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## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Frederick County Agency Updates for May 7, 2020

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#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting 1171 positive cases of COVID-19 and 71 deaths. For more information, please visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus).

#### **Child Advocacy Center (CAC):**

In collaboration with its Multi-Disciplinary Team partners, the CAC continues to conduct emergent child forensic interviews and with receipt of PPE from the Health Department and Maryland Children's Alliance, can now begin conducting emergent forensic medical exams.

The CAC assembled care packages with coloring books, crayons/colored pencils, bubbles, chalk, popcorn, slime making materials, stress balls, and journals and delivered them to more than 60 CAC clients.

The Friends of the CAC and Project Linus have provided facemasks for CAC staff, Multi-Disciplinary Team partners, and children and families visiting the center.

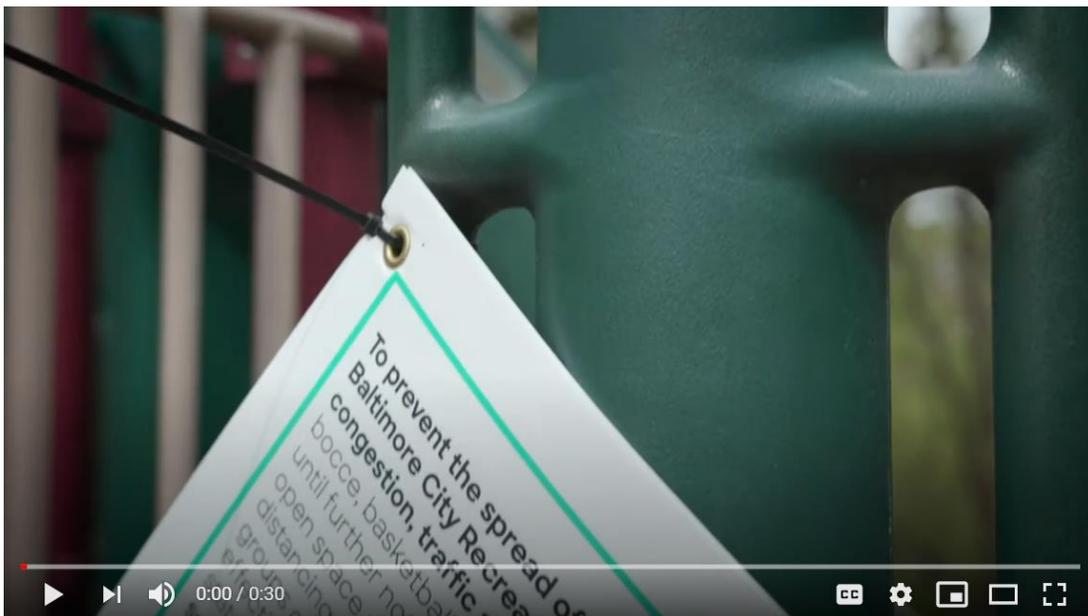
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Virtual programming has increased with the addition of Telehealth services for therapy clients and Trauma-Sensitive Mindfulness, Breath & Movement Skills virtual workshops for FCPS elementary school teachers to help their students learn and practice stress management and coping skills.

The County released a PSA to raise community awareness about how citizens can protect children from maltreatment during the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bhOin3ct4U>

DHS joined the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services and the Maryland Children's Alliance to release a PSA to increase awareness of child abuse and resources available during the pandemic.



### City of Frederick:

Yesterday, Governor Hogan expanded the list of safe outdoor activities. After evaluation and discussion with local health officials and safety officers, The City of Frederick Parks and Recreation Department will be making the following operational adjustments with appropriate safety and cleaning measures in place:

- The Clustered Spires Golf Course will open for use on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Please contact the facility at 301-600-1295 for more information on tee times, safety measures, and operations.

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- Basketball courts, tennis courts, in-line rinks, skate parks, and the dog park will open for use on Friday, May 8, 2020.

As a reminder, the [Governor's Executive Orders](#) on mass gatherings (no gatherings larger than 10 persons) and social distancing are still in effect and should be followed. The community is encouraged to use parks local and adjacent to one's neighborhood to limit non-essential travel.

The following Parks operational adjustments remain:

- Playgrounds and pavilions remain closed.

