



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Things You Need to Know This Week

Member Notice

Restaurant Revitalization Fund: Registration Begins on April 30; Open for Applications on May 3 at Noon

The SBA will begin registrations for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) on Friday, April 30, 2021, at 9 a.m. EDT and fully open applications on Monday, May 3, 2021, at noon EDT. In preparation, the SBA recommends qualifying applicants familiarize themselves with the application process in advance to ensure a smooth and efficient application experience.

It is critically important that you register for an account on April 30, prepare your application documents in advance and be ready to submit your application at noon on May 3. It is widely anticipated that the fund will run out of money quickly as it is distributed on a first come, first served basis. You are risking your opportunity for funding if you do not submit your documents when the application process begins at noon on May 3.

[Restaurant Revitalization Fund Website](#)

[Press Release](#)

Governor Hogan Lifts Outdoor Mask Mandate and Ends Restrictions on Outdoor Dining

On Wednesday, April 28, Governor Hogan announced the following: Effective immediately, masks and face coverings are no longer required outdoors in Maryland. Lifting the outdoor masking order is in line with new CDC guidance. Face coverings are still required for all Marylanders at all large ticketed venues as well as indoors at all public and private businesses and when using public transportation. Marylanders who are not yet vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks, especially when physical distancing is not possible.

Effective May 1, standing service may resume outdoors at bars and restaurants and all restrictions related to outdoor dining capacity and distancing will be lifted. Seated service and physical distancing requirements will remain in place indoors at bars and restaurants.

Beginning May 1, all eligible Marylanders can immediately book an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine by visiting covidvax.maryland.gov or by calling Maryland's COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

Aligning with Governor Hogan's announcement, Ocean City has lifted mask requirements on Boardwalk and in outdoor public places.

[Read Governor Hogan's 4/28 Press Release](#)

[Read Ocean City's 4/29 Press Release](#)

Maryland Small Business Covid-19 RELIEF Grant Program Scheduled to Reopen April 30

The Maryland Department of Commerce announces that there is still funding available for businesses in *most* counties through the [Maryland Small Business Covid-19 RELIEF Grant Program](#). The application portal will reopen today, April 30 at 5 p.m. and close again at 11:59 p.m. May 15, 2021 so businesses will have one **final** chance to apply for this grant.

The RELIEF Act of 2021 required that Commerce, to the best of its ability, disburse funds proportionately based on population, and at this time applications from most counties are underrepresented.

PLEASE NOTE: The Maryland Department of Commerce will NOT be accepting new applications from businesses in Howard, Montgomery, Washington, or Wicomico Counties at this time because those four counties are fully subscribed and their portion of the grant funding has been exhausted. Geographic diversity among grant recipients is required by the RELIEF Act of 2021.

The RELIEF Act requires that the funds go to businesses that primarily do not collect the sales and use tax. More details on the specific requirements of this grant program [can be found here.](#)

The application portal will reopen at 5 p.m. on April 30, 2021 and close again at 11:59 p.m. May 15, 2021.

Employers: New Functionality to Report Job Refusals and Return to Work Dates in BEACON

You may now use your [BEACON 2.0 employer portal](#) to report job refusals and employee return to work dates to the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance (DUI). When an employer offers a job to a claimant in filing status or recalls a former employee in layoff status and the individual refuses the job (or fails to return), the employer must notify the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance (DUI) within 15 days of the refusal. DUI will then determine whether the claimant should be paid or denied benefits.

[How to Report Job Refusals and Return to Work Dates in BEACON](#)

Worcester County Health Department to Hold Vaccine Clinics May 4-8

The Worcester County Health Department will hold vaccine clinics in Ocean City on May 4-8, 2021, and in Snow Hill on May 6. The Health Department will be administering the Pfizer vaccine. The 2nd dose vaccination clinics will be held in late May (21 days later).

ID is required. Pfizer is a two dose vaccine which is approved for 16 years and older. If under 18 years old, parental/guardian consent is required which is obtained electronically when the parent registers the child by using the links below. We may also call the parent to obtain verbal permission if there are any questions/concerns from our end.

[Vaccine Clinic Flyer](#)

[Register for a Vaccine Clinic](#)

You're Invited to the May 5 Economic Development Committee (EDC) Legislative Meeting

The May 5 EDC Meeting is the legislative meeting sponsored by OC Chamber of Commerce. Join our state legislators as they share their thoughts on the 2021 session. If time allows, other elected officials in attendance will also be given an opportunity to share their thoughts regarding the 2021 session. Attendees will also have a chance to ask questions or express concerns during a question and answer period at the conclusion of the program.

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Time: 8:30am

Location: Princess Royale Hotel , 91st St. Ocean City

[EDC Legislative Meeting Invitation](#)

OC Chamber Alive After 5 on May 6

We have rebranded our monthly Business After Hours to “Alive After 5”. We are FINALLY resuming these fun networking events. Our first Alive After 5 will be on Thursday, May 6 from 5-7pm at Dunes Manor Hotel in the Zippy Lewis Lounge & Deck. Complimentary appetizers and drink specials will be available.

[May 6 OC Chamber Alive After 5](#)



33rd Annual OC Chamber Cup Golf Tournament

FINAL WEEK to register for the 33rd annual OC Chamber Cup Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 11 at the Ocean City Golf Club Newport Bay Course. We are still in need of contest prizes and [volunteers](#).

Sign Up for the Helicopter Ball Drop! Balls will be dropped on a green. Closest to hole wins up to \$2000, 2nd closest wins \$1000. Anyone can purchase balls online for a chance to win. Participants do not have to be present.

[OC Chamber Cup Golf Tournament & Helicopter Ball Drop](#)



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