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# COMMUTER CHOICE MARYLAND Telework and Flexwork Benefits Toolkit

Helping Maryland's Employers and Commuters



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## INTRODUCTION

#### **About Commuter Choice Maryland**

Commuter Choice Maryland is a free program of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). We work with employers across the state to build, expand, and promote commuter programs and we deliver transportation solutions and services to employees and residents that can save money, reduce congestion, conserve energy, protect the environment, and facilitate economic opportunity for all Marylanders. We also work in collaboration with 12 local commuter programs, so no matter where you work or manage an organization in Maryland, we have you covered!





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#### How can we help you?

We aim to help take the stress out of the daily commute by promoting alternative options to driving alone such as the use of public transportation, carpooling, vanpooling, walking, biking, teleworking, and alternative work schedules, to enhance the quality of life for all Marylanders. The Commuter Choice Maryland team, in conjunction with local commute program specialists, provide free support to help commuters find their best way to work, and to help employers establish commuter benefits programs that help recruit and retain top talent, meet sustainability goals, and qualify for financial benefits including the Federal Transportation Fringe and Maryland Commuter Tax Credit.

Visit CommuterChoiceMaryland.com for more information.

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## **2** PURPOSE

This document is intended to help Maryland employers craft a telework policy and flexible work policy that works for their employees and for their bottom line. In this document, you'll find sample policies and agreements, some technology considerations, and additional resources including co-working spaces in Maryland.

#### Why Telework? Why Flexible Work?

There are many reasons that businesses choose to implement telework and flexible work policies. Not all of them are relevant to every business, but many businesses find that allowing their employees to telework or flex their hours is beneficial for both employees and the bottom line. Reasons that businesses implement these policies include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Increase productivity and job satisfaction among employees.
- 2. Improve the organization's ability to recruit and retain well-qualified employees.
- Reduce costs associated with physical office space, including overhead costs, real estate leases, energy, and parking expenses.
- 4. Assist workers with mobility challenges and those returning to work after a job injury.
- 5. Enhance work-life balance for your workforce.
- 6. Allow employees to remain productive if the physical office is affected by an emergency or disaster.
- 7. Reduce absenteeism in the form of sick days, snow days, family leave, and personal appointments.
- 8. Help manage demand for parking.
- 9. Achieve company sustainability goals and increasing environmental quality through commute trip reduction goals.
- 10. Take advantage of tax savings on eligible telework costs with the Maryland Commuter Tax Credit.

#### **Maryland Commuter Tax Credit**

On July 1, 2022, the Maryland Commuter Tax Credit expanded to include telworking! Now, Maryland employers (including 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 businesses) may be eligible to claim 50% of the cost of a subsidy provided to employees for eligible telework-related expenses (up to \$1,200 per employee per year). A telework subsidy is the amount paid by an employer to an employee to cover prorated costs associated with teleworking such as:

- Internet costs
- Computer equipment costs

# Remember to promote your program!

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If your organization offers telework and/or flexible work arrangements, promote it in your job postings to expand your candidate pool and remind current employees to help improve retention.

- Telephone costs
- Costs for software and supplies not provided by the employer but necessary for the employee to perform the employee's job
- Membership costs for co-working spaces and telework centers

Visit <u>www.mdot.maryland.gov/mdcommutertaxcredit</u> to learn more about claiming the Maryland Commuter Tax Credit.

# **3** WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A TELEWORK POLICY?

There is no single telework policy that suits the needs of every business or every employee. However, most telework policies contain some or all of the following sections. Telework policies are often written through collaboration with Human Resources and Information Technology departments, managers, and if applicable, union representatives.

#### **Purpose**

This is generally a short section that explains why your organization is offering a telework option to employees. It may take the form of a vision statement.

#### Definition

Not all telework policies are created equal. Telework policies usually define what telework means to your company. Can employees telework full-time or only some of their working hours? Which of your employees are eligible for telework? Is telework a universal benefit, or a privilege to be awarded at the discretion of management?

