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| PROCEDURES:         | **Day One** - Please read the article titled, “Maryland Governor Increasing Protective Measures to Stop Spread of Covid-19, Boost Economy”. Then answer the questions that follow in the box labeled “Assignment #1”.  
**Day Two** - Please read the article titled, “Judge Allows Drive-In Service at Louisville Church”. Then answer the prompt that follow in the box labeled “Assignment #2”  
**Day Three** - Please read the article titled, “US Life with Covid-19: A State-by-State Patchwork of Rules”. Then answer the essay question that follow in the box labeled “Assignment #3”. |
| WORK TO BE RETURNED:| **Assignment #1** - Responses to 3 questions  
**Assignment #2** - Responses to 3 questions  
**Assignment #3** - Responses to the essay question |
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| TIME ALLOCATED:     | Assignment #1 - 15 minutes  
Assignment #2 - 20 minutes  
Assignment #3 - 25 minutes |

**Assignment #1**: Maryland Governor Increasing Protective Measures to Stop Spread of COVID-19, Boost Economy
Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said he is working on slowing the spread of the coronavirus and counteracting the economic effects. As of Friday, there are 2,758 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the state, and 42 people have died.

"We simply don’t know just how bad things are going to get or exactly how long this is going to last," Hogan said.

Health officials are recommending that Marylanders wear masks to limit the spread of the virus. Those on the front lines in hospitals should be using N-95 masks and anyone else can be using surgical or cloth masks to stop droplets carrying disease from spreading.

Health officials are also working to equip hospitals with the necessary supplies to treat patients.

Hogan said he signed emergency legislation to expand telehealth across the state. Patients can communicate with their doctors via phone, video call or email.

On Monday, drive-thru testing sites in Glen Burnie, Waldorf and Bel Air opened at emissions inspections stations. Additional facilities are open at White Oak in Montgomery County.

Secretary of Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Robert Green said individuals in correctional facilities across the state are working on making personal protective equipment. They have made 4,000 masks and 5,000 face shields so far. They also just finalized the formula to make 41 cases of hand sanitizer.

The state is now requiring that all people working in nursing homes and assisted living facilities wear personal protective equipment if they are in direct contact with patients. The state has 60 nursing homes with at least one confirmed case.

Citizens across the states are stepping up to combat the spread of the virus. More than 4,000 people have signed up to volunteer through the medical reserve corps.

Hogan announced an executive order Friday that would prohibit mortgage lenders from initiating foreclosures and provide additional flexibility to borrowers agreed to by banks and lenders. All executive state agencies will suspend debt collection. This is all part of a $175 million business relief program.

Additionally, commercial and industrial evictions are now prohibited, cars trucks and mobile homes cannot be repossessed.
Hogan also said the deadline for income and property taxes has been extended to July 15.

Hogan announced a stay-at-home order Monday, urging all Maryland residents to only travel outside their home for essential reasons such as getting food, seeking medical care and exercising.

**Assignment #1**
**Directions:** After reading the article answer the questions below.
1. Name two specific actions, related to health care, taken by the Maryland government to respond to the Covid-19 epidemic
2. Name three specific actions taken by the state of Maryland that are designed to protect consumers, homeowners or renters during the crisis
3. Governor Hogan has issued a stay-at-home order for all Maryland residents. What are the exceptions to the stay-at-home order?

**Assignment #2:** Judge allows drive-in service at Louisville church, says Fischer 'criminalized' Easter  
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A federal judge has rebuked Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer’s call on churches to forego drive-in services this Easter weekend to slow the spread of the coronavirus, calling the move overly broad and unconstitutional.

"On Holy Thursday, an American mayor criminalized the communal celebration of Easter," wrote U.S. District Judge Justin Walker in a temporary restraining order issued Saturday.

On Fire Christian Church, in Louisville, sued Fischer and the city on Friday, arguing the mayor's direction on drive-in religious services violated Constitutional rights and their religious liberty.

Walker, who was appointed to the bench last October, banned the city from "enforcing; attempting to enforce; threatening to enforce; or otherwise requiring compliance with any prohibition on drive-in church services at On Fire."
Churchgoers there “face an impossible choice,” the judge wrote: "skip Easter Sunday service, in violation of their sincere religious beliefs, or risk arrest, mandatory quarantine, or some other enforcement action for practicing those sincere religious beliefs."

Renewing calls he’s made all week, Fischer on Saturday said he was "strongly suggesting" churches don’t host in-person or drive-in services this Easter weekend.

Explaining his concern about drive-in services, Fischer pointed to photos published in The Courier Journal of a March 29 service at On Fire Christian Church that show some individuals within 6 feet of each other.

Fischer announced Friday that Louisville Metro Police officers would record the license plate numbers of those who attend church services and the local health department would use that information to contact attendees, should any later fall ill with the disease.

