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Frederick County Agency Updates for May 28, 2020

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County Executive's Office:

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced an expanded list of businesses and activities that will be permitted to open beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 29. With the signing of [Executive Order 02-2020](#), Frederick County has fully implemented the initial portion of Stage 1 of the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery plan. As of 5 p.m. on May 29, the following will be authorized in Frederick County, with limitations:

- **All retail establishments** – Retail businesses may open at 50% capacity.
- **Hair salons and barbershops** – Operations may resume at 50% capacity, by appointment only. Additional cleaning and sanitation are required. Morning hours must be established exclusively for seniors and other vulnerable residents at least one day each week.
- **Indoor worship** – Indoor worship facilities may open at 50% capacity. No more than 250 people may be present. Worship leaders are encouraged to implement the recommendations of the Governor's [Faith-Based Task Force](#).

For all three categories, safety requirements include the use of face coverings by employees and customers, and physical distancing of 6 feet.

“Our success depends on everyone doing their part,” Executive Gardner said. “By wearing masks and physically distancing ourselves, we are protecting our community. Let’s show our love for all of Frederick County.”

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During her public information briefing, Executive Gardner challenged community leaders and others to join her campaign called #LoveFrederick. The public is encouraged to share how they are protecting their friends, neighbors, employees, and others with social media posts tagged with #LoveFrederick.



For changes to County services, see [FrederickCountyMD.gov/coronavirus](https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus).

Business resources can be found at [DiscoverFrederickMD.com/covid-19](https://www.discoverfrederickmd.com/covid-19).

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 1851 (+24 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 107 (+1 in 24hrs) people have died, and 1148 (+45 in 24hrs) people have been released from isolation. For more statistics, please visit <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

As we move into fully implementing Stage 1 of the Road to Recovery, let's remember that we're in this together and we all have a part to play. Everyone should still be washing hands often, wearing a face cover, and keeping physically distant. Thank you for doing your part!



Frederick County Public Libraries:

Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL) will begin a tiered reopening on June 1, 2020. This approach adheres to guidance from county and state health officials and puts the health and safety of our community and library staff first.

On June 1, we will enter phase one of our tiered reopening by launching curbside service. This new service will be available by appointment and for materials already on hold. Visit fcpl.org/curbside to book an appointment and learn more. During this phase, staff will be available during a modified schedule to answer phones for all inquiries, but our buildings will remain closed to visitors.

For phase one, we will also reopen bookdrops for the return of library materials. However, overdue fines will not be charged during phase one, so if customers want to keep library materials at home, they are encouraged to do so.

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“This has been a difficult time for everyone in Frederick County, but I’m proud of how our staff and community rose to the challenge,” said James Kelly, Director of Frederick County Public Libraries. “We evolved our programming and enhanced digital collections to better serve our customers and, next week, we will start to offer curbside pickup of holds. We look forward to the day that we can reopen the doors to our community.”

Following the guidance of county and state health officials all public events, meeting rooms, and study rooms will remain suspended or closed until later phases of the tiered reopening. However, FCPL will continue to produce a wide range of virtual programming on their website and social media channels.

June 1 also marks the launch of FCPL’s all-virtual Summer Challenge 2020. This year’s challenge invites participants to “Explore, Invent, and Transform Your Story,” with virtual activities for everyone from babies to seniors in retirement. Participants earn points and win prizes by reading, completing game board challenges, enjoying an enhanced roster of virtual programs and performances, and visiting community destinations virtually or in person, when deemed safe to do so.

FCPL is taking measures to ensure that all branch libraries are meeting and exceeding the recommendations for public spaces as outlined by the Maryland Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). All returned materials will be quarantined for 72 hours in accordance with guidelines from the CDC. Continued cooperation from the community at each stage will ensure FCPL is able to move forward with each phase of our reopening. In addition, public health and safety criteria will help determine when and how we move through the reopening.

Customers are invited to continue using our expansive online resources. A comprehensive list of our ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, newspapers, and magazines can be found on our website at fcpl.org.

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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