#### **Application and Scope**

Your organization probably already has policies that govern when employees are expected to be at work, and when they may be excused from those obligations—for example, policies governing personal leave. To what extent does your telework policy supersede those existing policies? To what extent is your telework policy subordinate to them?

#### **Eligibility Requirements and Considerations**

In this section, you may go into more detail about which of your employees are eligible for telework, and under what circumstances. Are your part-time employees eligible, or only your full-time employees? Exempt employees, or non-exempt

employees? You may also wish to limit telework based on the extent to which your employees interact with your customers, or to the extent that those interactions must occur face-to-face.

#### **Application and Approval**

How do your employees request part-time or full-time telework? How do managers and/or your company's Human Resources departments go about deciding whether to approve or deny that request? This policy should be as simple as possible while ensuring that your organization's interests are protected; a telework policy that is difficult to use provides few benefits to your organization.



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#### Manager Responsibilities

What additional requirements, if any, will your company place on managers who supervise teleworking employees? Will your company provide additional training for managing remote employees? How will your company ensure that teleworking employees and on-site employees are treated fairly and equitably?

#### Training

Some organizations find it useful to provide training to employees who telework and their supervisors, to ensure they are familiar with organizational policies on telework and, if necessary, to provide guidance on how teleworking employees will be evaluated.



#### Duration

Some organizations prefer to determine the duration of telework arrangements on a case-by-case basis. These organizations will simply write the duration of the arrangement into the teleworking agreement. Other organizations prefer to standardize the duration of telework arrangements, though these are usually renewable.

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#### **Reviews and Evaluations**

Many teleworking employees can be evaluated in the exact same manner as their performance was judged prior to the start of their telework agreement. However, some teleworking employees may need to have their evaluations changed, either in frequency or in methods. This section allows the employer to lay out any changes to employee evaluations for teleworking employees.

#### **Communication and Accessibility**

Your employees use a variety of tools to communicate with colleagues, supervisors, and clients. Usually, these tools can be easily used from outside the office. This section can be used to describe communications protocols for teleworking employees. For example, how an employee and their manager might be expected to communicate with each other (i.e., phone, virtual meeting, etc.) and whether a teleworking employee needs to be visible to internal and/or external parties during virtual meetings. It can also be used to describe how you will roll out new communications technologies to teleworking employees, including installation and training. Some policies require the manager and employee to jointly develop a communications strategy as part of a telework agreement.

#### **Work Hours**

This section may address issues including when employees are expected to be available for contact when they are expected to be in the office or teleworking, and how overtime and leave hours are affected by telework. Some organizations have standardized policies about these issues, while others prefer to use a more individualized approach.

#### **Travel Expenses**

If your teleworking employee has to travel to the main office or to a project site, who pays for their travel expenses?

#### **Emergency Operations**

This section describes how your teleworking employees should handle an emergency situation, either at your main office or their telework location. Emergencies covered often include, but are not limited to, power failures, road closures, illness, or injury.

#### **Non-Employment Responsibilities**

Many organizations recognize that telework enhances worklife balance through the flexibility it can provide in managing child or elder care, or handling personal issues.Organizations vary in the level of flexibility they provide to handle situations like these. Many leave it to the discretion of individual managers, though some prefer to have universal policies in place.

## Set expectations early and clearly

A telework policy that is difficult to use provides few benefits to your organization.

#### **Performance Standards**

Many employers are concerned about productivity declines as a result of employees choosing to telework. While telework generally does not lead to declines in productivity, many employers consider it important to reiterate that teleworking employees will be held to the same performance standards as their peers who work from an office.



#### Workspace and Equipment

Where will your teleworking employees be expected to physically locate themselves during the workday? What equipment and software do they need to ensure their continued productivity, safety, and the security of sensitive internal information? How will the company provide it for them? Organizations that try to address every single possible contingency often find themselves with inflexible policies that still do not address every issue, so try to stick to essential issues of safety, security, and liability when writing these policies.

