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Frederick County Agency Updates for September 22, 2020

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County Executive:

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Frederick County rose substantially over the weekend, reaching daily levels not seen for several months. As a result, County Executive Jan Gardner announced on Monday, Sept. 21 that the County will take a pause from new expanded openings. The capacity increase for indoor dining at food service establishments in Frederick County will not take effect immediately.

"Given how our health metrics have suddenly changed, taking a pause is the right approach," Executive Gardner said Monday. "We want our economy to reopen fully, and that requires everyone doing their part by wearing face coverings and staying physically distant."

There have been 3,935 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Frederick County. On Saturday, 45 new cases were confirmed, the largest single-day increase in a month. The County's seven-day rolling average of new cases stood at 9.85 on Sunday, which puts Frederick County higher than some larger jurisdictions, including Howard and Montgomery Counties.

As a reminder, under Governor Larry Hogan's Executive Order, face coverings are required outside when physical distancing cannot be maintained, and inside the following:

- Fitness centers and gyms
- Dance studios
- Martial arts centers
- Barbershops and beauty salons
- Personal services
- Farm auctions
- Retail establishments; and
- Restaurants when food and drink are not being consumed.

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Frederick County Health Department:

Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	7-Day Positivity Rate
3,938	**123**	**2.3%**
Change in Last 24 Hours: +3	Change in Last 24 Hours: +1	

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

Updates on Community Testing Clinics
- Correction: **Oct. 3** from 2-4pm at Jackson Chapel United Methodist, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick
- Sept. 30 from 4-6pm at Gary L. Rollins Funeral Home, 110 W. South Street Frederick

Frederick County Public Schools:

The next Board of Education meeting is being held on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 3pm.

The meeting will be broadcast from the FCPS Central Office Board Room and will be available for viewing on FCPS TV here: https://www.fcps.org/centraloffice/fcps-television, FCPS TV at Comcast channel 18, and on Facebook Live with Spanish and ASL interpreters.

Should anyone wish to provide public comment, please send an email that includes your full name to: FCPSBoEmtg@fcps.org the day of the Board meeting.

Agenda: https://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/fcps/Board.nsf/Public.

TransIT:

Today is Car Free Day! Car Free Day is a worldwide event that encourages greener methods of travel; meaning ways to get around other than driving alone by car. If you're traveling by transit, bicycle, walking, carpooling or teleworking today, take the pledge at www.carfreemetrodc.org!

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: https://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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