This guidance is intended to assist Calvert County residents, business owners, workers and visitors at this moment in time. Our guiding principles are as follows:

*Marylanders should continue to practice physical distancing.*

*Marylanders should continue to wear face coverings or masks in indoor public places, and outdoors when physical distancing is not possible.*

*As vaccines become available, every eligible person should get inoculated to speed our community’s return to normal.*

It is important that all of our actions in the near future are consistent with these guiding principles:

» Employees are required to properly wear face coverings. Masks must cover both nose and mouth.

» Customers and visitors over the age of 5 must wear a face covering.

» Evaluate floor plan to limit congestion points and maintain social distancing.

» Appropriate signage upon entry into the facility indicating face coverings and proper social distancing requirements while inside the facility.

» Social distancing markers (6 feet apart) are provided in areas where customers may form lines or congregate (service counters, check-out lines, etc.).

» EPA registered disinfectants are available. Gloves should be readily available for the assigned staff member that will be cleaning high contact surfaces.

» Hand sanitizing stations or hand washing stations are readily available and stocked for staff.

» Provide hand wipes or another means of disinfecting carts and baskets for customers upon entry into the facility or have staff clean ALL carts after each customer’s use.

» Encourage touchless payment option.

» Continue to encourage online ordering and curbside pick-up.

» If possible, provide designated shopping hours for vulnerable populations.

» A plan is in place for employee wellness checks. Have a secure location to store these documents.

» Prepare a training document of proper responses to customers who challenge social distancing and other protocols.

*Requirements may change at any point contingent on health necessities or new directives from the Governor’s Office.*