#### **Information Security**

Every employer knows how vital it is to protect their data and internal information. While teleworking employees do not necessarily increase data vulnerability, they do add complexity to an organization's information security needs. It is worthwhile to consult your company's IT staff, or an IT consultant when crafting this part of your telework policy.

#### **Modification or Termination**

This section lays out the circumstances under which a telework agreement can be changed or ended.

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#### **SMECO Plugs into Teleworking**

The Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) uses teleworking to ensure they can provide top-notch customer service 24-7. Since 2007, SMECO has allowed eligible employees, including their Customer Care team, to work from home up to three days a week. Power outages can happen at any time of day or night, and when they do, affected customers need to be able to get in touch with their utility. "If we are having outages and we need to get our people on the phones," says Senior Vice President Joe Trentacosta, "when they work from home, we can get them on the phones within a matter of minutes." SMECO's telework program started in 2007 with a single employee. Seeing that employee's productivity remain unchanged when they teleworked gave the company the confidence to support and expand the program.

SMECO covers the cost of phone and internet service for remote employees and has found that the telework option helps with employee recruitment and retention. The program has also helped keep Maryland's environment cleaner, saving 378,000 vehicle miles traveled and nearly 15,750 gallons of gasoline.



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## AMPLE TELEWORK AGREEMENT The Telework Agreement is a written agreement between the employee and the supervisor requiring them to adhere to applicable guidelines and policies. Organizations with a universal telework policy may not need a separate telework agreement, particularly if their telework responsibilities are clearly stated in an employee manual or other documentation which the employee has signed. The telework agreement is NOT an employment contract and may not be construed as such. Each employee and supervisor must sign the Telework Agreement. A sample telework agreement is provided below as a resource. Each company should develop its own telework agreement format that includes the provisions that are specific to their telework policy. Sample Telework Agreement This TELEWORK AGREEMENT effective \_\_\_\_ is between (referred to as "Employee") and INSERT COMPANY NAME (referred to as "Employer"). **Term of Agreement** This agreement shall become effective as of the date written above, and shall remain in full force and effect, if employee teleworks, unless the agreement is terminated by the employer. Employee's Alternate Work Site Address: Alternate Phone Number(s): Fax Number (if applicable): Work Schedule: Start Week Day Office Alt Worksite Finish Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri \_\_Fixed schedule \_\_\_\_Flexible (submit schedule, in advance, each week) The daily work schedule for the days when working at home is subject to negotiation with and approval by Employee's

The daily work schedule for the days when working at home is subject to negotiation with and approval by Employee's manager. The manager may require that Employee work certain "core hours" and be accessible by telephone during those hours. **Page 1 of 3** 

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## Sample Telework Agreement, continued



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#### Work Hours, Overtime, Vacation

Work hours are not expected to change during the program. In the event that overtime is anticipated, this must be discussed and approved in advance with the manager, just as any overtime scheduling would normally have to be approved.

#### Equipment

Employee agrees that use of equipment, software, data supplies and other accessories are limited to authorized persons and for purposes related to the organization, including self-development, training and tasks.

At its sole discretion, (**INSERT COMPANY NAME**) may choose to grant the Employee use of laptops and similar equipment but as a normal course of action, the Employee is expected to have personal equipment that makes Telecommuting possible.

Employee may use personal equipment for teleworking purposes. In such cases, Employee will be responsible for the maintenance and insurance required for the equipment.

(INSERT COMPANY NAME) does not assume liability for loss, damage or wear of Employee-owned equipment.

In event of equipment failure or malfunction, Employee agrees to notify supervisor immediately. Employee understands that any malfunction that is not repaired in a reasonable amount of time will temporarily suspend the telecommuting privilege.

#### Termination of Agreement

Employee's participation as a teleworker is entirely voluntary. Teleworking is available only to eligible employees, at Employer's sole discretion. Teleworking is not an employee benefit intended to be available to the entire organization. As such, no employee is entitled to, or guaranteed the opportunity to, telework. Either party may terminate Employee's participation in the program, with or without cause, upon reasonable notice, in writing, to the other party. Employer will not be held responsible for costs, damages or losses resulting from cessation of participation in the teleworking program. This Agreement is not a contract of employment and may not be construed as such.

