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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Frederick County Agency Updates for May 27, 2020

Frederick, MD – May 27, 2020

#### County Executive's Office:

County Executive Jan Gardner will hold a public information briefing at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, to provide an update on COVID-19 and to announce a new program.

The briefing will be broadcast live on FCG TV, cable channels 19 and 1085, and webcast at [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV).

#### Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 1827 (+55 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 106 (+1 in 24hrs) people have died, and 1103 (+40 in 24hrs) people have been released from isolation. For more statistics, please visit <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

[#WorldNoTobaccoDay](#) is May 31. We may be out of the office right now, but we are still available to help when you're ready quit smoking. Call or text 301-712-7277 Email [PMiller@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:PMiller@FrederickCountyMD.gov).  
(click picture to [watch video](#))



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### **City of Frederick:**

The City of Frederick anticipates that the State of Maryland and Frederick County may reopen restaurants for indoor and outdoor dining soon. Outdoor dining is expected to be highly popular for both patrons and owners. The City has evaluated several options for safely increasing outdoor dining and pedestrian accessibility. Our goal is to directly support restaurant businesses, workers, patrons, and residents with an optimal safe plan for increased outdoor dining in accordance with industry best practices and guidance issued by the CDC and Frederick County Health Department. Public feedback is requested on the suggested options.

The full proposal is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) at <https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/1452/Frederick-Reopens-Public-Feedback>.

### **Housing:**

#### ***Notice of a Public Review and Comment Period on 2019 Action Plan Amendments and Citizen Participation Plan Amendments***

On March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748). The bill provided additional funding to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by the pandemic. A substantial amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan is necessary in order to receive CARES Act funds, and usually a thirty (30) day public comment period is required, however, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has waived this requirement provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. The State of Maryland will be awarded CARES Act funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA-CV) Program.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development hereby gives notice that the following public review and comment period to examine and consider substantial amendments to the FY 2019 Action Plan to allocate funds awarded under the CARES to immediately prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis will begin on June 2, 2020, and end June 6, 2020 Notice is also given that the State will amend its Citizen Participation Plan to allow flexibility to immediately respond to an emergency situation.

The State will hold two video conference public meetings to consider the adoption of the FY 2019 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Amendments. The public review and comment period are in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") guidance issued April 1, 2020, as part of its COVID-19 response.

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The meetings will be conducted in accordance with the State of Maryland's Safer at Home Advisory. The State will participate in the meetings by video and telephone conference, with no physical meeting location. If you wish to participate in the public hearing via video, please email [janai.streat@maryland.gov](mailto:janai.streat@maryland.gov) to receive a link. These real-time virtual public hearings will take place on:

- **Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 11:00 AM**  
**Join by phone: 1-617-675-4444 PIN: 684 015 632 6119#**
- **Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 7:00 PM**  
**Join by phone: 1-617-675-4444 PIN: 326 584 420 7721#**

The State will make every effort to accommodate those with disabilities by providing the meetings in both audio and visual format. Persons requiring a translator should request one at least three days prior to the virtual hearing they plan to attend.

The Amendments to the 2019 Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan public review and comment period begins on June 2, 2020, and ends June 6, 2020. Copies of the Amendments to the 2019 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan can be found on the publications page of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development at <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/Publications.aspx>.

## JIC:

*American Red Cross (Red Cross)*



**American Red Cross**  
Training Services

The Red Cross is offering a free online course called 'Psychological First Aid: Supporting Yourself and Others During COVID-19'.

The uncertainty associated with a global health crisis like COVID-19 challenges everyone's ability to cope. This course will help you to build resilience and support yourself and others through this crisis by reviewing basic principles of providing psychological first aid, including how to recognize and manage stress in yourself and in others and how to lend support to family members, friends and coworkers during and following the COVID-19 outbreak.

The class is free. Click [here for more information or to register](#).

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**State's Attorney's Office:**

Beginning June 5, at 5 p.m., the Maryland courts will resume functions through a phased approach. Currently in Phase I of a five phased plan, the Maryland Judiciary will move to Phase II on June 5. During Phase II, courts will continue to be closed to public except for those who are necessary to the matters being heard. Each phase will represent an increase in the level of activity within each courthouse and court office. Depending on the current state of COVID-19 throughout Maryland, it may be necessary for a jurisdiction to adjust phases. For more details see: <https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/admin-orders/20200522progressiveresumptionoffullfunctionofjudiciaryoperations.pdf>

**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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