

ENVIRONMENTAL INSIGHTS

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



[Rising to the Challenge: UMCES response to COVID-19](#)

As we continue to monitor developments of coronavirus across the state, our first priority is to protect the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science community to ensure that our students, faculty, staff, and community stay healthy. UMCES is committed to world-class research and providing an extraordinary experience for our graduate students, and we strongly believe that actions taken now, such as teleworking, research restrictions, and online meetings and classes, will have the greatest chance of decreasing risk and the spread of the coronavirus in Maryland. President Peter Goodwin updates UMCES friends and supporters on science in the time of coronavirus [HERE](#).

UMCES researchers lend

a glove to COVID-19 response

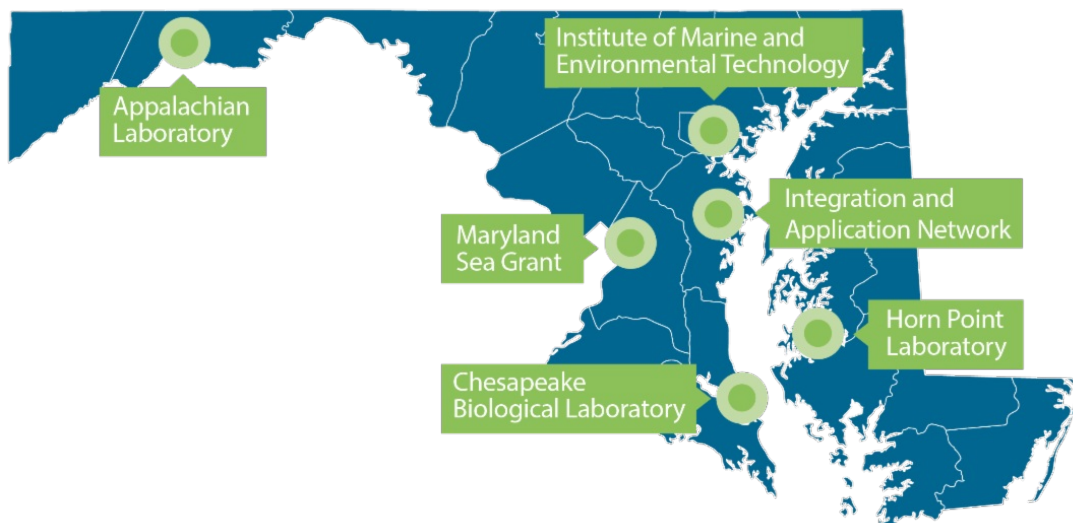
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science campuses across Maryland are reaching out to serve their communities, offering personal protective equipment and emergency supplies to hospitals and local health departments and volunteering in local food banks.

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in southern Maryland donated 400 N95 masks, plus boxes of nitrile examination gloves, reusable goggles/face masks, and disposable aprons to Calvert Memorial Hospital. Researchers at the Institute of Marine and Environmental Science in Baltimore donated over 200 boxes of gloves, N95 masks, and single-use gowns to the University of Maryland Medical Center. Horn Point Laboratory is supporting Dorchester County Emergency Services on the Eastern Shore with 13 gallons of Clorox bleach, 4 gallons of Purell, boxes of gloves, toilet paper, and industrial paper towels.



Find out how you can help your community effort to fight the coronavirus at [MarylandUnites](#).

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UPDATES

UMCES is still open but in a modified manner. Since the end of the day on March 13, we have gone to a **teleworking** environment.

Graduate classes took a two-week pause but resumed online this week and will continue online through the end of this academic year

All laboratory and field work requiring a physical presence at an UMCES campus or field site has ceased with faculty focusing on **research activities** that can be done remotely.

Events at all of our campuses have been cancelled through June 1. This includes our in-person Commencement activities, although degrees will still be conferred on time. We continue to explore options for honoring our 2020 graduates.

UMCES IN THE NEWS

See which cities will feel the brunt of climate change (National Geographic)

Could U.S. see improvements in air quality like China, Italy due to the coronavirus? An expert thinks so (WUSA)

DolphnWatch: Keeping tabs on the Bay's dolphin population (Chesapeake Bay magazine)

Creating a sustainable future for the Chesapeake Bay watershed and its people (Yahoo! Finance)

How is the Verde River doing? Conservation groups give the watershed a C+ (Arizona Central)

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