



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

WebEx Virtual Meeting (provided to members only by email)  
Audio livestream available to public on COG website

### AGENDA

- 12:00 P.M.**
- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
*Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Chair*
  - 2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
*Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Chair*
  - 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
*Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director*
  - 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**  
*Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Chair*
- 12:05 P.M.**
- 5. THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF INTERVENTIONS**  
*Dr. Reuben Varghese, Arlington County Public Health Director*  
  
The Board will be updated on the impact of current interventions to combat the spread of COVID-19 and an overview of the public health considerations for re-opening.  
  
**Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**
- 12:25 P.M.**
- 6. REGIONAL COMMITMENT TO COVID-19 COORDINATION**  
*COG Board Executive Committee*  
*Angela Alsobrooks, County Executive, Prince Georges County*  
*Ann Wheeler, Chair, Prince William County Board of Supervisors*  
  
The Board will hear from elected officials in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia on efforts to combat COVID-19 in the metropolitan region and the intention to continue coordination through the surge and after the peak. The board will consider a regional statement about coordination and a resolution requesting the CAO Committee to work with health officials and other subject matter experts to recommend guidelines or principles for this coordination throughout the National Capital Region.  
  
**Recommended Action: Approve Resolution R17-2020.**
- 12:55 P.M.**
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1:00 P.M.**

**8. ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

# **AGENDA ITEM #2**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

# **AGENDA ITEM #3**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

# **AGENDA ITEM #4**

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

## **AGENDA ITEM #5**

# **THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF INTERVENTIONS**

## **AGENDA ITEM #6**

# **REGIONAL COMMITMENT TO COVID-19 COORDINATION**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGARDING A STRATEGY FOR REOPENING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the health, safety, and well-being of many of our residents in the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 does not recognize geographical boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, through quick and decisive action our region is making progress in “flattening the curve” and slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to reduce the impact of the pandemic on the National Capital Region have negatively impacted the prosperity of our business community, challenged the education of our children, and disrupted the normalcy of the daily lives of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, our region is most effective and resilient when we work together for the benefit of all; and

**WHEREAS**, our citizens deserve a safe, scientifically based, and coordinated strategy for transition from crisis, when that day comes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

- 1) The Board approves the Statement on the Commitment to Coordinate during and after the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2) The Chief Administrative Officers representing the jurisdictions of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments are requested to develop coordinated and expert-informed guidelines for the reopening of the region; and

These guidelines are developed in partnership with the leaders of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; and

Must be informed by principles for reopening that reflect the practices and guidance of our local health experts and maintain social distancing and self-quarantine practices until such time as there is a demonstrated decline in the risk of viral spread to the community; and

Should guide the region to a reopening strategy that leads to sustained economic recovery; and

The CAOs Committee shall advise the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ Board of Directors about these guidelines in order to proceed with a commitment to coordination.





## **Statement from the COG Board of Directors on Commitment to Coordinate during and after COVID-19 Pandemic**

“While COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise across our region, it is also clear that staying at home and practicing social distancing have been working to reduce the spread of the virus. The best estimates still show that it will take more time before we can return to our daily routines, so we urge everyone to continue following the advice of public health experts and staying home.

“In the interim, we are committed to working together to thoughtfully plan for the reopening of the National Capital Region when the time comes. It is our collective desire to work in close partnership with the leaders of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to ensure a safe and effective reopening strategy informed by and consistent with the sound guidance of our health officials. Any strategy to reopen must be cautious and deliberate and must consider conditions across our entire region, including the number of new cases being reported, the availability and reliability of testing, the capacity of our health system to accommodate patients, and the ability of the region to take immediate action should a resurgence of the virus occur.

“We live in an interconnected region where our residents cross our city, county, and state jurisdictional boundaries daily to live, work, and play. We know that the unprecedented actions taken to respond to this public health emergency have exacted a tremendous economic toll for workers and businesses. It is essential that we continue to coordinate across borders to combat this virus and implement a reopening strategy for our communities that leads to a sustained economic recovery.

“As we work through this difficult situation, we thank area residents for staying home, avoiding crowds, and practicing social distancing during the past several weeks and urge everyone to stay committed to these important actions. Your efforts and sacrifices are helping slow the spread of COVID-19 and save lives. And while we ask for you to continue doing your part, know that your leaders in local government are doing everything we can to protect your health and serve you during these challenging times.”

**AGENDA ITEM #7**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

**ADJOURN**