#### Employee Acknowledgment

I understand teleworking is voluntary and that my supervisor or I may end this telework agreement at any time. I also understand that this agreement is not a contract for employment.

Furthermore, by signing this telework agreement I acknowledge I have read and will abide by the (**INSERT COMPANY NAME**) Telework Policy, including the Telework Guidelines, Home Office Safety Guidelines, and the Home Office Self-Certification Safety Checklist.

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Sample Telework Agreement, continued
Employee's Signature:
Date:
Supervisor's Review
I have reviewed the employee's Telework Agreement and Home Office Self-Certification Safety Checklist and approve this request.
I have reviewed the employee's Telework Agreement and Home Office Self-Certification Safety Checklist and I am unable to approve this request at this time for the following reason(s):
Supervisor's Signature:
Date:
Please Return a Copy of this Form to the Human Resources Department.

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## **5** TECHNOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS

In general, employees who telework are expected to be able to accomplish all the same tasks while working remotely that they would be able to accomplish in their office. This means outfitting their remote offices with equivalent technological equipment. This section covers some of the technological needs employers may need to consider when instituting a telework program.

#### **Computers**

Some companies allow workers to use their personal computers for work, though this brings its own set of concerns. How will you ensure that the computer is sufficiently powerful to do the tasks your employee needs to do? How will you ensure that the employee's family members don't use the computer in ways that jeopardize its functionality or your data security? For this reason, many companies provide laptops to their teleworking employees.



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#### Software

Whatever computer your employee uses, it is important to be sure that they have access to the software they need to do their jobs. Issues that companies often encounter with teleworking employees include software licensing and version compatibility. The latter issue can be solved by providing the teleworker a dedicated work laptop, but it is advisable to consult an IT professional about the former.

#### **Internet and Networking**

Many companies have internal networks for data storage and transfer between employees. If your teleworking employee needs access to an internal network to do their job, their employer will have to ensure that they can connect to it securely from a remote location. In any case, the employee will almost certainly require a high-speed internet connection. How it will be provided, and who will pay for it, is a decision that has to be made prior to the start of any telework policy.

#### **Telephones and Other Communications Technology**

Most employees need a telephone to complete their assigned tasks. Will your company provide them a cell phone strictly for business use? Or will they be expected to use their home phone for that purpose? Some companies provide their employees with VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) connections that operate similarly to standard telephones. Also, if your company uses other internal or external communications technologies, such as Slack, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or GoTo Meeting, your teleworking employees will need secure, easy access to these tools.

#### **Peripherals and Other Equipment**

Will your teleworking employees require printers, fax machines, copiers, paper shredders, or scanners? Will they require a desk or desk chair? For some employees, teleworking with just a laptop on their kitchen table will be sufficient. Others will require a much more substantial setup. It is important for businesses to evaluate their employee's technology needs before the start of any telework policy.

## 6 WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A FLEXIBLE WORK POLICY?

There are many types of flexible work options that employers may choose to offer their employees. Some categories of flexible work include job sharing or reduction of hours, but this toolkit will focus on two types of flexible work policies:

**1. Flex Time:** offers employees the flexibility of when they start and end their work day. There may be "core hours" when employees are expected to be in the office (or online if working remotely), but a flex time policy allows employees to work the remaining hours of their work day at times that are more convenient to their schedules. Employees could also shift the days of the week they work; for example, if they don't typically work on a weekend day but are required to do so, they may take another weekday off in the same pay period.

