



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Things You Need to Know This Week

Member Notice

Governor Hogan Lifts Restrictions on Indoor and Outdoor Venues and Dining Beginning May 15; Indoor Mask Mandate Still in Effect

Effective Saturday, May 15, indoor & outdoor venues and indoor & outdoor dining may resume normal operations with all remaining capacity restrictions lifted. The indoor mask mandate will expire after the state achieves 70% of Maryland adults vaccinated, hopefully attainable by Memorial Day weekend.

- **INDOOR AND OUTDOOR VENUES** may resume normal operations. All remaining capacity restrictions will be lifted on all indoor entertainment venues and conventions, and all outdoor entertainment, art, and sports venues, including all ticketed events.
- **INDOOR AND OUTDOOR DINING:** Restaurants and bars may resume normal operations, as all remaining capacity and distancing restrictions and all other limits will be lifted on indoor and outdoor dining.
- **INDOOR MASK MANDATE TO EXPIRE AFTER THE STATE ACHIEVES 70% OF MARYLAND ADULTS VACCINATED.** The indoor mask mandate will be lifted as soon as 70% of Maryland adults receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, the national goal set by President Biden. On Tuesday, Maryland surpassed the milestone of vaccinating more than 65% of adults.

Adolescents Ages 12-15 Can Now Get the Pfizer Vaccine

With approval from the FDA and CDC, Marylanders age 12 to 15 are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Eleven of the state's mass vaccination sites and hundreds of pharmacy locations will be ready to administer the Pfizer vaccine. Marylanders can search for providers vaccinating adolescents at covidvax.maryland.gov.

Maryland Department of Labor to Begin Process of Reinstating Work Search Requirements

To further accelerate the state's economic recovery and with every business in Maryland fully reopened, Governor Hogan has directed the Maryland Department of Labor to work in collaboration with the federal administration to begin the process of reinstating work search requirements to connect more job seekers with good opportunities. The requirements are scheduled to be reinstated by late June.

[Read full Press Release](#)

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](#)

The American Rescue Plan Extends the Employee Retention Credit for Businesses

The credit is available to businesses that have seen revenues decline or had to temporarily shut down their operations due to government orders related to COVID-19. Businesses that qualify can take the credit for a portion of the wages they pay to some or all their employees, up to \$7,000 per employee for each quarter. The maximum credit is \$28,000 for an employee for 2021. The credit is now available through December 2021.

[Guidance on the Employee Retention Credit](#)

Worcester County Employers: Register for the May 19 Open Air Job Fair

In light of the tremendous need to fill positions in Ocean City and Worcester County, we are holding an Open Air Job Fair in Snow Hill at Sturgis Park along the Pocomoke River on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 10am-2pm.

This event is free for employers to participate and free for job seekers to attend. Employers need to sign up so we are able to assign spots in line with social distancing protocols. Employers may arrive at 9am to set up. There are a limited number picnic tables at Sturgis Park so we encourage you to bring your own table, as well as applications. Please direct any questions to our new Workforce Engagement Specialist Jackie Trieu jtrieu@co.worcester.md.us

[Sign Up for Worcester County Open Air Job Fair 2021](#)

[Open Air Job Fair flyer](#)

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