

NEWS RELEASE



Maryland Public Television

11767 Owings Mills Blvd. | Owings Mills, MD 21117 | mpt.org

May 15, 2026
For immediate release

Contact:

Tom Williams, APR | tomwilliams@mpt.org | 410-581-4031 or 410-205-3677

MEDIA ADVISORY

Maryland Public Television to host debate featuring Republican Party candidates for Maryland governor on May 19

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television will produce, broadcast and stream a debate featuring Republican candidates in the race for governor of Maryland. MPT’s partners for this debate are WBAL-TV and WYPR-FM.

- Date/Time:** The primary election debate will be recorded live to tape (with no editing) on Tuesday, May 19, at 2 p.m.
- Location:** Maryland Public Television, 11767 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117
- Airtimes:** The debate will be broadcast and [streamed](#) statewide starting at 7 p.m. on MPT; [WYPR-FM](#) will also broadcast and stream the debate at 7 p.m., and WBAL-TV will stream the debate at 7 p.m. on the [Very Local](#) app.
- Candidates:** All nine Republican candidates who appear on the primary election ballot of governor were invited to participate in the debate. Candidates who have committed as of May 15 are Douglas Larcomb, John A. Myrick, and Shannon Wright.
- Moderator:** The debate will be moderated by Matt Bush, news director at WYPR-FM.

Media Notes:

- Journalists planning to cover the debate at MPT should RSVP to [**communications@mpt.org**](mailto:communications@mpt.org).
- Journalists must present credentials/identification upon arrival at the MPT lobby.
- Journalists will watch a live feed of the debate from the MPT Visitors Center and may report on the proceedings as they happen, including posting to social media sites.
- **No video recording** of the live feed may take place during the one-hour debate.
- Audio recording is permissible only to ensure accurate reporting.

- Journalists will have access to the production studio following the debate to engage with campaign representatives and possibly the candidates. There will be no studio access before the debate.
- At approximately 4 p.m., MPT will make available downloadable debate photos taken by an MPT pool photographer.
- At approximately 4:30 p.m., MPT will offer b-roll (MP4 file) of the candidates on the debate set for use before, during, and after the 7 p.m. broadcast.
- At approximately 4:30 p.m., MPT will offer an MP3 file of the debate audio. This audio is embargoed until 8 p.m., at the conclusion of the 7 p.m. broadcasts.
- **To request access to the downloadable debate materials (via Dropbox), please complete the form found [HERE](#).**

###