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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:**

Maryland's County Executives ask President Trump to require General Motors to reopen its White Marsh plant for the purpose of making ventilators. To read their letter, visit <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/325695/041520-County-Leaders-Letter-to-President-Trump>.

#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting 527 positive cases of COVID-19 and 25 deaths. For more information, please visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus).

Updates:

- A statement that went out last night from the JIC stated that the Frederick County Health Order was rescinded. This means that there currently is no order requiring face coverings for Frederick County residents. The [Governor's Order](#) on face coverings goes into effect 7am on Saturday for all of Maryland.
- CDC has some tips on how to make a cloth face covering at home, both sew and no-sew options. You can make a face covering out of a t-shirt or bandana. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

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### **JIC:**

#### *Non-English Essential COVID-19 Resources*

The Joint Information Center now has links to essential information on COVID-19 in a variety of languages. If you are a community agency who provides services to non-English speaking individuals, we invite you to share these resources with your clients. To access, visit [frederickcountymd.gov/JIC](http://frederickcountymd.gov/JIC) and click on the *Resources in Other Languages* tab.

#### *Rumor Control*

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and the Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT), recently launched the [Maryland Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Rumor Control Page](#). The page allows visitors to:

- Read through several existing rumors and find the correct information in a variety of topics, including:
  - The Novel Coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19
  - Maryland and Federal Government Orders
  - Supplies
  - School / Education
- Subscribe to updates to be notified immediately once a new rumor has been identified and dispelled.
- Ask a question.
- See a digest of trusted sources and see their latest and most relevant social media posts in real time.
- Share the page easily to Facebook, Twitter, email, and more.

### **Visit Frederick:**

Visit Frederick is hosting a Maryland themed coloring book giveaway on their Facebook page. To enter, go to [Visit Frederick's Facebook](#) page and comment on the post. The contest runs through Saturday.

### **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](http://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19)
- 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)
- 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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# #MasksOnMaryland

Governor Hogan has issued an executive order that **Marylanders should use masks and cloth face coverings in retail spaces and public transportation** effective Saturday, April 18 at 7 a.m.



## MAKE YOUR OWN CLOTH FACE COVERING

You can make masks easily at home from a bandana and hair ties, a t-shirt, or a scarf. **Please don't buy masks intended for health care professionals.**



## ENSURE THE RIGHT FIT

Your cloth mask should fit snugly but comfortably against your face and cover your nose and mouth. It should not require frequent adjustments: **as always, avoid touching your face as much as possible.**



## KEEP IT CLEAN

Don't touch the front of your mask, and don't touch your face while removing it. **Wash your hands after taking it off and be sure to launder it frequently.**



## CONTINUE TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Masks can help slow the spread of the virus, but it's still essential to **practice social distancing and stay home unless it's absolutely necessary to leave.**

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

FOR HEALTH RESOURCES, VISIT [CORONAVIRUS.MARYLAND.GOV](https://www.coronavirus.maryland.gov).