

***To my dear friends in the Jewish community,***

As with all citizens of Maryland, I know that the recent weeks have been uncertain and difficult for each of you. There is literally no individual in the State that has not been affected by the global pandemic. But, I know that our social distancing protocols were especially challenging during the recent Passover holiday - a time that is built around gatherings of friends and family. And I am acutely aware of the impact caused by the closure of religious and cultural institutions that are so central to communal life.

But, please know that while this threat will pass, the resiliency and sense of community fostered by our shared experience will positively impact our State for years to come. I am proud of the way that medical and other essential professionals rallied to support our community, at great personal sacrifice. I am gratified that people felt a sense of responsibility to abide by guidelines that not only protected their health, but those of their fellow citizens. I am in awe of the people, including many in the Jewish community, who stepped forward with creativity and determination to help their friends, neighbors, and even strangers. And, I am confident that Marylanders throughout the State will join together, in a responsible manner and at the appropriate time, to restore our vibrancy and economic vitality. Thank you for all that you do and will continue to do as we build a brighter tomorrow.



***Your friend,  
Governor Larry Hogan***