**2. Compressed Work Week:** allows employees the option to complete 40 hours of work in less than five work days. Examples of this schedule include:



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- in one week, hours are completed as four, 10-hour days with one day off
- over two weeks, hours are worked as eight, nine-hour days, one, eight-hour day, and one day off.
- in one week, hours are completed as three, 12-hour days with four days off (common in healthcare fields)

Whether your organization chooses to offer either of the above options or other types of flexible work, a flexible work policy establishes guidelines and expectations for employees and employers. Depending on other policies established by the organization, you may wish to establish a separate flexible work policy or combine it with another policy like telework. As with telework policies, a flexible work policy may required input from several members of leadership and employee/union representatives, but consider including the following elements:

#### **Purpose**

Explains why your organization is offering a flexible work option to employees. It may take the form of a vision statement.

#### **Definitions**

Clearly define the approved types of flexible work and elements of the options offered. Provide examples for clarity.

#### **Application and Scope**

Explain whether flexible work is offered universally to all employees as a benefit or provide clear guidance if only certain employees or job types are eligible. Address when employees are expected to be at work, and when they may be excused—for example, sick or personal leave. Describe to what extent your flexible work schedule interacts with other policies, including emergency response, overtime eligibility, and telework.

#### **Eligibility Requirements and Considerations**

In this section, you may provide more detail about which employees are eligible for flexible work, and under what circumstances. Are flexible work options offered as-needed or on a standard schedule? Are your part-time employees eligible, or only your full-time employees? Exempt employees, or non-exempt employees? You may also wish to limit flexible work based on the extent to which your employees interact with customers or clients, either remotely or face-to-face. If an employee's flexible schedule means they work extended hours on-site, what consderations are required for building access?





#### Application and Approval

How do your employees request a flexible work schedule? How do managers and/or your company's Human Resources departments go about deciding whether to approve or deny that request? This policy should be as simple as possible.

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#### Manager Responsibilities

What additional requirements, if any, will your company place on managers who supervise employees on flexible work schedules? Will your company provide additional training for managers? How will your company ensure that employees on different schedules are treated fairly and equitably?

#### Training

Some organizations find it useful to provide training to employees and their supervisors to ensure they are familiar with organizational policies on flexible work and, if necessary, to provide guidance on how employees will be evaluated.

#### Work Hours and Duration of Agreement

What will the employee's flexible work schedule be, and will hours be worked in-person, remotely, or both? How long will the flexible schedule remain in effect and when are agreements reviewed and renewed?

#### **Employee Reviews and Evaluations**

Employees on flexible work schedules can be evaluated in the exact same manner as their performance was judged prior to starting flexible work. However, some employees may need to have their evaluations changed, either in frequency or in methods. This section allows the employer to lay out any changes to evaluations for flexible work employees.

#### Communication and Availability

This section can be used to describe communications protocols for flexible work employees and their managers. For example, setting clear guidelines about when an employee and their manager might be expected to communicate with each other during and outside of the standard working hours and flexible work schedule. This section may also describe circumstances that may require employees to alter their flexible work schedule, for example in response to emergency situations or for mandatory trainings and meetings, and address unexpected overtime worked by the employee during their scheduled time off.



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#### **Employer Partner Spotlight: EUROFINS ATTRACTS TALENT ON THE** EASTERN SHORE WITH EASIER COMMUTES AND FLEXIBLE WORK

With about 150 employees at locations in Baltimore and Easton, Eurofins Agroscience Services has a simple yet effective approach to attract and retain talent: offer flexible scheduling. While Eurofins, a scientific testing company, cannot offer remote and hybrid work benefits to the vast majority of their employees, the company has found a way to provide a benefit that allows employees to have a healthy work-life balance "We pride ourselves on providing flexible schedules. Our employees have responsibilities outside of work, and they appreciate being able to come in late and leave early," says Human Resources Director Heather Hillaert. In addition to helping retain employees, flexible work schedules help reduce negative byproducts of work (like challenges with commuting and work/life balance) and reduce congestion in Maryland during peak travel times by allowing staff to commute when fewer cars are on the road. Hillaert estimates that about 40% of Eurofins' 150 Maryland staff takes advantage of the flexible work schedule benefit.

"It's our responsibility to offer comprehensive benefits programs to each and every employee. We need to look at how people get to and from work and how they impact the community," says Hillaert.

