

**TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO DECLARES  
CORONAVIRUS-RELATED STATE OF EMERGENCY**

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**UPPER MARLBORO, MD** (Wednesday, March 25, 2020) – Upper Marlboro Mayor Linda Pennoyer today declared a Local State of Emergency designed to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in the town. The formal declaration will take effect today at 5 p.m.

Earlier today at the Upper Marlboro Town Hall, Mayor Pennoyer and Town Clerk M. David Williams signed the emergency declaration, which states, “It is in the best interest of public safety and protection of property that the exercise of certain rights be temporarily limited.”

The declaration contains the following conditions:

1. As of 5 p.m. a Local State of Emergency exists within the boundaries of the Town of Upper Marlboro as a result of ongoing concerns about the possible spread of the coronavirus (COVID19), existing on March 25, 2020.
2. The Local State of Emergency shall extend from March 25, 2020 through April 25, 2020 for a period of 30 days, unless terminated earlier.
3. All town-owned buildings and facilities are closed to the public until the cancellation of this Local State of Emergency.
4. All non-essential town employees shall telework and not report in-person to work.
5. All town parking meters shall be free of charge until the cancellation of this Local State of Emergency.
6. During this Local State of Emergency, the President and Board of Town Commissioners’ shared responsibilities include, but are not limited to, taking actions authorized by the Town Charter or Ordinances, or otherwise as needed to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

“Given the actions that have been taken at the federal and state levels, we feel this Local State of Emergency declaration is the appropriate course of action for Upper Marlboro,” Pennoyer said. “We need to do everything possible to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our town and protect our residents.”

Pennoyer said if residents have any questions, they can send them to this email address: [Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov](mailto:Info@UpperMarlboroMD.gov)

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**(A copy of the signed Local State of Emergency declaration is available upon request.)**