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Frederick County Agency Updates for May 21, 2020

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County Executive's Office:

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today unveiled a new online dashboard that allows the public to track local COVID-19 statistics. The dashboard includes charts and data about testing, cases, and hospitalizations, which will be updated daily. Statistics on nursing homes will be updated each week.

"We want to be transparent and provide the public with a reliable source of information," Executive Gardner said. "County staff created an easy-to-use page so people can keep track of Frederick County data in real time.

She publicly thanked the employees who designed the dashboard: Austin Williams, Dave Desai, Sharon Blair, Elan Poteat and Aleta Fox of the Interagency Information Technologies Division, and Rissah Watkins of the Frederick County Health Department.

The dashboard can be viewed at http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 1625 (+44 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 96 (+0 in 24hrs) people have died, and 923 (+49 in 24hrs) people have been released from isolation. For more statistics, please visit http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats

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Additional testing options:
Testing for COVID-19 is available from multiple sources:
- Frederick Health Hospital and drive through
- Urgent cares
- Private medical practices
- Long Term Care Facilities – testing their residents and staff
- CVS Pharmacy – starting Friday
  - Locations:
    - CVS Pharmacy, 8032 Liberty Road, Frederick, MD 21701
    - CVS Pharmacy, 5414 Rotary Avenue, New Market, MD 21774
  - Must be 18 years or older
  - Register at cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing
- Walmart on Guildford Drive – starting today
  - Location: Guilford Drive, Frederick, MD
  - Register at https://doineedacovid19test.com/

Office of Economic Development:

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced the launch of a new grant program to support local small businesses and farmers. She earmarked $5 million to award through the new Jump Start Grants Program. Jump Start grants are designed to assist small for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that experienced financial loss caused by the coronavirus. The county's Office of Economic Development will administer the program.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our community," Executive Gardner said. "I am excited to offer Jump Start grants to help our farmers and small businesses return to thriving."

The Frederick County Jump Start Grants Program offers three grant opportunities:

- Full-time Farmer Grants - $6,000 in one-time funds to qualifying full-time farmers. Full-time farmers qualify if they earned the majority of their gross income (51% or greater) from farming over the past two years.

- Small Business Grants - $10,000 in one-time funds for businesses with physical commercial space and with 10-50 employees, full or part-time. Businesses can be for-profit or nonprofit;

- Micro Business Grants - $3,300 in one-time funds for businesses with up to nine employees. Employees can be W-2 or 1099 employees of a for-profit or nonprofit business, including sole proprietors. Micro businesses must have physical commercial space to qualify.

Applications will be accepted from **7 a.m. Thursday, May 28, until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 5**.

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Businesses must be located in Frederick County, or have more than 50% of employees or gross sales at their Frederick County location; employ 50 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees; and have incurred financial losses as a result of the public emergency. Applications for the Jump Start Grants must be made online at FrederickCountyMD.gov/JumpStart. The website also provides eligibility requirements, application instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions.

JIC:

If you were interested in but unable to attend one of the CDC Live Stakeholder Calls mentioned in yesterday's Press Release, the webinars will be posted here and will be archived on YouTube. This usually happens within 24 hours, but please allow more time if it's not posted.

For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: //cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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