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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for April 21, 2020

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Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting 653 positive cases of COVID-19 and 11 newly reported deaths which occurred over the last week, for a total of 40 deaths. For more information, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.

Tips on safe face covering handling:

How to Put the Face Covering On

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or alcohol-based sanitizer).
- Dry your hands with a clean paper towel and throw the paper towel away.
- Make sure the exterior side of the face covering is facing out, away from your face.
- Place the face covering on your face with the exterior side facing out. If it has ties, use the ties and avoid touching the inside/outside of the covering
- Make sure the covering is completely secure. Make sure it covers your nose and mouth so that the bottom edge is under your chin.
- Wash your hands.

While Wearing During the Day

- Do NOT pull the covering down like one would a scarf
- Adjustments should be made using the ties

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- Avoid touching your face even when the covering is in place.
- Every time you do touch the face covering for any reason, wash your hands before/after touching

Removing and Cleaning the Covering

- Wash your hands before removing
- Untie or remove the head or ear loops and remove the covering by the ties
- Wash it in the washing machine with hot water and completely dry on medium or high heat
- Wash your hands

Tips to prevent fogging for glasses-wearing individuals:

- Washing lenses at the beginning of the day, or before donning a covering, with soap and water and drying with a soft cloth can mitigate fog. Dishwashing soap works best.
- Folding down the top of the covering provides a “vent” for air to escape.
- Folding a piece of tissue into a small rectangle and attaching it to the inside of the covering where rests on the bridge of your nose will absorb moisture.

The Frederick County Local Behavioral Health Authority has authorized emergency one time only funding for telehealth start up services for licensed, certified and accredited agencies. This funding will allow the agencies to continue their clinical and recovery operations. The total amount of funding authorized for payment is approximately \$20,000. The LBHA is also working to allocate and distribute various types of PPE to behavioral health providers based on their level of care and services provided. The PPE will assist in the prevention and mitigation of infectious disease

Animal Control:

The Frederick County Division of Animal Control is relaunching virtual adoptions of cats with a modified adoption process. For more information, visit their Facebook page or call the shelter at 301-600-1546.

Family Partnership:

Family Partnership of Frederick County is fully engaged with our families and youth as virtual home visiting, GED classes, ESL classes, employment, life skills, mental health services, Responsible Fathers, and Empowering Mothers classes are underway. Our Child Development team is preparing to begin virtual Parent And Child Together (PACT) activities next week and will also be providing individual contact, including providing activities for the children. The teachers are excited to make connection with the families! Nurturing Parenting classes and Health Education should be online soon.

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All staff members continue our remote work to provide services to our families and youth. Participants should feel free to contact their Case Manager directly. We post updated information about our center and programming on our Facebook and Instagram.

We have received many homemade face masks for our participants and staff and are extremely grateful for the generosity. While our need is not urgent, we continue to receive requests for face masks and will continue to accept any donations. If you can assist us with face masks or have any questions, please contact us 301-600-2206, fampart@frederickcountymd.gov or message us on Facebook.com/Family Partnership of Frederick County.

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An important PSA about park usage in Frederick County and City.



Visit Frederick:

Visit Frederick is hosting a #TakeoutTuesday contest. Simply go to our [Facebook page](#) and follow the instructions on the Takeout Tuesday post. A winner will be randomly selected Wednesday the 22nd to receive a gift card.



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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](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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