

MIMA'S WEEKLY UPDATE COVID-19

Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Keeping you Informed



During the response period to COVID19, MIMA will be providing weekly updates and information related to public services and resources available for communities via its GovDelivery list. To subscribe to the list serve, please contact mima@baltimorecity.gov. The following is a list of services and resources that have been impacted by COVID-19. We encourage you to verify information with the source.

School Closure

[Baltimore City Schools](#) will be closed until March 27th. The district has developed downloadable [learning packets](#) that students may complete while schools are closed due to COVID-19.

Food Distribution

Food sites have been activated to protect vulnerable populations, including children and families and older adults. Identification or personal information will NOT be required at food sites. This is NOT a public benefit that would be considered on the public charge test. See this map for food distribution site locations: bit.ly/38XqBp2

Transportation

The Department of Transportation has suspended ticketing of vehicles for street sweeping parking violations, along with 48-hour parking violations in Baltimore City.

Payments

The City of Baltimore will only accept payments (i.e. water, parking, etc.) [online](#) and by mail. Late fees will be suspended through at least May 1st. Water services will not be cut off because of non-payment during the emergency.

Gas and Electric

[BGE](#) is suspending service disconnections and waiving new late payment charges until May 1 and will be working with customers on a case by case basis to establish payment arrangements and identify energy assistance options.

Small Businesses

The Baltimore Development Corporation is coordinating with City and State agencies and the federal government to identify resources available for businesses. Let us know how you are being affected by taking this business impact survey: bit.ly/2wc7hXG This information will be kept confidential.

Health Insurance Open Enrollment

You may be eligible to enroll in a qualified health plan through Maryland Health Connection, the state's official health insurance marketplace, if you are present in the US under certain immigration statuses or if you have applied for certain lawfully present statuses. Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov to find out if you are eligible for free or low-cost health insurance. See [link](#) for more information.

Unemployment Insurance and Employment

For displaced workers due to COVID-19, please click [here](#) for more information. For assistance getting a job or support, please [contact](#) the Mayor's Office of Employment Development and someone will reach out to you within 2 business days.

Food and Cash Assistance

If a person needs help with Food and Cash Supplements, visit dhs.maryland.gov and click on the Food and Cash icon.

USCIS announced that the agency will NOT consider "testing, treatment, nor preventative care related to COVID-19" in a public charge determination "even if such treatment is provided or paid for by one or more public benefits."

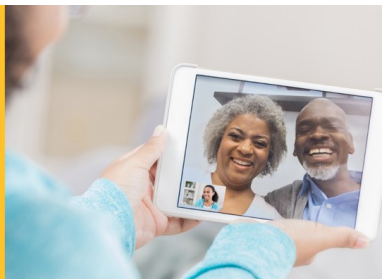
Source: uscis.gov/greencard/public-charge

Not all heroes wear capes. Some send love to older adults from a distance.

Stay home to save a life.

#COVID19
#StayHomeHeroes
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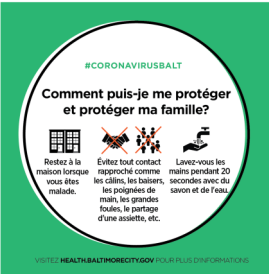
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Additional Service Updates and Resources



All **Enoch Pratt Free Library** locations are closed until March 30th. Its Digital Library is [open](#).

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks will suspend all programs, events and facility services. Rec Centers will remain open as food distribution sites.

All **Senior Centers** will suspend programs. Seniors in need of delivered meals can call Maryland Access Point at 410-396-CARE (2273).

Baltimore City Department of Social Services (DSS) is closed until further notice. For information call the customer call center at 443-423-6400.

Maryland Courts: Civil and criminal jury trials in the Circuit Courts throughout the state of Maryland scheduled to begin on March 16, 2020, through April 3, 2020, shall be suspended on an emergency basis pending further Order of the Chief Judge of the [Court of Appeals](#).

Evictions in Baltimore City are halted while schools are closed. If you receive an eviction notice during the state of emergency, call Rental Eviction Sheriff Services 410-396-7412.

Consumer Protection can provide assistance with consumer or health billing [issues](#).

If you experience discrimination or have trouble accessing services because of your race or nationality, you can report it to the **Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights** at 410-396-3141.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has suspended routine in-person services until at least April 1st. [USCIS](#) staff will continue to perform duties that do not involve contact with the public. However, USCIS will provide emergency services for limited situations. To schedule an emergency appointment contact the USCIS Contact [Center](#).

The Baltimore Immigration Court has postponed all non-detained hearings through April 10th. Detained cases will be heard as scheduled.

Volunteer Opportunities for individuals and organizations seeking ways to help should visit the Health Department's [website](#).

Want the latest information & resources for immigrant communities on the City's COVID-19 response?

Visit the Coronavirus section of MIMA's website:

mima.baltimorecity.gov