

## State of Maryland COVID-19 Updates

Last updated November 20, 2020

### Recent Developments:

- In mid-November, a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the State resulted in the Governor announcing additional restrictions on businesses and gatherings. On November 10, 2020, indoor dining capacity was reduced from 75% to 50% and public gatherings were limited to 25 people. On November 17, 2020, the Governor reduced capacity at most businesses to 50%, required bars and restaurants to close by 10pm, and restricted nursing home and hospital visitations. Additionally, several counties have exercised their ability to implement stricter measures based on local conditions.
- On September 29, 2020, the Board of Revenue Estimates approved a revised General Fund forecast for fiscal year 2021 and its initial General Fund forecast for fiscal year 2022. For fiscal year 2021, the Board wrote down its March 2020 forecast by \$673 million to a total of \$18.7 billion. For fiscal year 2022, the Board approved an initial General Fund forecast of \$19.7 billion. [The full report can be found here.](#)
- On September 9, 2020, the Comptroller of Maryland released its fiscal year 2020 closeout report. The report showed that the State ended fiscal year 2020 with a \$585.8 million unassigned General Fund balance. Though this was \$102.2 million below the Board of Revenue Estimate's March 2020 forecast, it was significantly better than anticipated. [The full closeout report can be found here.](#)
- On July 1, 2020, the Board of Public Works approved \$413.2 million in reductions to the State's fiscal year 2021 operating budget, \$394.9 million of which were reductions to general fund spending, as a response to the projected drop in revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the first of what are expected to be several mid-year actions to balance the State's fiscal year 2021 budget. [Click here for a full list of the reductions.](#)

### Notable Executive Orders:

- [March 23, 2020 Order Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Closing Non-Essential Businesses](#)
- [March 30, 2020 Stay-At-Home Order](#)
- [May 13, 2020 Safer-At-Home Order](#)
- [June 3, 2020 Order Allowing Non-Essential Businesses to Reopen](#)
- [October 16, 2020 Order Increasing Capacity at Outdoor Sporting Facilities](#)
- [November 10, 2020 Order Restricting Indoor Dining and Gatherings](#)
- [November 17, 2020 Order Restricting Businesses Capacity, Bar and Restaurant Hours, and Nursing Home and Hospital Visitation](#)

### Revenue Updates:

- [May 14, 2020 Board of Revenue Estimates Unofficial Guidance Presentation](#)
- [May 14, 2020 Board of Revenue Estimates Discussion](#)
- [September 29, 2020 Board of Revenue Estimates Forecast](#)

**Budget Updates:**

- [May 20, 2020 Board of Public Works Fiscal Year 2020 Mid-Year Budget Reductions](#)

**State of Emergency Proclamations:**

- [March 5, 2020 State of Emergency](#)
- [March 17, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [April 10, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [May 6, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [June 3, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [July 1, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [July 30, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [August 10, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [September 8, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [October 6, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)
- [October 30, 2020 Renewal of State of Emergency](#)

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