

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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**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 in consultation with the relevant COG technical committees (e.g., health officers) and policy committees (e.g., EPC); 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.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors April 22, 2020.**

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