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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for December 29, 2020

Frederick, MD – December 29, 2020

Frederick County Health Department:



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

COVID-19 Testing Updates – Holiday Schedule:

COVID-19 testing locations closed on New Year's Day:

- Frederick Health Hospital testing location off Monocacy Blvd
- Frederick County Health Department testing locations (no testing at Hillcrest or community pop-ups)



The Hillcrest COVID-19 testing site will close at 3pm on New Year's Eve.

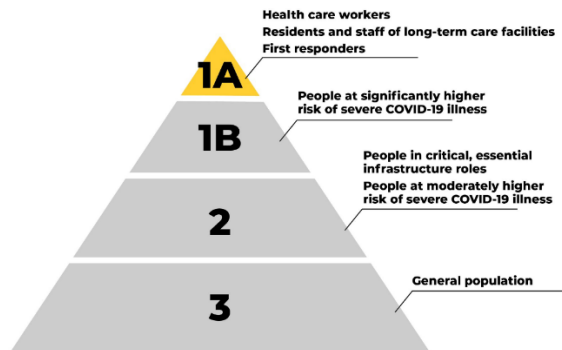
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Update on COVID-19 Vaccine:

Current Phase: We are currently working on vaccinating people in Phase 1A, which includes health care workers, long term care residents and staff, and first responders.

Vaccine is currently available in limited amounts. We will keep the Frederick County community informed as we're ready to vaccinate more groups and will share instructions when we have them. Updates will be shared through our [JIC updates](#), on [our website](#), and [Facebook](#).



Update for Healthcare providers in Frederick County: In an effort to further plan for Phase 1 of our COVID-19 vaccination campaign, we would like to gather some information about your practice to assist in our planning to support and protect the health system. We are learning new details about COVID-19 vaccine distribution daily, causing our plans to change often so it is crucial that we maintain clear lines of communication. Healthcare providers, please complete [this short survey](#) to assist our planning.

Healthcare providers should continue to participate in the regularly scheduled provider calls hosted by the Frederick County Health Department to receive updates. If a healthcare provider is not getting the updates about the provider calls, please email rwatkins@Frederickcountymd.gov with your specialty, practice name, and contact information to be added to our distribution list.

Maryland Courts:

Chief Judge Barbera has extended the current Phase II of the five-phased Maryland Judiciary Reopening Plan until March 14, 2021. Jury trials in Maryland have been suspended until at least April 23, 2021. The latest order limits matters to be heard in person and encourages use of remote technology. Clerks offices remain open for emergencies and by appointment. For more information on the latest order from Chief Judge Barbera, visit [COVID-19 Administrative Orders | Maryland Courts \(state.md.us\)](#). The State's Attorney's Office remains open to the public by appointment only. For more information, please call 301-600-1523.

Maryland Office of People's Counsel:

Office of People's Counsel (OPC) strongly encourages anyone who may be eligible for the [Office of Home Energy Programs](#) (OHEP) to apply now and not wait for a turn-off notice.

There are a few ways you can apply:

1. [Go online and apply](#)
2. Call the DHS call center at 1-800-332-6347 and request an application be mailed to you. The call center has recently extended their hours. Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM and Saturday 9AM-4PM.
3. Contact your [local OHEP](#) office to request an application be mailed to you. [Some offices](#) will allow clients to schedule an appointment or come to the office to pick up an application. Call your local office for information on available services.

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Legal Representation: The Courtroom Advocacy Project (CAP) through the Probono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC) provides free same-day representation for Failure to Pay Rent cases in Rent Court in Baltimore City as well as for some Consumer dockets in Baltimore City District Court and PG County District Court. People can also contact PBRC for legal information and referrals related to evictions and illegal lockouts, repairs and escrow accounts, utility bill disputes and whether and how to attend scheduled court hearings. To connect with the CAP Team call the hotline at 443-703-3053. For more information about CAP or to schedule a presentation contact Project Director, Katie Davis at kdavis@probonomd.org. Click on picture to see larger for more PBRC programs.

Free Client Services Available through Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

Assistance for Tenants & Consumers

Baltimore City tenants who have been sued by their landlord or consumers who have received a debt collection lawsuit in Baltimore City or Prince George's County can receive legal and referral information by phone. Where appropriate they are referred to PBRC's Tenant Volunteer Lawyer of the Day Program or Consumer Protection Project for legal representation or to other organizations. Baltimore City tenants in need of assistance can call 443-703-3053; consumers in need of assistance can call 443-273-5200 (Baltimore City cases) or 443-703-3053 (Prince George's County cases). For more information, visit probonomd.org/project/courtroom-advocacy/.

Legal Assistance & Referrals for Immigrants

Immigrants in removal proceedings from anywhere in Maryland can get free, remote legal consultations and referrals by calling: 443-703-3054.

Utility Bill Consultations

Baltimore city residents can receive free legal advice remotely from volunteer attorneys regarding their water, gas, and/or electric bills. Attorneys will advise on issues such as bill disputes, shutoffs, and questions about financial assistance that may be available. Call: 443-703-3052.

Advance Planning Consultations

Advance planning services are offered to assist Baltimore City residents 60 years and over. Seniors can receive a free remote consultation with a volunteer attorney to complete an advance medical directive and financial power of attorney by calling: 443-703-3052.



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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