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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Baltimore County Department of Health (BCDH) Conservation of Hearing and Vision Program will be resuming hearing and vision screening starting immediately. Normally, these screenings would be held at your child's home school, but due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are happy to announce that these screenings will now be offered at various locations around the county.

At this time, screenings will be provided to the following students in a slightly abbreviated program:

- All new students to the State of Maryland that do not have a record of prior hearing and vision screening within the last 12 months
- Students in Pre-K-4 yrs. old, Kindergarten (not screened in PK), 1st and 8th graders

Please be assured that we are taking all necessary precautions to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This includes observing social distancing, practicing good hand hygiene, properly sanitizing equipment, and utilizing appropriate PPE. The safety and wellbeing of children under our care is a primary focus.

Appointments are available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 2 pm to 6 pm, Wednesdays from 9 am to 6pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 2 pm at Drumcastle Government Center (6401 York Road). We are working on setting up additional sites at Liberty Family Resource Center (3525 Resource Drive) and Eastern Family Resource Center (9150 Franklin Square Drive) as well. These screenings are FREE. Please use the following link to sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa5a72falf5c07-hearing> or call 410-887-2721 to make an appointment. Please limit the number of people accompanying the student to one parent/guardian.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Conservation of Hearing and Vision at 410-887-2721. We recognize that this is a complex and dynamic situation. We will continue to keep you informed of all updates and changes to the schedule of screenings.

Sincerely,

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