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Harford County's [COVID metrics](#) are down significantly from their peak in early March and I want to thank our citizens for acting safely and responsibly. This has helped us continue reopening to the extent allowed by the state.

On Monday we reopened our senior centers, by appointment only, and I have lifted the outdoor mask mandate and restrictions on outdoor dining as [outlined last week by Gov. Hogan](#). Moving forward I continue to encourage everyone to be vaccinated, especially now that our drive-thru vaccination site is open at Ripken Stadium.

Thanks & be safe,

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Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

My recommended fiscal year 2022 budget fully funds the board of education's operating request for the second consecutive year. This historic budget also sets records for funding public safety and libraries, while easing the property tax burden on homeowners and businesses by adopting the constant yield rate. Click on the image above for a video of budget highlights, and my entire budget is posted on the county website [here](#).



Drive-thru mass vaccination site open

The mass vax site at Ripken Stadium is open and administering the Pfizer vaccine, which can be given to anyone 16 and older (a parent or guardian must accompany minors). Get vaccinated without leaving your car by [scheduling an appointment online](#), which is preferred, or you can drive up anytime from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday.



Nonprofit grants - Eligibility expanded to all 501(c) designations!

Nonprofits do important work in our community. To help them through the pandemic, Harford County is administering grant funding to eligible nonprofits whose ability to provide programs or services has been affected by COVID-19. Eligibility has been expanded to include all nonprofits with a 501(c) designation. Funding comes from the state and the dollar amount of individual grants will depend on the total number of applicants. As with prior COVID-relief programs, my administration will work with qualified applicants and get funds to them as quickly as we can. Applications and eligibility requirements are posted [here on the county website](#). The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021.



You are not alone

The stress of COVID-19 makes it more important than ever to be aware of our mental wellness. Represented by the color green, National Mental Health Awareness Month brings attention to mental illness and behavioral health disorders, and reduces stigma that often prevents individuals from seeking help. Harford County is joining the national effort with [free, online resources](#) for citizens of all ages. Resources include tips for managing stress, recognizing the signs of depression and anxiety, coping with grief, parenting, and preventing isolation during social distancing. Remember, if you or someone you know needs immediate help, contact The Klein Family Harford Crisis Center at 1-800-NEXT-STEP.



Harford Streams Summer Adventure

Harford Streams Summer Adventure invites you to explore the natural beauty of local streams, take selfies at your favorite locations, and become eligible for prizes including a free T-shirt. Our popular program raises awareness and support for protecting natural resources by encouraging visitors to Harford County's scenic waterways. County residents and nonresidents of all ages are welcome to join in from May 28 through September 6, 2021. Details and information about a special "poker run" on May 22 are posted [here on the county website](#).



Virtual Bike to Work Week May 17 - 23

Get ready for Bike to Work Week, a socially-distanced cycling challenge that encourages clean commuting by bike. In this year's virtual format, registered participants can ride at any time during the week of May 17 – 23. Once you're registered, pick up a free Bike to Work T-shirt and gift bag during or after the week at Harford County's "pit stop" sponsors, Bike Doctor Bel Air or Civic Cyclery. A random drawing will be held for other prizes, including a new bike. Sign up today at www.biketoworkmd.com and share your photos at #B2WW2021 and #Ready2Ride!



May events at The Grove

Join us for these special events at [The Grove](#), Harford County's agribusiness incubator in Street where you can also buy locally-produced meat and dairy products, delicious desserts, roasted nuts, handmade wood products, and more.

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