

County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland

Executive Order: 2021-08
Dated: March 17, 2021
Subject: Exercise of Emergency Powers –
Rescinding limitations on social
gatherings

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., declared a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, a communicable respiratory disease, and that emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, by Executive Order No. 2020-02, pursuant to the authority granted by Howard County Code sections 6.103 and 6.104, I declared a state of emergency in Howard County and Council Resolution No. 41-2020 continues the state of emergency while the state of emergency and/or the catastrophic health emergency declared by Governor Hogan remains in effect or until terminated by Executive Order issued by the County Executive, whichever is later; and

WHEREAS, State Executive Order Number 21-03-09-01 provides that the authority previously delegated by the Governor to political subdivisions to issue orders more restrictive than those permitted by State Executive Order Number 21-03-09-01 shall cease to be effective at 5:00 pm on March 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, over the past week, the 7 day case average per 100,000 residents and the 7 day average positivity rate have decreased; and

WHEREAS, the County's COVID-19 positivity rate has decreased to under 5%; and

WHEREAS, because of the data points set forth above, Howard County will not exercise local authority under the Howard County Code to be more restrictive than established by State Executive Order Number 21-03-09-01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by the County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, that, in accordance with the authority granted by section 6.104(a) of the Howard County Code, and the Howard County Charter, that Howard County Executive Order No. 2021-04 is rescinded and provisions of State Executive Order Number 21-03-09-01 shall apply to businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities located in Howard County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that:

- (1) This Executive Order shall be promptly publicized; and
- (2) A copy filed with the Administrator to the County Council of Howard County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin B. Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 17th day of March, 2021.



Calvin Ball
County Executive

