

EMPLOY PRINCE GEORGE'S

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Employ Prince George's Community,

Due to the recent developments and spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Employ Prince George's and the Prince George's County American Job Center Community Network are taking the necessary safety precautions to protect job seekers, business partners, and staff. In the best interest of everyone, Employ Prince George's offices, the American Job Center Largo, the Youth Career Center, and the Latin American Youth Center will be closed to the public through March 31, 2020. We made this difficult decision to cancel all scheduled events due to the rising reports of the COVID-19 outbreak that has increased significantly over the past few weeks. Our main priority is the health of our staff and clients. While we plan to reopen as soon as possible, our team remains committed to trying to make it safe to do so.

The Prince George's County Government has a coordinated effort among all agencies to address the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. This effort is being spearheaded by the Prince George's County Office of the County Executive and the Health Department. Employ Prince George's is taking the appropriate steps to align with Prince George's County Government COVID-19 procedures to ensure the safety of Employ Prince George's staff, partners and customers. We encourage all residents to stay informed of the latest updates by visiting the County's Coronavirus website, health.mypgc.us/coronavirus.

Employ Prince George's encourages high risk individuals to observe the precautions recommended below by the County Health Department and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). High risk individuals are older adults and people who have chronic medical conditions like diabetes, heart, lung and kidney disease, or are immunocompromised. Recommendations:

- 1. Stay at home as much as you can
- 2. Avoid large crowds
- 3. If you must go out in public, you should keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact, and wash your hands often
- 4. Make sure you have access to several week

During this time, we have shifted our offices to a telework environment that took effect on March 16, 2020. Information on virtual services and contact information for Employ Prince George's staff are provided below. When we say #WeAreEPG, it is more than a hashtag for us, it is our motto. During this time, we are here to help. You have resources, YOU HAVE US. Employ Prince George's is committed to Prince George's County!

Our staff is dedicated to continuing operations and to serving you through this difficult time **Businesses** requesting workforce development services should contact Employ Prince George's Office of Business Services at <u>BusinessServices@co.pg.md.us</u>.

Job seekers requesting workforce development services should contact Employ Prince George's Workforce Services Division at <u>WSD@co.pg.md.us</u> or call our main phone **(301) 618-8445** and leave a voicemail. Messages will be distributed throughout the day and responded to by the appropriate person.

General questions and/or entities contracting with Employ Prince George's should contact Employ Prince George's Administrative Division at adminandcontracts@co.pg.md.us.

Press and Media inquiries should be directed to Jamie Gunnell at JNGunnell@co.pg.md.us.

Please continue to monitor our social media pages and websites (www.EmployPG.org and www.pgcajc.com) for updates.

We thank you in advance for your patience during this time of significant communications volume with our team.

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For more information, please visit www.Employpg.org.