

Hello. I'm Richard Jeffries, President of Maryland Association of the Deaf.

We are now in time of grave circumstances. Coronavirus or known as COVID-19 has spread and hit our communities, our state, and our country as well. However, this is also a time of collaboration and taking care of each other. There are many wonderful resources here in the State of Maryland. To better educate yourselves, please go to the websites managed by State offices and Federal offices. Our website will list some of them and other good links that you can look at. It is critical that you remain educated as it will mitigate the risks. Also, this is an opportunity for the MDAD Board to reach out to our members to let them know that we are here for them.

If you need to talk with some of us, we are here to support our members and non-members alike. You can email me at president@mdad.tv and/or info@mdad.tv. We will reply promptly and our Board is here to support all of you too.

Lastly, I want to mention that this is an opportunity to connect and grow together in time of great need. It is important that we support each other as our Deaf community is a small one. This means we need to care for each other. I encourage you to reach out to your family members and your friends and check on them.

We need to support each other and supporting each other is what will get us through this time of need. Thank you.