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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 29, 2020

Frederick, MD – May 29, 2020

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 1880 (+29 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 107 (+0 in 24hrs) people have died, and 1176 (+28 in 24hrs) people have been released from isolation. For more statistics, please visit <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

Contact Tracing

Frederick County is starting the transition to the Maryland system for contact tracing. During this transition, there may be an overlap in coverage, so it's possible that people newly diagnosed with COVID-19 may be contacted multiple times in one day to ensure that everyone is reached. We thank you for your patience during this transition.

Outdoor Pools

Under Governor Hogan's [May 27th update](#), he outlined Stage 1 activities that are effective as on May 29th at 5pm. This included a statement that all outdoor pools may reopen with strict safety guidelines on capacity restrictions, physical distancing, and sanitation measures. The Maryland Department of Health issued a [Directive and Order about Swimming Pools](#) which provides details on what's expected for outdoor pools to be reopened. Guidance and best practices for outdoor pools are available [here](#).

The Frederick County Health Department employees have already been working to inspect pools. In addition to the normal opening inspection process, pool managers will also need to show how they will comply with the requirements. This process may take some time and some pools may decide not to open until a later Stage of recovery. Please check with your local pool to see what they are planning.

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Emergency Management:

As of June 1, 2020, Frederick County's emergency text alert service will change how it delivers long messages. Longer text messages will no longer be received in their entirety or across multiple text messages. Instead, a text will include a web link to the entire message. The change is a result of new formatting from Everbridge, the vendor who provides the Division of Emergency Management's AlertFC service.

Users of AlertFC may find receiving messages through the mobile Everbridge app provides a better message experience.

The benefits of using the app to receive messages are:

- Longer messages will be received in the app in their entirety.
- Messages displayed through the app can include images, hyperlinks and additional formatting options.
- All notifications show up in one feed without cluttering your text message feed. Notifications in the app are easy to find and easy to read. New and unread messages are marked with an orange dot to make them easier to find. Unneeded messages can easily be deleted. Keep all, some or none.
- Users can manage their account right from the app. Update your subscriptions, profile information, contact methods and more.
- Apps make it easy to silence notifications whenever needed through your smartphone's built-in quiet time management.

To use the Everbridge app to receive notifications instead of text messages, download the app from your smartphone's app store. Once installed, go to your profile and remove you phone number(s) from the SMS text field. Instructions on downloading and using the Everbridge app are available at www.frederickcountymd.gov/alertapp. For questions or assistance on using the app email Alert@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Frederick Health Hospital:

COVID-19 Testing Site Relocation

Starting Monday, June 1, COVID-19 testing operations will relocate from the Toll House location to the Frederick Health Village (former State Farm Complex). Testing will continue to be an outdoor operation, utilizing a similar set-up to what was established at Toll House. Testing will no longer be conducted at our Toll House location after May 31. <https://www.frederickhealth.org/Patients-Visitors/Coronavirus-COVID-19-.aspx>

New Location:

Frederick Health Village
1 Frederick Health Way (formerly State Farm Drive)
Frederick, MD 21701

Hours of Operation:

Open Daily
7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Planning and Permitting Division:

The Frederick County Division of Planning & Permitting is pleased to announce the [Temporary Outdoor Seating Application for Restaurants and Food Service Establishments](#) is now live. Included in the application is the State of Maryland guidelines for Best Practices for Businesses to Reopen Restaurants. For additional information, visit <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/7974/Permits-and-Inspections>.



Applications may be submitted electronically via email to Ashlye Bonomo, Manager of Permitting Services at ABonomo@FrederickCountyMD.gov. Further questions may be directed to the Department of Permits & Inspections at 301-600-3463.

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](https://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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