NOTICE - COVID-19 Advisory - Large Gatherings, Essential Travel, and Mandatory Travel Testing

(December 17, 2020)

The Maryland Department of Health advises Marylanders of the following measures to contain the recent surge in COVID-19 cases:

1. **Limit Large Indoor Gatherings**

All Marylanders should refrain from attending either public or private indoor gatherings of more than 10 individuals at one location and should practice physical distancing to the extent possible. Marylanders should also consider CDC's recommendations on holiday celebrations and small gatherings, including limiting gatherings to members of their immediate household:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html

2. **Limit Travel to Essential Purposes Only and Mandatory Travel Testing**

Maryland strongly advises that travel be limited to essential purposes only. For more information, please see the CDC's travel recommendations:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html#consider-testing

Maryland has a mandatory testing requirement for travel; please see Section 1, A, iii of the Maryland Department of Health AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING VARIOUS HEALTHCARE MATTERS No. 2020-12-17-01.

This Notice is effective immediately and replaces the Notice, dated November 10, 2020, "COVID-19 Advisory - Large Gatherings, Essential Travel, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs" and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded, or until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

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