

# Maryland GFOA

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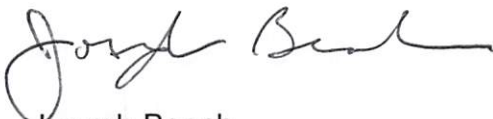
Ms. Jackie Berger  
Vice President  
Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel  
101000 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Dear Ms. Berger,

This serves as notice by the Maryland Government Finance Officers Association (MD GFOA) of the termination of the attached agreement pursuant to the "Force Majeure" clause on page 6.

The attached Governor's Order of January 21, 2021 "Renewal of Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of Public Health Catastrophic Health Emergency – COVID 19" and related public health advisories limiting indoor gatherings and travel makes it impossible for both the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel and the MD GFOA to plan for and host this event on your premises.

If you have any questions concerning this notice you can contact me at 240-793-9918



Joseph Beach,  
President  
Maryland Government Finance Officers Association

Copies:

Mr. Leonard Berger, President, Clarion Fontainebleau  
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STATE OF MARYLAND



# Proclamation

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Renewal of Declaration of State of Emergency and  
Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency — COVID-19

- WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was, pursuant to the Maryland Constitution and Laws of Maryland, including but not limited to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article, and in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, proclaimed within the entire State of Maryland;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly infectious respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person, physically contaminates property by attaching to surfaces for prolonged periods of time, and may result in serious illness or death;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in all Maryland counties;
- WHEREAS, rates of COVID-19 infection continue to rise in all 50 states and the risk of further spread back to Maryland remains high;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 infection outbreaks continue to occur in Maryland through community transmission and because of travelers returning from out-of-state;
- WHEREAS, since the declaration of a state of emergency and existence of a catastrophic health emergency on March 5, 2020, there have been more than 332,000 laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and more than 6,500 related deaths in Maryland, with increases in new confirmed cases daily;
- WHEREAS, the proclamation declaring the emergencies was renewed on March 17, 2020, April 10, 2020, May 6, 2020, June 3, 2020, July 1, 2020, July 30, 2020, August 10, 2020, September 8, 2020, October 6, 2020, October 29, 2020, November 25, 2020, and December 23, 2020;
- WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in the state continues to pose an immediate threat to all Marylanders of extensive loss of life or serious disability;
- WHEREAS, the emergency conditions, state of emergency, and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist;

WHEREAS, all levels of government in Maryland must deploy resources to protect public health and safety;

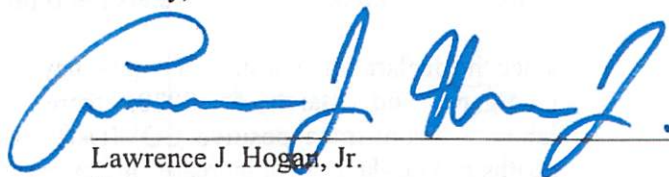
WHEREAS, continued emergency response by the State is needed to maintain and further progress through the Maryland Strong: Roadmap for Recovery, including expanding COVID-19 testing capacity, maintaining adequate patient surge capacity, supplying sufficient personal protective equipment, and executing a robust contact-tracing operation, and preparing for the deployment and administration of potential COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health recommend the use of face coverings in public settings to the extent possible, continued social distancing, and avoiding large gatherings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, HEREBY DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO EXIST WITHIN THE ENTIRE STATE OF MARYLAND, RENEW THE MARCH 5, 2020, PROCLAMATION, AND FURTHER PROVIDE AND ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

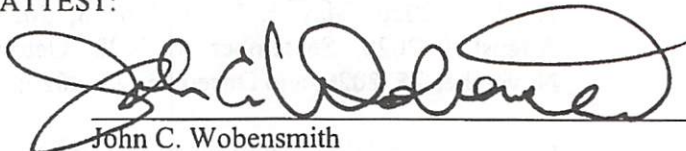
Health care providers who act in good faith under this catastrophic health emergency proclamation, including orders issued under the proclamation by the Governor and by other State officials acting at the direction of or under delegated authority from the Governor, have the immunity provided by § 14-3A-06 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State  
of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 21st day of  
January, 2021.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:



John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State



**NOTICE - COVID-19 Advisory - Large Gatherings, Essential Travel, and Mandatory Travel Testing**  
**(December 17, 2020)**

The Maryland Department of Health advises Marylanders of the following measures to contain the recent surge in COVID-19 cases:

**1. Limit Large Indoor Gatherings**

All Marylanders should refrain from attending either public or private indoor gatherings of more than 10 individuals at one location and should practice physical distancing to the extent possible. Marylanders should also consider CDC's recommendations on holiday celebrations and small gatherings, including limiting gatherings to members of their immediate household:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

**2. Limit Travel to Essential Purposes Only and Mandatory Travel Testing**

Maryland strongly advises that travel be limited to essential purposes only. For more information, please see the CDC's travel recommendations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html#consider-testing>

Maryland has a mandatory testing requirement for travel; please see Section 1, A, iii of the Maryland Department of Health [AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING VARIOUS HEALTHCARE MATTERS No. 2020-12-17-01](#).

**This Notice is effective immediately and replaces the Notice, dated November 10, 2020, “COVID-19 Advisory - Large Gatherings, Essential Travel, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs” and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded, or until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis R. Schrader". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" being the most prominent.

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Dennis R. Schrader  
Secretary (Acting)