

CALL TO ACTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it crystal clear that we are all dependent on one other and on each other's physical, economic, social, and spiritual wellbeing, no matter where we come from, what we look like, or how much money we have. We know that the only way to truly address this crisis is through collective action to support and protect everyone in our region, especially those communities who are most vulnerable. We know this will require strong leadership from our local governments and powerful activism from everyday people to hold those governments accountable. And we also know that the choices our governments make now to help us weather the pandemic have the potential to chart a better course for the future of our communities once this crisis passes.

But we need you to make it happen. Please take action NOW:

If you live in Maryland:

Please use JUFJ's Action Alert to ask Governor Hogan and your state legislators to expand protections for some of the state's most vulnerable residents during the pandemic: jufj.org/hogan-response

All people have a right to be safe and to thrive in our state, regardless of immigration status or interaction with the criminal justice system. There is a public health crisis brewing in Maryland's jails and prisons because of the pandemic. Ask Governor Hogan to issue an executive order to dramatically reduce mass incarceration and get people in detention centers basic necessities like soap, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies: jufj.org/hogan-decarceration

If you live in DC:

Childcare is essential to families, but the pandemic has placed childcare providers in a precarious position. Shuttered childcare services would devastate DC families. Ask DC's Mayor and Council to provide urgently-needed relief: jufj.org/childcare-action

DC's primary is June 2, followed by a Ward 2 special election June 16, with most polling places closed due to the pandemic. Request an absentee ballot early at vote4dc.com, or download the "Vote 4 DC" smartphone app and request your ballot through your phone. You have until May 26 to request an absentee ballot and until election day to send the ballot in.

No matter where you live:

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