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## **7** SAMPLE FLEXIBLE WORK POLICY

## Sample Flexible Work Agreement

This FLEXIBLE V	NORK A	GREEMENT effect	tive		is between
(referred to as "E	mployee	") and <u>INSERT CC</u>	<u>) MPANY</u>	NAME (r	referred to as "Employer").
Term of Agreeme	ent				
This agreement shall become effective as of the date written above, and shall remain in full force and effect, unless the agreement is terminated by the employer.					
Work Schedule:					
Week Day	Office	Alt Worksite	Start	Finish	Core Hours (if applicable)
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thu					
Fri					
Fixed schedu	ile or	Flexible (submit	schedul	in adva	ance each week)

The daily work schedule for the days when working at home is subject to negotiation with and approval by Employee's manager. The manager may require that Employee work certain "core hours" and be accessible during those hours.

Employee's Alternate Work Site	(if applicable)
Address:	

Alternate Phone Number(s):	

Fax Number	f applicable):

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## Sample Flexible Work Agreement, continued

#### Work Hours, Overtime, Vacation

Work hours are not expected to change during the program. In the event that overtime or an unplanned change in the schedule is anticipated, this will be discussed and approved in advance by the manager.

#### After-Hours Building Access

Employee will be granted access to the building and office space, upon completion of appropriate security clearances, for working on-site outside of typical working hours.

#### **Termination of Agreement**

Employee's participation in a flexible schedule is entirely voluntary. Flexible schedules are available only to eligible employees, at Employer's sole discretion; no employee is entitled to, or guaranteed the opportunity to, work flexible hours. Either party may terminate Employee's participation in the program, with or without cause, upon reasonable notice, in writing, to the other party. Employer will not be held responsible for costs, damages or losses resulting from cessation of participation in the flexible work program. This Agreement is not a contract of employment and may not be construed as such.

#### **Employee Acknowledgment**

I understand flexible work is voluntary and that my supervisor or I may end this agreement at any time. I also understand that this agreement is not a contract for employment. Furthermore, by signing this agreement I acknowledge I have read and will abide by the (**INSERT COMPANY NAME**) Flexible Work Policy.

Employee's	Signature:	

Date: \_\_\_\_

#### Supervisor's Review

\_\_\_I have reviewed the employee's Flexible Work Agreement and approve this request.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the employee's Flexible Work Agreement and I am unable to approve this request at this time for the following reason(s):

Supervisor's	Signature:
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Date:\_\_\_

Please Return a Copy of this Form to the Human Resources Department.



## **8** TELEWORK/FLEXIBLE WORK CHECKLIST

A review of issues that may need consideration when you introduce a telework or flexible work policy:

- Which employees are permitted to participate, and how often?
- How can employees request telework or flexible work?
- How will your telework/flexwork policies affect your existing paid leave, overtime, and emergency response policies?
- How will your employees and managers be trained?
- How will your employees be supervised and evaluated?
- How will you ensure your employees working remotely and outside of typical working hours can easily communicate with co-workers and clients?
- How will you ensure teleworking employees have access to the technology they need to do their jobs?
- How will you ensure employees working extended hours as part of a flexible work plan have access to a physical workspace outside of typical working hours? Are additional security clearances or protocols required?
- Will your employees work any of their hours at a co-working space or from their homes?
- Who will be responsible for paying for your remote employees travel to your office or to other worksites, if that travel is necessary?
- How will you ensure that proprietary resources remain secure as they are handled by remote employees or by employees working outside of typical working hours??
- How will you ensure that your remote employees have a workspace and equipment suitable for the needs of their position?