Fischer said it hurts him to have to urge staying away from church, "but I’m doing it because I don’t want people to die."

Walker called the directive "stunning" and a violation of the First Amendment and Kentucky’s Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Walker reasoned that he didn't see any evidence that the church's parking lot is more dangerous than other parking lots that remain open.

"Nor is there any evidence that churches are less essential than every other business that is currently allowed to be open – liquor stores among them," he wrote.

Assignment #2
During times of crisis the principle of individual liberty often clashes with government authority. After reading the article above, respond to the following questions using complete sentences.

1) What conflict existed between the mayor of Louisville, Kentucky and the On Fire Christian Church?

2) What argument(s) did the mayor make for limiting the rights of the church during the current crisis?

3) How did Judge Walker rule? What reasons did he give for his decision?

As the nation struggles to reconcile itself to a new and spreading danger, it also struggles with a patchwork of rules that vary dizzyingly from place to place: For now, your life and lockdown in the shadow of COVID-19 depends on where you live.

In some places, many ordinary Americans are making public health choices, searching their own conscience and deciding for themselves what risk they’re willing to endure. In others, government has made at least some of those decisions.

Ohio canceled its presidential primary to avoid crowds, but the polls opened Tuesday morning in Florida, Illinois and Arizona. Bars in some states prepared for hordes of St. Patrick’s Day revelers, while elsewhere others are stacking the stools up on tables and locking the doors.

Casinos in some states have shut down, yet others remain open, where hundreds or even thousands of people touch the same slot machines and gambling chips. Spring breakers are partying by the hundreds on some beaches, while police are sweeping others, ordering people away through loudspeakers.

The federal government on Monday urged Americans not to gather in groups of 10 or more and asked older people to stay home, as the number of infections in the U.S. climbed to more than 4,500, with at least 88 deaths. But hard rules have been left up to the states, creating what New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo derided as a “hodgepodge.”

Jennifer Dykstra, the owner of a restaurant called Kitchen House in rural Michigan, cried all weekend, paralyzed to choose which prospect seemed more terrifying.

She could close her restaurant, potentially putting herself out of business and rendering her 25 employees unemployed. Or she could stay open, risking their health and that of their customers, many of them old friends and regulars, who’d suddenly stopped shaking hands on their way in and started instead making nervous jokes about preferring tables in the virus-free section.

Even as some states made stunning announcements — 7 million people in the San Francisco area were put on a near-total lock-down — life carried on in others.

In Oklahoma, Scott Wagoner, the co-owner of a furniture store in Oklahoma City, decided to shut down his store, despite not being ordered by the state to do so. Most of his employees, he said, are parents and grandparents, and he felt they could do their part to stop the spread.

Mac McGee has been awaiting word from authorities. In the meantime, tables and bar stools have been spread 6 feet apart. Employees are wearing gloves and obsessively sanitizing every surface. But as the death toll ticked up and warnings became more dire, O’Sullivan began to feel like some parts of this were totally out of his control. The crowd is starting to thin, he said, as reality sank in.

While Ohio postponed its election, other states were opening the polls, with an assortment of methods to try keeping voters safe.

Officials in Cook County, Illinois, encourage poll workers to use blue painter’s tape to mark the floor every six feet so voters can keep their distance while waiting in line. In Florida, Orange County Election Supervisor Bill Cowles said voters are being allowed to bring wipes to clean their voting booths, face
masks and their own pens to mark their ballots. Poll workers have been given supplies to wipe down counters.

Uncertainty and frustration extends even to beaches. In Florida, beaches on the Gulf coast near Tampa intend to stay open until state emergency officials mandate closures. Local news reports showed Clearwater Beach flooded with spring breakers on Monday. But in Puerto Rico, sirens blared across the busiest beaches Monday as police cleared hundreds of tourists. Using loudspeakers, officers in patrol cars ordered people away: “Please stay at home. Governor’s executive orders. The beach is closed.”

As state after state on Monday announced they’d be shutting movie theaters, bars, restaurants, museums and all non-essential business, others were still preparing for a party.

In Savannah, Georgia, bar owner Jessica Walden said she was trying to just break even with far fewer customers that she’s used to during St. Patrick’s Day celebrations. City officials this year canceled the city’s massive parade, but allowed bars and restaurants to remain open.

But in places where the government has mandated closures, residents seemed resigned to waiting it out inside. In Louisville, Kentucky, people bought wine by the case.

Assignment #3
As you have learned the United States is a federal system, meaning that states share power with the federal government. In most cases states are allowed to make and enforce their own laws as long as they do not violate federal law. As you can see from the article above this often creates a situation where states respond to the same issue in different ways.

In two-three paragraphs respond to the following prompt: What are the benefits AND the drawbacks to having a federal system like the one we have in the United States? How can having a federal system impact the response to a crisis like the current Covid-19 epidemic? If given the choice, would you keep the federal system we have? Why or why not?