following conditions, all outdoor youth camps may open as of 5:00 p.m., May 29, 2020:
  - Residential and overnight camp programs are not permitted.
  - No group of campers and staff may exceed 10 individuals at any time.
  - Out of state campers are not permitted.
  - Each youth camp program shall implement appropriate social distancing protocols as enumerated in 2.A of the MDH Executive Order.
  - Except where not allowed under local jurisdiction restrictions.

# Reopen with strict safety guidelines

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- ❖ Daily monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms
  - Keep a log of temperature and symptoms
- ❖ Social distancing and face coverings
  - Children age 9 and older when safe to do so, staff
- ❖ Groups of 10 (campers and staff), do not mix groups
- ❖ Clearance from primary care provider to attend/work for children under 5, staff over 64 or with risk
- ❖ COVID-19 response and management of confirmed or probable cases
- ❖ Food service – no shared items, no self-service
- ❖ Field trips, transportation and sports



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Indoor programs, overnight, out of state campers

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- ❖ Only outdoor day programs are allowed to operate at this time.
- ❖ Programs must hold all activities outdoors, except for access to indoor bathrooms and shelter for inclement weather.
  - Licensed youth camps must have an emergency plan for severe weather, including monitoring weather conditions, shelter during thunderstorms and a plan to cancel camp for the day (like schools do for snow) if weather conditions are expected to be too severe to hold activities outdoors.
- ❖ Only campers who reside in Maryland may attend youth camp programs.

## Groups of 10, do not mix groups

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- ❖ A group of 10 includes both campers and required staff. If a licensed youth camp has one group, at least 2 must be adult staff members. If a youth camp has multiple groups at the location, each group may be 1 adult and 9 campers. Do not mix campers or staff among groups, including during transportation.
- ❖ Only one group at a time in a vehicle, clean and disinfect the vehicle after each use.

# Monitoring and Plans

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- ❖ Youth camps must update their written Health Programs to include new procedures for monitoring the health of campers and staff, including how the program will:
  - Complete daily screening for COVID-19 symptoms
  - Exclude individuals with symptoms or known exposure
  - Keep a screening log
  - Maintain 6 feet of physical distance
  - Wear face coverings when safe to do so
  - Conduct interactions with parent/guardian during drop off/pick up
  - Clean and disinfect

# When should facial coverings be used?

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- ❖ Children 9 and older, when they can be worn safely and consistently
- ❖ Considerations:
  - Level of physical activity
  - Health issues – asthma, other conditions affecting breathing
  - Outdoor temperature – coverings can contribute to overheating
  - Ability to maintain distance
- ❖ May be only limited circumstances where facial coverings are indicated

# What about sports?

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- ❖ CDC and State have developed guidance for limited outdoor youth sports (skill-building drills and team-based practice):
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
  - <https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Youth-Sports-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf>
- ❖ Must still operate to limit spread, based on CDC, MDH guidance
- ❖ Check with local health department for additional requirements



# Resources

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- ❖ Maryland Back to Business:
  - <https://open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness/>
  - Guidance documents for businesses
- ❖ MDH COVID-19:
  - <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>
  - COVID-19 stats, FAQs, Resources
- ❖ MDH Center for Health Homes and Community Services:
  - <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OEHFP/CHS/Pages/Home.aspx>

# Resources

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- ❖ Hogan Administration's COVID-19 Response:
  - <https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/>
  - Executive Orders, interpretive guidance, press releases
- ❖ Governor Hogan's May 27th Announcement:
  - <https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/05/27/governor-hogan-announces-resumption-of-outdoor-dining-additional-activities-to-complete-stage-one-of-recovery/>
  - Executive Orders
  - Guidance and Best Practices for Outdoor Swimming Pools