

2020 Day to Serve Changes and FAQ

Governor Hogan has [proclaimed](#) September 11th through October 10th as the Day to Serve in Maryland. All Marylanders are encouraged to pick a Day to Serve during the month-long initiative to help our neighbors and strengthen our communities.

“This year, as we navigate an unprecedented global pandemic and the many challenges facing our communities, it is more important than ever to come together and find ways to help those in need,” said Governor Hogan. “I have no doubt that Maryland will continue to be a national leader for volunteerism thanks to the unparalleled compassion and generosity of the people who call our state home.”

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For State Employees:

- The four hours of administrative leave granted to state employees can either be cumulative or consecutive.
- Volunteer service can either be served in-person or remotely, but must first be approved by your supervisor and must be with a registered 501(c)(3).
- Service Activities must be registered on the Day to Serve website.

<https://daytoserve.org/>.

- We encourage you to record all service activities that you have created and are participating in during the month-long Day to Serve Initiative, even those that are done on your own time and are not with a registered non-profit.

For all Volunteers and Organizations:

- Volunteers can create group events, volunteer individually, or remotely and share their service activities under the Small Group or Events tab on <https://daytoserve.org/>.
- Happiness for Heroes Campaign- Sharing your support and gratitude to veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Nursing Home, First Responders, and Front Line Workers <https://daytoserve.org/happiness-for-heroes>
- For event organizers, our first concern and priority is your safety. All in-person volunteer service will meet the CDC guidelines.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. *What is Day to Serve?*

A. Day to Serve is an annual initiative that promotes volunteerism and encourages our residents to serve their communities. Maryland participates with Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington D.C.

Q. *When is Day to Serve?*

A. September 11 – October 10, 2020

Q. *Is it required that service hours be with a registered non-profit in order to share those service activities on the Day to Serve website?*

A. No, we encourage all acts of service to be shared on the Day to Serve website and on your social media platforms using the #MDDTS2020 and tag @marylandGOCI.

Q. *Are leave hours available for state employees?*

A. Yes. *Up to four hours of administrative leave are available for state employees. Leave hours can be accumulative or consecutive. Supervisors must provide approval for any volunteer event using leave hours.*

Q. *Can I use administrative leave hours outside of regular work hours?*

A. No. *Administrative leave only applies to regular work hours. Any volunteer activity done outside of work hours will not be eligible for leave.*

Q. *Can I obtain comp hours from participating in a Day to Serve event outside of normal work hours?*

A. No. *Comp hours will not be provided for volunteering outside of normal work hours.*

Q. *Are there any other state employees where leave hours are not eligible for leave hours?*

A. Yes. [Please see this list for a list of ineligible employees.](#)

Q. *Are leave hours available for contractual employees?*

A. No. *Unfortunately, leave hours do not apply to contractual employees. [Please see this list for a list of ineligible employees.](#)*

Q. *Can a state employee volunteer on their own time and record those hours on the Day to Serve website even if the service activity is not with a registered non-profit.*

A. Yes, and we encourage you to do so, however, the administrative leave will not be given for these service activities.

