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Comptroller Franchot and Schaefer Center to Host Forum on COVID-19 Economic Impact

*Panelists to discuss financial markets, consumer
behavior and Maryland's economic assets*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 10, 2020) - Comptroller Peter Franchot and the Schaefer Center for Public Policy will host "A Forum on the Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Maryland" with state health officials, agency heads and business leaders on Tuesday, March 24, at the Parkway Theatre in Baltimore, beginning at 9 a.m.

"It's imperative that we reach out and listen to our experts — in this case, the individuals and institutions who are dealing with this situation on the front lines of our state's economy," Comptroller Franchot said. "That is why we're convening this forum. Many of Maryland's largest and most important employers will explain how the fast-growing public health crisis is changing their business models, daily operations and profit outlooks."

The program will begin with an update on COVID-19 from the Maryland Department of Health, followed by an overview of the virus' impact on the state's economy from Andrew Schaufele, director of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates.

Three panel discussions will follow, focusing on the financial markets, consumer behavior and Maryland's economic assets, featuring leaders from each sector.

The forum is free and open to the public, however [registration is requested](#) due to space limitations. The event will be livestreamed on the [Comptroller of Maryland Facebook page](#).

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