

## STAC Request for Input on COVID-19 Impact on Partnership Outcomes

- We are hoping for input from across the watershed partnership to help us define the scope of a series of mini-workshops to identify impacts, changing dynamics, and novel insights from COVID-19
- We will use these findings to host several short-form 90-minute discussions to inform current and future efforts to reach management targets for the Bay
- Some of these topics may be of particular interest to CAC and LGAC; STAC does not need to take the lead on all of these and would be happy to collaborate
- We have created an online survey to solicit interest:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HRCK7XD>
- Timing: January-April 2021?

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- STAC has done some recent brainstorming on this issue and here are some examples of impacts we identified for discussion:
  - Change in nutrient load from shifts in atmospheric deposition and water use/wastewater treatment (PWS vs septic, etc.)
  - Altering human behavior, altering living resources: change in water quality, habitat, ability to assess progress
  - Changing fishing pressure (less restaurant demand, less commercial, more recreational → overall decreased pressure on fish populations?)
  - Disruption to agricultural production: disruption in agricultural supply chain that resulted in destruction of crops/flocks/herds, milk dumping

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- More topics:
  - Increased visitation/use/impact of public/outdoor spaces for recreation, esp. in urban areas (Potomac, more); environmental justice/who has access
  - Loss of some monitoring data and increased monitoring expenses due to social-distancing protocols
  - Public health effects, unemployment and loss of tax revenues for regulatory enforcement, BMP installation, water quality monitoring
- Are CAC and LGAC interested in participating in or taking the lead on any of these topics? Are there other topics that should be added to the list?

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## The questionnaire:

1. STAC has begun brainstorming on this issue and below are some examples of impacts we have identified for discussion. From the list below, please rank the highest priority ideas for further discussion. (**listed items are on previous slides**)
2. Are any important impacts on the Bay missing from this list?
3. What risks, changes in the Bay, and learning opportunities do you see in the short and long-term due to COVID-19?
4. Are there any individuals or groups that would be important to include for any of the above topics?
5. Your name and affiliation