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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 October 6, 2020

Frederick, MD – October 6, 2020

Frederick County Health Department:

<p>Confirmed Cases</p> <p>4,225</p> <p>Change in Last 24 Hours: +6</p>	<p>Confirmed Deaths</p> <p>125</p> <p>Change in Last 24 Hours: +0</p>	<p>7-Day Positivity Rate</p> <p>2.7%</p>
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Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

Frequently Asked Question: Are masks with exhalation valves or vents effective to reduce the spread of COVID-19?

- *Answer:* The purpose of masks is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. However, masks with one-way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, which can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. This type of mask does not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others. Therefore, CDC **does not recommend** using masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

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DO NOT choose masks that

-  Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
-  Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape
-  Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

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Frederick County Board of Elections:

Frederick County residents who wish to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election are reminded that the deadline for voter registration is 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The same deadline applies to voters who are already registered and wish to make changes to their name, address, or party affiliation before the general election.



In order to become a registered voter and vote in this year's election, individuals must be a U.S. citizen, live in Maryland, and be at least 18 years of age on or before November 3, 2020. Voter registration applications may be obtained by going onto the State Board of Elections' website at https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html.

Voters who miss the October 13 deadline may register and vote at either early voting or on election day. Election officials at the vote centers will assist you.

For more information on voter registration, call the Board of Elections at 301-600-VOTE (8683), or visit our website at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/elections, and click on "Voter Registration – Register/Make Changes".

Frederick County Public Libraries:

The learning environment is different this year, and FCPL is here to help. To meet the needs of families across the county, we have created new programming, resources, and services to help those learning and teaching from home.

We'd like to introduce you to our newest resource, Brainfuse HelpNow. HelpNow is an online resource that provides expert help, study resources, and collaboration space for K-12 students and beyond including live tutoring in English and Spanish from 2 - 11 p.m. every day! Learn more at fcpl.org/lfh.



Frederick County Public Schools:

The next Board of Education meeting is being held tomorrow on Wednesday, October 7, 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>.

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State's Attorney's Office:

REOPENING BEGINS FOR MARYLAND COURTS

The Maryland Judiciary has now entered Phase V of its five-phased gradual reopening. All courts in Maryland are now fully operational with the resumption of jury trials in criminal and civil cases in circuit courts statewide. The State's Attorney's Office is now open to the public. For more information, please call 301-600-1523.

Transit:

Effective November 1, MDOT MTA will resume the following service levels, which were in place at the height of the COVID-19 health emergency and adjust service to meet current demand:

- **MARC:** will operate on an enhanced "R" service schedule service.
- **Commuter Bus:** all routes will operate on a "S" schedule service.

A full list of fall service modifications for commuter services can be found at <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/coronavirus>.

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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