Additional information regarding the City's Parks and Recreation Department is available at [cityoffrederickmd.gov/255/Parks-Recreation](http://cityoffrederickmd.gov/255/Parks-Recreation). Since declaring a State of Emergency on March 13, 2020, Mayor Michael O'Connor and The City of Frederick have been committed to maintaining operations that are critical to the life, health, and safety of our residents. To stay up to date on the City's response to COVID-19, please visit [cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19](http://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19) or the City's social media channels.

## JIC:

### 5 Things You Can Do To Avoid a Coronavirus Scam

1. Ignore offers for vaccinations and home testing kits
2. Hang up on robocalls
3. Watch out for phishing emails and text messages
4. Research before you donate
5. Stay in the know -- Go to [ftc.gov/coronavirus](http://ftc.gov/coronavirus) for more info

An infographic titled "KEEP CALM and Avoid Coronavirus Scams". It lists five things to do to avoid a scam, each with an icon and a brief explanation. The items are: 1. Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits. 2. Hang up on robocalls. 3. Watch out for phishing emails and text messages. 4. Research before you donate. 5. Stay in the know. The infographic also includes the Federal Trade Commission logo and the URL [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint) for reporting a scam.

Here are **5 things** you can do to avoid a Coronavirus scam:

- Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.**  
Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.
- Hang up on robocalls.**  
Scammers use illegal sales call to get your money and your personal information.
- Watch out for phishing emails and text messages.**  
Don't click on links in emails or texts you didn't expect.
- Research before you donate.**  
Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. Get tips on donating wisely at [ftc.gov/charity](http://ftc.gov/charity).
- Stay in the know.**  
Go to [ftc.gov/coronavirus](http://ftc.gov/coronavirus) for the latest information on scams. Sign up to get FTC's alerts at [ftc.gov/subscribe](http://ftc.gov/subscribe).

Federal Trade Commission  
If you see a scam, report it to [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint)

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### **Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM):**

Beginning on Monday, May 11, the DSWM's 9031 Reichs Ford Road facility will resume accepting yard waste collected within Frederick County from residential customers as well as selling mulch and compost. Yard waste must be brought to the main entrance of the facility, as the recycling drop-off center remains closed at this time. To access the facility, customers must comply with social distancing in accordance with Executive Order #20-04-15-01, which requires maintaining six (6) feet or more between people or the use of face coverings.

Normal yard waste guidelines apply (materials must be loose or in paper bags, branches must be less than 6" in diameter and less than 8' in length) and there is no fee to drop off yard waste for recycling. Further information is available at [www.frederickcountymd.gov/3602/Yard-Waste-Recycling](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/3602/Yard-Waste-Recycling).

Please note that, as part of the County's efforts to contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus and protect its staff and the public, other facility restrictions remain in place. Currently, only three categories of users may bring other solid waste materials (trash) to the DSWM facility; these are:

- commercial waste haulers
- those that rely on the Reichs Ford Road facility for regular weekly disposal of their homes putrescible/perishable waste
- essential businesses currently allowed to operate under State Executive Orders.

To stay up-to-date on all changes to facility procedures and use during the Covid-19 pandemic, please visit [www.frederickcountymd.gov/8079/COVID-19-FACILITY-RESTRICTIONS](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/8079/COVID-19-FACILITY-RESTRICTIONS).

### **Visit Frederick:**

Visit Frederick is pleased to announce their DINNER DASH VIRTUAL 5K! Get some exercise and support a local business at the same time when you sign up for Visit Frederick's Dinner Dash 5k! Everyone who completes the race will receive a \$20 local restaurant gift card.

1. Sign up for the race by completing the form above and paying your \$28 entry fee. You may choose to sign up for the race only or to also order a **Frederick County Stronger Together t-shirt**. The race is open to all ages, so feel free to sign up multiple participants.

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2. Complete your 5k by walking or running any time in May. Record your time and share a photo of yourself walking or running by **emailing Melissa Muntz** ([mmuntz@fredco-md.net](mailto:mmuntz@fredco-md.net)) using the subject line "Dinner Dash 5k". Emails will only be accepted through midnight of May 31, so be sure to send your information before June.
3. Visit Frederick will send you a \$20 gift card from one of these **local restaurant partners!** Giftcards will be chosen at random and mailed the first week of June. Only participants who complete the race on time will receive a gift card, so be sure you've submitted both registration payment (above) and a completion email.

To register for the Virtual 5K and view all the details visit <https://www.visitfrederick.org/dinner-dash/>.

### **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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