

## DPIE Modifies Inspection Procedures Due to COVID-19 Surge

Largo, MD – The Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) has modified some of its inspection processes to enhance the safety of both residents and staff in the wake of the surge in COVID-19 cases across the region and State. The changes include the expanded utilization of virtual inspections for indoor inspections and limiting in-person meetings. Administrators are also closely monitoring staff affected by COVID-19 to ensure coverage of necessary inspections and other functions.

“We are making these changes in an effort to reduce the chance of infection for both the public and DPIE staff,” said DPIE Director Melinda Bolling. “As we modify services to keep everyone healthy and safe, please know that DPIE will not stop providing the high-quality services that our residents and businesses deserve. We will continue to review agency modifications as conditions change and we will be sure to keep the public updated on any additional modifications to DPIE services.”

Director Bolling also elaborated about the enhanced technology implemented during the pandemic which has allowed these changes to occur with minimal impact to DPIE services. DPIE will be able to limit agency interaction with the public during the current surge in COVID-19 cases.

Inspection modifications include:

- Suspension of most in-person interior inspections
- The use of virtual inspections for interior projects and select exterior projects
- Investigation of complaints related to apartment complexes will continue with modifications
- Investigation of complaints related to senior housing will continue with modifications
- Inspections of commercial properties will continue with modifications
- Inspections of single-family housing will continue with inspectors abiding by social distancing, mask mandates and limiting the number of people involved in inspections

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