



## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) – STATE OF EMERGENCY OPEN MEETING PROCEDURES

The current state of emergency has required the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (“HOC”) to change its standard open meeting operating procedures. These State of Emergency Open Meeting Procedures (“Emergency Procedures”) are designed to provide the public with the best possible opportunity to observe the conduct of HOC’s business given the current circumstances.

Due to the stay-at-home directive issued by the Governor of the State of Maryland and the general advisory to participate in social distancing, HOC will conduct its January 13, 2021 Commission open meeting via an online platform. **HOC’s normal meeting location (10400 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895) will be closed to the public.** Instead, the public will be able to observe and attend HOC’s open meeting via a real-time live stream. This platform will allow the public to have meaningful access to HOC’s open meeting. Information and guidelines on participation in the Community Forum portion of the meeting can be found [here](#).

**Live-stream on YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/QiscxLV2IEQ>

It is not HOC’s intention to discourage public participation in its open meetings. If any person has questions or concerns about these Emergency Procedures, including (1) how to access the online live-stream, or (2) how these procedures adequately address the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, please contact Patrice Birdsong at [patrice.birdsong@hocmc.org](mailto:patrice.birdsong@hocmc.org) or at (240)-627-9425. HOC will have staff available to help any person who anticipates having trouble accessing the online platform prior to the meeting.