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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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County Executive's Office:

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner joined six other Maryland County Executives and the Mayor of Baltimore City in sending a letter to Maryland's Congressional Representatives outlining immediate needs and concerns with aspects of the CARES Act, and issues that they feel must be considered in the next piece of legislation. To read the entire letter visit <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/325614/040920-County-Leaders-Letter-to-House-Members>.

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting 292 positive cases of COVID-19 and three additional deaths, bringing the total to seven. Two of these newly reported deaths were residents of Frederick Health & Rehabilitation Center, a man in his 80's and a woman in her 70's, both with underlying conditions. The third was a woman in her 80's who had been in the hospital.

Multiple people have tested positive for COVID-19 in the following long term care facilities:

- In Country Meadows: 10 people have tested positive, 6 residents and 4 employees; test results are pending on 5 employees.
- In Ballenger Creek: 17 people have tested positive, 13 residents and 4 employees; test results are pending on 3 residents and 1 employee.

Health Department staff are being assigned to long term care and assisted living facilities to provide individual guidance and support. Updates on facility outbreaks will be posted on our website going forward.

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We are receiving more cases daily and our staff are talking with each person to confirm important information as part of the case investigation process. At this time, we have 38 cases we are currently investigating, which are included in the 292 case total. For more information, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.

Joint Information Center:

Due to demand for information on how individuals are allowed to use parks facilities during the current restrictions, the Joint Information Center has added information regarding parks to its website. Information on how to use parks safely, facility restrictions as well as a listing of area parks can be found at www.frederickcountymd.gov/jic.

Office of Economic Development:

Frederick County Business Financial Tool

The Frederick County Office of Economic Development has created a tool to help businesses navigate federal and state programs such as the Emergency Relief Manufacturing Fund, SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan, CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program Loan, and more. Easily compare business grants and loans and stay up to date on what is currently being offered. The Frederick County Business Financial Tool can be downloaded at discoverfrederickmd.com/covid-19. This tool was created in partnership with Orases, TechFrederick, and local leaders. If you have any questions please call 301-600-1058 or email info@discoverfrederickmd.com.

Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management:

The Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management is sharing very important advice to protect the pipes in your home and keep the sewer system in Frederick County functioning. This is especially important now during the COVID-19 crisis.

Please do not flush anything down the toilet except toilet paper. Anything else can lead to clogged sewer pipes in/around our homes, and elsewhere in the sewer system, possible back-ups and expensive repairs.

Items NOT TO FLUSH

- Hygiene or cleaning wipes. So-called flushable wipes should not be flushed
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Cotton swabs or balls

We all need to do our part and toss these and any other items in the trash. To learn more, please see these links: <https://protectyourpipes.org/>
<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/272670/The-Toilet-is-Not-a-Trash-Can>

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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](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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