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HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS AVOIDING FLOOD WATERS

FREDERICK, MD - The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) reminds residents to avoid flood waters even as they are receding and weather is improving. Several of the county's waters may still be affected by sewage overflows from recent flood events including: Carroll Creek from Frederick City to the Monocacy River, the Monocacy River south of Carroll Creek, Rock Creek in Frederick City, Cone Branch south of Franklin Street in Middletown, and Catoctin Creek south of Middletown.

FCHD recommends that everyone avoids contact with these areas, and any other flood water, for 1 to 2 weeks. Swimming and full body immersion in these streams should be avoided. If a resident comes in contact with water from the affected streams, they should wash thoroughly with soap and warm water, especially before eating. Fish may still be safe to consume if cleaned, scaled and, cooked. Though boating provides less water contact risk than swimming and wading, boating is also not advised in flooded streams because the combination of high water levels, high velocity waters and downed trees and other debris can create drowning hazards.

FCHD will make a statement when conditions have returned to normal.

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