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## **Berlin Responds to Rising COVID-19 Numbers**

*Town Buildings and Meeting Close to the Public*

*Berlin, Md.* – Effective on Monday, April 5, 2021, Town offices will close to the public due to an increase in COVID-19 positivity rates in the State of Maryland and Worcester County. Meetings will be in-person for officials, staff, and presenters but will not open to public attendance. Public comments and questions may be submitted in advance of each meeting, and the meetings will be live-streamed to Facebook. Please review each meeting packet for instructions on public hearings.

“The increase in COVID-19 cases in our area has caused town buildings to once again close to the public to keep our staff safe and ensure the continuity of government services. There will be no change in business hours, and staff will be available by phone or email to continue to meet the needs of our citizens.” Mayor Tyndall explained. “Customers are encouraged to visit our website at [berlinmd.gov](http://berlinmd.gov) or call Town Hall at 410-641-2770. Payments can be made online by credit card, or checks and money orders can be sent by mail or dropped in one of the night-drop boxes at Town Hall.”

These restrictions will remain in effect until both the State of Maryland and Worcester County positivity rates have dropped below 5.00% for seven (7) consecutive days.

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