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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### COVID-19 Joint Information Center Update

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#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting 147 reported positive cases of COVID-19 and 4 deaths. For more information, please visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus).

Twelve people have tested positive for COVID-19 in HeartFields Assisted Living at Frederick. Five residents and seven staff have tested positive; test results are pending on one additional resident and six staff. The two deaths that were reported in the April 5 update have been confirmed to be from this facility, one resident and one staff person.

Other health updates:

- CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings to slow spread of COVID-19 in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).
  - Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure to help slow the spread of COVID-19.
  - The cloth face coverings recommended to slow spread of COVID-19 are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those critical supplies must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.
  - Maintaining 6-foot minimum social distancing remains important to slowing spread of COVID-19.

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### **Child Advocacy Center:**

The Child Advocacy of Frederick County is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 crisis and has implemented precautions to protect our direct service clients, our staff and our multi-disciplinary partners. Our dedicated staff and MDT partners are triaging cases and responding expeditiously and appropriately during this time. We are in communication with the National Children's Alliance and the Maryland Children's Alliance to develop creative child-focused approaches to service delivery that may require something other than remote activity. If you need assistance, support or additional information, please contact us Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4 pm at 301-600-1758, email us at [cacinfo@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:cacinfo@frederickcountymd.gov), or message us on <https://www.facebook.com/CACFrederick/>. The CAC posts updated information about its center, programming, information, resources and activities on our Facebook page.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month and the CAC reminds everyone that in times of crisis and economic instability, child abuse and neglect rates increase and those rates are likely to increase even further with this crisis due to the need for social isolation. However, there has been a decrease in reports because children are not going to school, participating in out-of-home activities, visiting places of worship or other public places where adults can look out for their safety and well-being. Therefore, we ask that any adult who interacts with a child whether face-to-face while practicing physical distancing, by telephone or through various virtual applications to please check-in with them; ask how they are doing, ask how their caregivers are managing, ask them what's changed in their family since the crisis, ask them if they feel safe. It is important for kids to know that someone is still looking out for them; that neighbors, teachers, family and community member are still there for them. Most importantly, if something does not look safe, sound safe or feel safe, make a report. The Frederick County Child Protective Services intake line is open 24 hours at 301-600-2464 or contact the Frederick County Sheriff's office at 301-600-1046. For health and human services resources, call 2-1-1 and for any emergency, dial 9-1-1.

### **Workforce Services:**

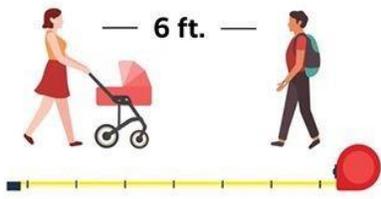
Workforce Services announces a new video that highlights some of the services that offered remotely to job seekers. This video is posted on the website [www.FrederickWorks.com](http://www.FrederickWorks.com), shared through their social media platforms, and can be viewed at [www.bit.ly/WFSRemote](http://www.bit.ly/WFSRemote).

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**Parks and Recreation:**

## Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks

**Know what 6 feet looks like.** Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



**Do not use playgrounds or other frequently touched surfaces.**



**Go by yourself or those you live with.**



**Avoid crowded areas.** If a space cannot be enjoyed safely, go home or discover a new park in your community.



For more resources on how to use parks safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: [nrpa.org/Coronavirus](https://nrpa.org/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:

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

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