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Comptroller Forum on COVID-19 Economic Impact to be Livestreamed Only; Closed to Public Attendance

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

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 12, 2020) - Comptroller Peter Franchot and the Schaefer Center for Public Policy "Forum on the Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Maryland" with state health officials, agency heads and business leaders will be livestreamed ONLY on the [Comptroller of Maryland Facebook page](#) and YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/Comptroller1>) on Tuesday, March 24, from the Parkway Theatre in Baltimore, beginning at 9 a.m. The event will be closed to public attendance.

"With concerns about COVID-19 escalating, we're convening this forum using a livestream format only to keep Marylanders safe while hearing directly from economic experts and public officials on how this pandemic is affecting our economy," Comptroller Peter Franchot said. "Panelists will share how the fast-growing public health crisis is changing business models, daily operations and financial 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 with leaders from each sector will follow, focusing on the financial markets, consumer behavior and Maryland's economic assets.

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