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Frederick County Agency Updates for July 9, 2020

Frederick, MD – July 9, 2020

County Executive:

Frederick County residents who are heeding public health advice to wear face coverings and maintain physical distance from others are successfully allowing Frederick County to lead the way regionally and nationally with lower COVID-19 coronavirus cases and improving health metrics. For the past two weeks, there have been no COVID-positive patients in intensive care in the county, and currently there are only two patients being treated for the virus at Frederick Health Hospital. These results prove that following the health directives can successfully fight the spread of the virus.

Residents should remain vigilant, because the virus remains highly contagious. Relaxing or letting down one's guard could cause the virus to surge and spread again. All across the country, cases are increasing, including in nearby states. Concern for spread of the virus remains as more people travel. Frederick County residents are encouraged to continue to avoid large crowds or gatherings, work at home if possible, and practice good hygiene.

To date, 10.9% of Frederick County's population has been tested for COVID. The seven-day average positivity rate for the county is 2.1%, half of the statewide rate for Maryland. Positivity rates and other data are updated daily at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats.

Currently five of the county's nine nursing homes are eligible for limited outdoor visitations and small group gatherings. They include Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center, Vindabona Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Buckingham's Choice, Homewood, and St. Joseph's Place.

Information about the rental assistance program is available in **English** and in **Spanish**.

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Frederick County Health Department:

Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	7-Day Positivity Rate
2,567	**113**	**2.1%**
Change in Last 24 Hours: +14	Change in Last 24 Hours: +0	

Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats.

Upcoming Testing Clinics

The Frederick County Health Department testing clinics are open to the public with no appointment. Face coverings and physical distancing are required, but no documentation, insurance, or doctor's order is needed. Testing is FREE and you don't have to be sick to be tested. Go to health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus for details.

Upcoming testing clinics will be at:

- <u>Thursday, July 9</u> at 110 W. South Street in Frederick (parking lot of Gary L. Rollins Funeral Home) from 4-6pm
- <u>Thursdays</u> in Brunswick at Railroad Square from 5-7pm
- <u>Fridays</u> in Thurmont in the municipal building parking lot, 615 E. Main Street, from 5-7pm
- <u>Saturdays</u> at 101 West All Saints Street in Frederick (parking lot of the Asbury United Methodist Church) from 1-3pm
- <u>Tuesdays</u> at the Seton Center, 226 Lincoln Ave in Emmitsburg, 12-2pm

Frequently Asked Question:

Q. I got tested on [certain date], but I haven't gotten my results yet. When will I get them?

A. Because of the increase in cases throughout much of the country, many labs are experiencing a surge in samples to test. This is causing a delay in people getting their results, even here in Maryland and Frederick County. It could take 7-10 days to get results, and we are hearing of some taking longer than that. It's very important for people to self-quarantine and stay away from others while waiting for test results so that people aren't spreading the virus before they find out that they have COVID-19.

Frederick Health Hospital:

Frederick Health Hospital is reporting that it is taking longer to get test results back now due to increased volume. Results may as long as 7-10 days. Individuals who have been tested should self-quarantine and limit contact with others until they receive their test result.

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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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