

St. Mary's County 2020 Coronavirus Resources



SMECO: 1) SMECO suspended disconnecting customers for non-payment as of March 13, 2020. 2) As of 4 p.m., Friday, March 20, SMECO's customer service counters will be closed. Customers can find alternate ways to pay their electric bills at <https://www.smeco.coop/account/paying-electric-bills>. 3) Employees essential to maintaining electric service will report to work as usual so that, in the event of power outages, service restoration work will not be interrupted.

METCOM: The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission will not be disconnecting water/sewer service to any customer who is delinquent in payment. In addition, for customers whose water had been previously disconnected, water supply will be temporarily restored. Customers should continue to pay their bills as they will ultimately be responsible for any charges and late fees incurred during this temporary turn-off moratorium. If you have questions, MetCom can be reached at 301-737-7400.

PROHIBITION ON EVICTIONS: Governor Hogan has issued an emergency order that prohibits Maryland courts from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can show that their failure to pay rent was the result of COVID-19—for example, because of lost or reduced unemployment, or needing to care for a school-aged child—or because they are diagnosed with, or under investigation for, COVID-19. <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Temp-Evictions-Prohibiting.pdf>

PROHIBITION ON FORECLOSURES: The Department of Housing and Urban Development was directed to suspend all evictions and foreclosures on HUD-backed properties until the end of April. The Federal Housing Finance Agency said it was directing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to suspend all foreclosures and evictions for at least 60 days. Consumers should be encouraged to communicate with their lenders.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: St. Mary's County Public Schools Department of Food and Nutrition Services is offering meals to students through the Summer Meals Program. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Leonardtwn Elementary School, 22885 Duke Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Greenview Knolls Elementary School, 45711 Military Lane, Great Mills, MD 20634

- Beginning March 17-27, 2020, a drive-up lunch service will be provided at the locations listed above from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Meals will be offered to all children 18 and under free of charge. Parents and children can drive up to these locations and receive meals that they can take home during current school closures. Community members are asked to remain in their vehicles until they are directed to retrieve their meals from the designated area. There will be St. Mary's County personnel to direct service.

MEALS: St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen Meals will be handed out, one per person, **between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday-Saturday** at the St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen located at **20850 Langley Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653**. People will be required to leave the property immediately upon receiving their food and will not be allowed to congregate on the grounds for personal safety reasons. The soup kitchen will alternate between hot meals and cold sandwiches.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. COVID-19 RESOURCES: <http://www.smchd.org/coronavirus/>