

State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights



Officers

Alvin O. Gillard, Executive Director
Cleveland L. Horton II, Deputy Director
Nicolette Young, Assistant Director
Glendora C. Hughes, General Counsel

Governor
Larry Hogan
Lt. Governor
Boyd K. Rutherford
Commissioners
Shawn M. Wright, Esq., Chairperson
Gary Norman, Esq., Vice Chairperson
Roberto N. Allen, Esq.
Laura M. Esquivel
Rabbi Binyamin Marwick
Gina McKnight-Smith, PharmD, MBA
Dominique S. Moore, Esq.
Naima Said, Esq.
DeWayne Wickham

Contact: Spencer Dove
6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 900
Baltimore, MD 21202-1631
Phone: 410-767-8576
Email: spencer.dove@maryland.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 18, 2020

**THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS POSTPONING
APRIL 25TH BIENNIAL CIVIL RIGHTS & FAIR HOUSING
GALA CELEBRATION DUE TO COVID-19
*Gala Celebration Rescheduled from April 25 to September 5***

Baltimore, MD – In the interest of public health and safety, the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (“MCCR”; “the Commission”) is postponing its Biennial Civil Rights & Fair Housing Gala Celebration due to the increasing public health emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Gala Celebration was previously scheduled for Saturday, April 25, and has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 5 from 6:00pm to 10:00 at the Maryland Live! Hotel Ballroom.

All tickets and sponsorships that were purchased for the April 25 Gala Celebration will be automatically transferred to September 5.

For updates, please visit MCCR’s [Gala Celebration page](#) or follow MCCR on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @MDCivilRights. Questions can also be directed to MCCR by email at mccr@maryland.gov.

MCCR Temporary Operations Adjustment

On March 10, Governor Larry Hogan moved the State government to [Level II – Flexible Operations of the Pandemic Flu and Other Infectious Diseases Attendance and Leave Policy](#). In order to better protect the health and safety of both the public and staff, the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights will be severely limiting direct, in-person business until further notice. During this period, MCCR will still conduct business during normal hours during the week in order to carry out the agency’s functions.

If you believe you are a victim of alleged unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, or public accommodations, you should still utilize [MCCR’s online Complaint Inquiry Form](#) to begin the process of filing a complaint. MCCR’s Intake Unit will review your complaint and follow-up with you to discuss next steps.

William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 900, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-1631
Phone: 410-767-8600 · Toll Free: 1-800-637-6247 · Maryland Relay: 711 · Fax: 410-333-1841
Website: mccr.maryland.gov · E-Mail: mccr@maryland.gov

If you have a complaint pending with MCCR, business will be conducted by telephone and electronically.

If you have a previously scheduled Fact Finding Conference (FFC) with MCCR, the FFC may be rescheduled to a later date – please direct any questions to your Civil Rights Officer or their Supervisor.

If you have a previously scheduled training or outreach event through MCCR's Education & Outreach Unit (E&O), E&O will be in contact to reschedule this activity to the earliest available date.

We apologize for any inconvenience during this time, and thank you for your cooperation.

#