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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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### Frederick County Agency Updates for June 8, 2020

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#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting that 2160 (+14 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 113 (+1 in 24hrs) people have died, and 1499 (+68 in 24hrs) people have been released from isolation. For more statistics, please visit <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

#### **Contact Tracing Update**

Frederick County's transition into the Maryland contact tracing system (covidLINK) was postponed as the system was getting up and running, but the switch is on schedule to occur this week. As that transition takes place, Frederick County residents who test positive for COVID-19 may be contacted by covidLINK contact tracers, or by Frederick County Health Department employees who will also be using the covidLINK system. We'd like to take this opportunity to give you more information about covidLINK and what to expect.

covidLINK is more than Maryland's contact tracing initiative. It's a way we can all keep each other safe. By getting ahead of the disease, we can help prevent infections, better understand how it's transmitted, and get closer to returning to our normal lives.

Contact tracing is the process of identifying people who may have come into contact with an individual with an infectious disease, in this case COVID-19. The contact tracer reaches out by phone to someone who has tested positive for the virus to determine their whereabouts and close contacts for the two-week period of time when they may have been infectious.

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### **Respond: Answer the call and stop the spread.**

CovidLINK is a fundamental part of how Maryland is responding to the coronavirus outbreak. But *your response* is the most important part of this process. Here's how you can help:

- Answer and/or return any calls from "MD COVID."
- Stop the spread by following the guidelines provided on the call.
- Spread the word, not the virus. Let your community know how important it is.

### **Connect: You Have the Power to Help Protect Your Community.**

Connections have never been more meaningful. None of us can fight this disease alone. We have the opportunity to work together and to protect each other. If you get the call from MD COVID, you have the power to stop the spread. By helping us connect to others who may have been infected, you could be saving the lives of not just your friends and family, but any others to whom they may have spread the infection, as well.

Stay connected to us. Let us know if you develop symptoms. Your contact tracer will be in regular contact with you, checking in often to see how you're doing.

### **Recover: Healing at Home. Healing Your Community.**

This is not just about getting back to normal—it's about getting better. If we work together, we can emerge stronger.

For more information, check out: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/contact-tracing>

## **TransIT:**

As the community transitions to opening more non-essential businesses, TransIT Services of Frederick County will be returning the following service effective today Monday, June 8th.

The following routes will be changed or returned to service:

- Connector Routes returning to service: #10B, #51 and the #61. Please note changes to the #51 and #61 in the release in regards to outdoor dining in Downtown Frederick.
- Connector Routes with changes: #65 will return to its normal weekday schedule.
- Shuttle Routes returning to service: Brunswick Jefferson, East Frederick, Emmitsburg Thurmont, North Frederick, and the Route 85 shuttle.

TransIT-plus will continue providing pre-scheduled trips. All passengers are required to wear masks or facial covering while onboard and service will remain free for passengers until further notice.

<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/326406/Service-Changes-Effective-June-8th>

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**Senior Services Division:**

The Alzheimer's Association invites you to a virtual public conversation on the impact of COVID-19 on Maryland's long term care industry and those they serve, featuring the leading executives of the Alzheimer's Association and Maryland's long-term care provider organizations. Understand how they have approached this unprecedented pandemic, and their response in areas such as: testing, reporting, surge capacity, and what additional actions are needed to support staff, individuals at their facilities, and family caregivers.

This event will take place on Tuesday, June 9 from 11am-12pm. For more information and to register, go to [bit.ly/COVIDLTC](https://bit.ly/COVIDLTC).

**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:

- Frederick City Government: [//cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19](https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19)
- Frederick County Government: [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/coronavirus](https://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/coronavirus)
- Frederick County Health Department: [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus)
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): [coronavirus.maryland.gov](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov)

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