



# NEWS RELEASE

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### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM HOWARD COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Howard County, MD (March 16, 2020)- The Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) presents our office and every level of government with an unprecedented challenge. The Howard County State's Attorney's Office has been coordinating with Maryland Courts (Howard County), the Public Defender's Office, leadership within the Howard County Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office, as well as other leaders within local government in crafting our response to this crisis. The safety and well-being of our staff and the community are serious concerns for us and we are taking all necessary steps to continue to provide essential services while also endeavoring to comply with the recommendations stated by Governor Larry Hogan, the Howard County Health Department and County Executive Calvin Ball.

By order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, in response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, all Maryland courts are operating in a limited capacity through Friday, April 3, 2020. No victims/witnesses need to appear for any scheduled proceedings through Friday, April 3, 2020 unless contacted by our office. You will receive additional information on rescheduled hearings in the future. Victim/Witness Assistance staff members remain available to address questions and concerns regarding the status of an individual's case. Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 410-313-3153 or via email at [kvasco@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kvasco@howardcountymd.gov). For questions that are more generic in nature, please email us at [sao@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:sao@howardcountymd.gov). To view the latest statements and advisories from Maryland Courts, please click on the following link: <https://mdcourts.gov/coronavirusupdate>

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