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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

Frederick, MD – April 17, 2020

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting 557 positive cases of COVID-19 and 26 deaths. For more information, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.

Updates:

- 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>
- Be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing a face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.
- Cloth face coverings should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.
- Show how you're protecting our community against COVID-19 by: 1. wearing a face-covering 2. snapping a selfie 3. posting it on social media and tagging #FredCoVID19.

Frederick County Public Schools:

In accordance with State Superintendent Dr. Karen B. Salmon's directive today, all Maryland public schools including Frederick County public schools will remain closed through Friday, May 15, 2020. The Maryland State Department of Education will continue to reassess the situation to determine when schools can re-open.

Distance learning will continue. We know you have many questions, and FCPS will post updates as soon as we have answers at www.fcps.org/update. We are not able to provide replies to individual emails.

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Office of Economic Development:

Check www.discoverfrederickmd.com/covid-19 for updates on more information on grants and loans. Email info@discoverfrederickmd.com to subscribe to OED's newsletter. The following is a summary of some available opportunities.

Check the Status of Your Maryland COVID-19 Loan/Grant

All businesses that have submitted an application for the Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan/Grant can now check the status of that application by signing up for a Maryland OneStop account through the Maryland OneStop Portal. onestop.md.gov/users/sign_up

Please be sure to use the same email address that was used in your original application. This does not offer updates on federal loan applications.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation – Save Small Business Fund

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation announced that they will be awarding \$5,000 grants through the Save Small Business Fund. Applicants must have between 3 and 20 employees and be located in an economically vulnerable community which can be easily searched by zip code on their website. Applications open April 20th. Learn all the details at www.savesmallbusiness.com

COVID-19 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Emergency Operating Grants

Nonprofit heritage tourism organizations located within the boundaries of a certified heritage area that have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$20,000. In some cases, nonprofit Friends groups will qualify. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with all applications received by the first of each month considered as a group. The first deadline is May 1. [Click here](#) for the link to guidelines and to submit an application.

Emergency Grants for Arts Organizations and Artists

The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) has created special grant opportunities that provide emergency funding to arts organizations and artists in Maryland as they adjust to losses sustained because of programming, operations, and events that have been modified or cancelled. Applications will be viewed upon submission. For more information visit <https://www.msac.org/grants/emergency-grant>, or contact Dana Parsons, Director, Grants and Professional Development, at dana.parsons@maryland.gov.

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Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Manufacturing Fund

This \$5 million incentive program helps Maryland manufacturers to produce personal protective equipment and other items identified as Critical Needs Items by MEMA and DGS, which are urgently needed by the State of Maryland, Maryland-based hospitals and healthcare facilities, and emergency and first responders.

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-covid-19-emergency-relief-manufacturing-fund

MARBIDCO Pandemic Adjustment Loan Fund Program

Eligible farms and rural businesses can apply for loans up to \$3,000 in working capital and up to \$10,000 for equipment purchases at low interest rates with flexible terms.

www.marbidco.org/pages/programs_loans/loan_programs_palpf_1.htm

American Farmland Trust - Farmer Relief Fund

AFT's Farmer Relief Fund will award farmers with cash grants of up to \$1,000 each to help them weather the current storm of market disruptions caused by the coronavirus crisis.

<https://farmland.org/farmer-relief-fund/>

The Ogden Newspapers Community Marketing Grant

Ogden Newspapers has established a \$1,000,000 grant fund to assist locally owned businesses with marketing during this challenging situation.

<https://www.ogdennews.com/community-grant/>

Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources (OSER)

Earth Day Celebrates 50 Years on April 22, 2020

The Earth Day movement was founded in 1970 and today it is recognized as the planet's largest civic event. The "Earth Week" celebration has begun! Here are a few things you can do while you are social distancing:

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- Make a plan to cut down on plastic pollution
- Pick up pet waste in your yard so it does not pollute our waterways
- Create eco-art! Repurpose materials from around the house, like egg cartons, plastic bottles or tin cans.
- Conserve water by turning off the faucet and not letting it run, when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes.

Earth Week Tip of the Day: Turn off lights and other appliances when not in use.

Follow this [link](#) to OSER's Spring Newsletter for more Earth Week tips and activities!

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
- 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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