



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**EXECUTIVE ORDER - COVID-19 VIRUS AND VARIANTS
NO. 2021-022**

AUGUST 23, 2021

WHEREAS, I, John A. Olszewski, Jr., the duly elected County Executive for Baltimore County, Maryland have been advised by the Director of Emergency Management in Baltimore County and the local Health Officer for Baltimore County that COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and a public safety emergency; and

WHEREAS, A Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by the Governor of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020 and then later rescinded; and

WHEREAS, A Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by the County Executive on March 13, 2020 which expired on July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization (“WHO”) and the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) have declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a “public health emergency of international concern” that poses an immediate danger to public safety; and

WHEREAS, A public health crisis remains within the jurisdiction of Baltimore County, as the CDC has characterized the level of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus (and its variants) as SUBSTANTIAL (*see* <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#county-view>); and

WHEREAS, Community transmission of the COVID-19 virus and its variants within Baltimore County has significantly increased since July 9, 2021 and continues to threaten the lives, health and safety of the citizens of Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, As the COVID-19 public health catastrophe and public safety emergency continues; it threatens lives, health and property in Baltimore County, requiring Baltimore County to call all of its resources into limited or long term activation;

WHEREAS, State assistance may be needed to protect public peace, health and safety pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Resources are requested under applicable state and local emergency plans and may consist of personnel, equipment and use of facility space, as needed for this emergency to protect the public peace and safety of Baltimore County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED, by the County Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland that, in accordance with the authority granted by the Charter and Laws of Baltimore County, Maryland including, but not limited to Section 3-1-503 of the Baltimore County Code, and pursuant to any and all granted by the Maryland Constitution and the Laws of Maryland, including but not limited to §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, **THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, AND**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

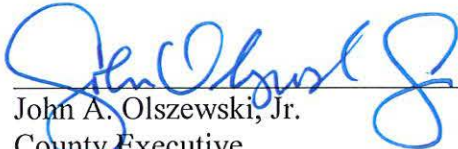
1. This Declaration of a State of Emergency shall be promptly publicized; and
2. A copy of this Executive Order is to be filed with the chief local records-keeping agency;
3. Pursuant to Baltimore County Code 3-4-303(b) and the powers afforded to the Local Health Officer and County Executive by law, including, but not limited to the Baltimore County Code and Charter, the Public Safety Article and Health General Article of the Annotated Code, the County Executive shall consult with the County Health Officer and may adopt appropriate measures in support of the Local Health Officer to arrest the progress of the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its variants; and
4. In the event that the state of emergency will continue beyond August 30, 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 208(e) of the Baltimore County Charter, the County Council shall be called into emergency session to consider a resolution consenting to the continuation of the state of emergency, as required by §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 3-1-503(d) of the Baltimore County Code.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State law, the Baltimore County Charter, and laws of Baltimore County, I, John A. Olszewski Jr., Baltimore County Executive, hereby proclaim and declare that a state of emergency exists in Baltimore County this 23rd day of August, in 2021.

ATTEST:



Dawn Kile
Executive Secretary



John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive

Reviewed for Form and Legal Sufficiency and approved for Execution.



James R. Benjamin, Jr.
County Attorney