

Village of Takoma Park News Alert: Impact of the Coronavirus on Village Services and Events

March 13, 2020

Dear Members and friends of the Village of Takoma Park,

The Village of Takoma Park is committed to supporting its members as our community is trying to understand the effects of the coronavirus. Our volunteer service commitments or scheduled events will be modified if necessary as circumstances develop. If you have any questions about a specific event, gathering, or scheduled service request, please call us at 301-646-2109 and keep an eye on our webpage and emails for announcements.

Here are some resources and an update on our policies:

INFORMATION SOURCES

Note that the situation is continually changing. Some trusted sources for up-to-date information are:

The National Council on Aging <https://www.ncoa.org/blog/coronavirus-what-older-adults-need-to-know>

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

Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human

Services: <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs/rightnav/coronavirus.html>

Maryland Dept. of Health: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx>

VILLAGE RIDES

We are asking our drivers to check with riders a day in advance to see if they have any symptoms (cough or fever), not to drive if these symptoms are present, and to encourage the rider to call his or her doctor. We are asking our riders to consider re-scheduling non-essential appointments.

DELIVERIES

If you are in need of groceries delivered to your home there are several stores that will do so. Giant, Safeway, Target and Aldi all deliver using a shopping service through Instacart. If you need help setting up an account, please contact the Village at 301-646-2109. For more delivery options, see [villageoftakomapark.com/links and resources](https://villageoftakomapark.com/links_and_resources) and select "delivery".

If you are experiencing symptoms, please have all delivery drivers call you and leave groceries, medication and other items outside your closed door for you to retrieve after the delivery driver has left.

[Doordash](#) and [ubereats.com](#) are two delivery services that will deliver food from area restaurants. Or call individual local restaurants to ask about delivery service.

ERRANDS

We continue to offer errands service for items that cannot be ordered online. As always, we need minimum three days notice.

EVENTS

The following upcoming events have been cancelled:

March 21 concert at Church of the Ascension

March 27 trip to the Library of Congress.

April 19 outing to "Cost of Living" at Round House Theater

We will be evaluating future events and services and keeping you informed via email and the website.

If you are not already a member of the Village, and want to either volunteer or use our services, you can join at [villageoftakomapark.com](#). Or call 301-646-2109 to request a membership form if you or someone you know does not have online access. Membership is \$25 a year, but will be waived when that is a hardship.