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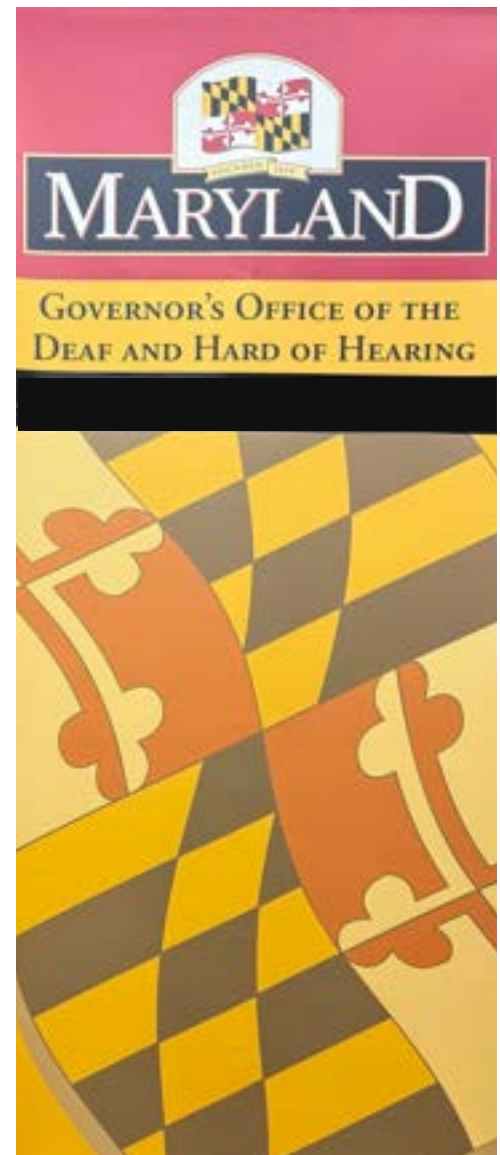
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GOVERNOR MOORE MAY RECAP



Economic Development

- Governor Wes Moore toured the Coca-Cola Consolidated manufacturing plant to celebrate the facility's 60th anniversary and America250. Coca-Cola Consolidated announced a partnership to provide 250,000 meals in honor of America's 250th birthday.
- Governor Moore continued the "Delivering for Maryland" tour in Frederick County, where he highlighted investments in affordable housing during remarks at the future site of the Montevue Senior Housing project.
- During the Talbot County stop of the "Delivering for Maryland" tour, Governor Moore celebrated expanded broadband access and highlighted investments in rural healthcare, community facilities, and local infrastructure to support economic growth on Maryland's Eastern Shore.
- In Harford County, Governor Moore participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Maryland Army National Guard's new Combined Support Maintenance Shop, emphasizing investments in military infrastructure and local economic development.
- Governor Moore toured downtown Havre de Grace to highlight the administration's commitment to revitalizing small businesses and strengthening Maryland's Main Streets.
- Governor Moore announced that the Maryland Stadium Authority Board approved a \$48.5 million agreement with 1/ST Holdings to purchase Laurel Park and redevelop it into a premier horse training facility. The agreement supports the long-term future of Maryland's horse racing industry.



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GOVERNOR MOORE MAY RECAP CONT'D



Public Assistance Programs

- Governor Moore highlighted the administration's investments in public education during a visit to Monocacy Elementary School in Frederick County, where he celebrated Maryland's Teacher of the Year.
- In Talbot County, Governor Moore emphasized state investments in rural healthcare access, broadband expansion, and community facilities that support families and underserved communities.
- Governor Moore joined elected officials and leaders from the University of Maryland Medical System for the groundbreaking of the University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center, reinforcing the administration's commitment to improving healthcare access in rural Maryland.
- Governor Moore praised Coca-Cola Consolidated for its commitment to addressing food insecurity through its initiative to provide 250,000 meals in celebration of America250.

Intergovernmental Affairs

- Governor Moore joined elected officials and healthcare leaders for the groundbreaking ceremony of the University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center, demonstrating collaboration between state government and regional healthcare institutions.
- The governor's "Delivering for Maryland" tour included coordinated efforts with local governments, educators, healthcare organizations, military leaders, and business communities across Frederick, Talbot, and Harford counties.
- Governor Moore's visit to Talbot County highlighted partnerships supporting rural healthcare, emergency response services, broadband access, and community development initiatives.

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Other Updates

- Governor Moore delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2026 at Johnson C. Smith University. He encouraged graduates to lead as “citizen-scholars,” build lasting change, and uplift others in their communities.
- Governor Moore honored public safety personnel during the Easton First Responders Celebration in Talbot County.
- The governor’s statewide “Delivering for Maryland” tour continued to focus on showcasing administration priorities and investments across Maryland communities.

Resources:

- <https://www.facebook.com/govwesmoore/posts/to-celebrate-americas-250th-birthday-coca-cola-consolidated-is-partnering-to-pro/963020846701498/>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-continues-delivering-maryland-tour-frederick-county>
- <https://x.com/GovWesMoore>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-continues-delivering-maryland-tour-talbot-county-highlighting-investments-i>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/delivering-maryland-tour-update-harford-county>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-attends-groundbreaking-university-maryland-shore-regional-medical-center>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-announces-state-acquisition-laurel-park-securing-future-marylands-thoroughbred-racing>
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press-releases/governor-moore-delivers-johnson-c-smith-university-commencement-address>

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GODHH MAY Events

NIC/BEI Study Table

On May 9, 2026, Outreach Interpreter Manager Tanéa Brown led an in-person Study Table designed to provide a focused and disciplined learning space for interpreters. This initiative supports HB 260 and aligns with the Moore–Miller Administration’s priorities of Connecting Marylanders to Jobs and Making Maryland a State that Serves.

Study Tables offer interpreters an opportunity to exchange notes, collaborate, and support one another in preparation for the certification exam.



ID: A photo of four women sitting and smiling at the camera.

2026 Legislative Session

Bill Signing Recap

The following bills directly impact the GODHH office and have been signed into law by Governor Wes Moore in 2026:

SB0038 - Ignition Interlock accessibility (in coordination with MVA)

HB 442 - Professional Liability Insurance Coverage

SB0645 – State Board of Sign Language Interpreters (Membership & Licensing)

SB0339 – Maryland School for the Deaf Board of Trustees Membership

HB0866 – ODHH Case Management Expansion / DeafBlind Services (amended to extend DDBHH Workgroup)

HB0439 – Renaming of the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Advisory Council

HB216 - Criminal law protections related to benefits exploitation

SB0001 – Public Safety – Law Enforcement Face Covering Provisions

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MAY SPOTLIGHT

Teacher Appreciation Spotlight




JULIE PIERPONT

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Julie Pierpont is an exceptional Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing who builds trust, supports language development, and navigates complex student needs with skill. A Deaf educator, she leads with resilience, creativity, and strong advocacy. Her impact on students and her school community is profound.

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MAY SPOTLIGHT



"I am a proud mother of two wonderful children - Jason, a teacher, and Lydia, an interpreter. I am also blessed with a daughter-in-law, Tamijo, who is a teacher as well. In addition, I am the proud grandmother of four lovely grandchildren: Maliyah, Knox, Brooklyn, and Giavanna, who attend Maryland School for the Deaf.

I enjoy family gatherings, attending my grandchildren's school activities and sporting events, and volunteering with Maryland Deaf Community Center. Family values, community involvement, and supporting the Deaf community have always been an important part of my life. I truly appreciate the love and support I have received from my family throughout the years." - **Linda Stoltz**

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