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HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES UPDATE ON AREAS AFFECTED BY FLOOD WATERS AND SEWAGE OVERFLOWS

FREDERICK, MD – The continued heavy rainfall and floodwaters have overwhelmed sewage collection systems in some areas of Frederick County. Some sewage has been diverted to prevent basements from flooding. The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) advises the public to avoid the waters in Little Tuscarora Creek and Tuscarora Creek in the following neighborhoods: Clover Hill III, Cloverdale, Clover Ridge, Mill Island, Willow Brook, Tuscarora Knolls, Wormans Mill, and Waterside.

Several other waterways may also be affected by sewage including: the Monocacy River south of the Carroll Creek confluence, and Flat Run and Toms Creek in Emmitsburg. The Frederick County Health Department continues to remind residents to avoid all flood waters even as they recede when weather improves as all flood water may contain unknown contaminants.

FCHD recommends that everyone avoids contact with these waterways and all flood waters 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.

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