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MEDIA ADVISORY

Maryland Public Television and media partners to produce and air 2026 general election gubernatorial debate on October 6

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television, in partnership with WBAL-TV 11 in Baltimore and NBC4 Washington (WRC-TV), will produce and air a one-hour (56:46) debate featuring the two top candidates in the race for governor of Maryland.

Date/Time: The general election debate will be recorded live to tape (with no editing) on Tuesday, October 6 at noon.

Location: The Irene and Edward H. Kaplan Production Studio at Maryland Public Television, 11767 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117

Airtime: The debate will be broadcast statewide from 7 - 8 p.m. on MPT. It will also air at that time on WBAL-TV 11 and WBAL News Radio in Baltimore, NBC4 Washington (WRC-TV), and public media stations WHUT and WETA. It will air nationally on C-SPAN at 7 p.m. MPT will have an encore broadcast of the debate at 11 p.m.

MPT will also livestream the debate at 7 p.m. at mpt.org/vote2026. The debate will be available on this website page for viewing in the weeks that follow.

Candidates: **Gov. Wes Moore**, Democratic Party candidate; **Dan Cox**, Republican Party candidate

Moderator: **Jason Newton**, news anchor, WBAL-TV 11

Panelists: Panelists (scheduled) who will ask questions of the candidates are: **Jeff Salkin**, MPT news anchor; **Tracee Wilkins**, NBC4 Washington investigative reporter; and **Pamela Wood**, Maryland politics reporter for The Baltimore Banner.

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Media Notes:

- Journalists planning to cover the debate should complete [THIS FORM](#) to RSVP and/or request access to downloadable debate materials (via Dropbox) to support reporting.
- Journalists must present their credentials/identification upon arrival at the MPT lobby. Please arrive at 11 a.m. or after.
- 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.
- Shortly after the debate's conclusion, MPT will make available downloadable photos of the candidates on the debate set taken by an MPT photographer.
- In the 2:00 hour, MPT will offer video b-roll (without audio) of the candidates on the debate set for use prior to, during, and after the 7 p.m. debate broadcast.
- Also in the 2:00 hour, MPT will offer an MP3 file of the debate audio. This audio is embargoed until 8 p.m., at the conclusion of the 7-8 p.m. debate broadcast.
 - To request access to the downloadable debate materials (via Dropbox), journalists should complete the form linked at the top of this section.

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