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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 342 positive cases of COVID-19 and two additional deaths, bringing the total to nine. One was a woman in her 70's and the other was a man in his 90's. Both had underlying conditions.

The Health Department's Local Behavioral Health Authority has assigned staff to behavioral health residential treatment and housing programs to provide individual guidance and support.

For more information, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.

Fort Detrick:

Fort Detrick Directorate of Operations is now accepting appointments for Mission Essential Employees ONLY, who require an access control badge. In order to ensure proper staffing, all appointments must be made one week in advance. To schedule your appointment, please call 301-619-8192/0105/9222. Available days are Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Essential Employees that require an access control badge, should contact their Security Representative for proper documentation and appointment scheduling.

Effective April 10, 2020 all employees and customers of the Fort Detrick Commissary, Post Exchange (PX) and Military Personnel Division/ID Cards are required to wear face coverings.

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Maryland Office of People's Counsel:

All Marylanders are affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Over the past few weeks, individuals have voluntarily stayed away from public venues, been required to isolate or quarantine at home, are sick at home, or have been required to work at home. Schools and child care facilities are closed down. The most recent Governor's Executive Order requires us to stay home except for very limited reasons. Businesses have been ordered closed, and people laid off, applying for unemployment or experiencing reduced income in their households.

During this time of crisis, the need for electricity, gas and water is a matter of both personal and public health and safety. The Office of People's Counsel (OPC) has developed Information Sheets to answer questions on utility bills, bill payments, and service disconnections for each gas and electric utility, and single Information Sheets for water services and for phone and internet services. We also have provided updated information about assistance programs for those who have experienced a loss of or reduced income. They are available at www.opc.maryland.gov.

If you experience a problem related to payment plans, service disconnections, or reconnections, or have a question, please contact OPC at DLInfo OPC@maryland.gov. Emails are reviewed several times a day, and you will receive a prompt response.

State's Attorney's Office:

This week, the Frederick County State's Attorney's Office released a Public Service Announcement (PSA) entitled, "Combating Domestic Violence During COVID-19". The goal of the message is to inform the Frederick community about the continuing resources available from law enforcement and advocates for those dealing with domestic abuse. The PSA is available to view on the State's Attorney's Office [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook page](#), and Twitter [@FredCoSAO](#).



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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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STAY HOME

Even if you're feeling healthy, social distancing will help us stop the spread of COVID-19.



STAY SAFE

Wash your hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you're feeling ill.



STAY AWARE

Reputable sources include Governor Hogan, Maryland state agencies, and the CDC.



STAY CALM

No need to panic, hoard, or listen to rumors. We will all get through this together.