## **CO-WORKING SPACES**

Some firms encourage or insist that teleworking employees make use of co-working spaces, which have become much more common in recent years. But, co-working spaces can also be used in conjunction with a flexible work schedule. These flexible office spaces are more costly than working from home (typically charging a rate per desk per month, in addition to shorter and longer-term membership options), but provide their users with dedicated workspaces, high-speed internet, and, in many cases, many of the perks of office life. Employees may choose to use one of these instead of a home office because they find them more conducive to productivity, because they allow for a shorter commute, or because they are conveniently located to other family members for whom your employee is responsible. Co-working spaces are not right for every employee or every organization, but they have become an increasingly popular option in recent years. Co-working spaces are now available across Maryland

Commuter Choice Maryland does not endorse any particular co-working space; this list is current as of February 2023 and may not be an exhaustive list of all available co-working spaces across Maryland.

## **Allegany County**

Startup Portal Cumberland startupportal.com/co-working-space

## Anne Arundel County

My Annapolis Office (Annapolis) <u>myannapolisoffice.com</u>

Regus Annapolis regus.com

## **Baltimore City**

Brewers Hill Hub brewershillhub.com

Charles Village Exchange charlesvillageexchange.com

Co-Balt Workspace

Co\_Lab Workspace colabbaltimore.com

The Cube CoWork thecubecowork.com

## ETC Beehive

etcbaltimore.com/beehive

Impact Hub baltimore.impacthub.net

Officense

officense.com

Open Works openworksbmore.org

PIVOT pivotmd.net/catonsville-co-working

Regus Baltimore

Spark Baltimore sparkcoworking.com/baltimore

Vision FedHill visionfedhill.com

## **Baltimore County**

Launch Workplaces Towson launchworkplaces.com/towson

Regus (Hunt Valley, Owings Mills, Pikesville, Towson) regus.com

## **Caroline County**

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hotDesks Denton hotdesks.org/coworking-offices

## **Charles County**

Suber and Company (Waldorf) subercompany.com

## **Dorchester County**

hotDesks Cambridge hotdesks.org/coworking-offices

## **Frederick County**

Cowork Frederick coworkfrederick.com

## **Harford County**

GroundFloor (Bel Air) harfordcountymd.gov/3374/The-GroundFloor-at-Harford



#### **Co-working spaces list (continued)**

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#### **Howard County**

Maryland Innovation Center (Columbia) mdinnovationcenter.com

PIVOT pivotmd.net/ellicott-city-co-working

Regus (Columbia, Elkridge) regus.com

#### **Kent County**

hotDesks Chestertown hotdesks.org/coworking-offices

#### **Montgomery County**

Creative Colony Spaces (Silver Spring) creativecolonyspaces.com

I/O SPACES (Silver Spring)

iospaces.com

Launch Workplaces (Bethesda, Gaithersburg, Rockville)

launchworkplaces.com/maryland

Navigate Bethesda navigateoffice.com/maryland

WeWork The Wilson (Bethesda)

https://www.wework.com/buildings/thewilson--bethesda--MD

#### **Prince George's County**

Clout Workspace (Capitol Heights) clout.space

Regus Melford Plaza I (Bowie) regus.com

WeWork UMD (College Park) wework.com/buildings/university-ofmaryland--college-park-md--MD

#### **Wicomico County**

hotDesks Salisbury hotdesks.org/coworking-offices



## Co-working spaces are not just for startups!

Low-commitment desk rentals may help your employees avoid long commutes and increase productivity.





# **10** REFERENCES AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### TELEWORK

Global Workplace Analytics Telework Savings Calculator https://globalworkplaceanalytics.com/resources

Guide to Telework in the Federal Government

Telework Toolkit www.teleworktoolkit.com

#### FLEXIBLE WORK

Flexible Work Policies: Definition, Types, and Tips, Indeed.com https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/flexible-work-policies

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#### COMMUTER CHOICE MARYLAND

**Employer Partner Program:** <u>www.mdot.maryland.gov/employerpartner</u> Free support to develop and promote your telework and flexible work plan, and statewide recognition

Maryland Commuter Tax Credit: <u>www.mdot.maryland.gov/mdcommutertaxcredit</u> Information on eligible costs and procedures for businesses to claim back 50% of telework subsidies offered to employees, up to \$1,200 per employee per year.



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