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TO: Howard County Employees

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SUBJECT: Lifting of State Emergency

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This communication was sent via global email to Howard County employees on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10:39 a.m.

Colleagues:

The County Executive has lifted the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This does not mean that the pandemic is over or that we should stop following safety protocols, but it does mean that we can ease some of our restrictions.

Effective Monday, March 21, 2022, I am rescinding out of state travel restrictions and am cancelling the liberal leave policy associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. I am also relaxing the maximum occupancy for meeting rooms and other shared spaces. The occupancy signs will remain in place temporarily, however they will change from a requirement to a recommendation.

Employees and supervisors should still maintain safety protocols which include staying home when you are sick; getting tested for COVID-19 if you have any related symptoms (testing sites can be found at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19-testing>); and limiting large indoor crowds when possible.

I encourage everyone to get up to date with your COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinations are free and available for everyone age 5 and older. Vaccine sites can be found at: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19-vaccine>

Together we have managed this pandemic and together we will continue to provide outstanding services to our residents while maintaining the health and safety of our employees. If you have any questions, please contact John Peterson at jpeterson@howardcountymd.gov or by phone at X4439.

Thank you.