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Frederick County Agency Updates for June 11, 2020

Frederick, MD – June 11, 2020

County Executive:

County to Follow Governor's Plan for June 12th Openings

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced continued improvement in key health measures related to COVID-19. The rate of people testing positive for COVID-19 has dropped to 6.5%, below the statewide average. Hospital statistics have significantly improved, with continued declines in overall hospitalizations, intensive care unit beds, and acute care bed counts. Universal testing results from nursing home staff and residents show low rates of infection, with no positive cases detected among residents and only three staff members positive at the three most recent facilities reporting results. The number of EMS calls for COVID-positive patients is substantially lower than earlier this spring; two of the last seven days involved transporting zero COVID-patients.

As a result of these positive health metrics, Executive Gardner announced that Governor Hogan's list of businesses and activities that can resume effective 5 p.m. on Friday, June 12, will go into effect in Frederick County. These include:

- **Indoor Dining** –Restaurants may open at 50% capacity, with tables spaced at least 6 feet apart. Face coverings must be worn by staff and by diners, except when they are eating or drinking. Groups may be no larger than six people. Strict health requirements must be met.
- **Outdoor Activities** – Amusement parks and rides may reopen, including go-karts and miniature golf facilities. High school sports teams may resume skills practices, following guidance by the State Department of Health. Youth sports may resume, although spectators should be limited.

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- **Outdoor Parades, Festivals and Fundraisers** – These outdoor gatherings may resume with appropriate physical distancing.
- **Child Care Providers** – Rooms within any child care center are limited to 15 people, including staff.

“As people resume activities, taking personal responsibility is absolutely essential,” Executive Gardner said. “Each of us must be responsible to protect the vulnerable members of our family and our community. Wearing masks and physically distancing ourselves is how we protect each other. Public health remains our shared goal.”

An announcement will be made next week concerning whether Frederick County will fully advance the next phase of Governor Hogan’s plan for businesses and activities that could resume as of June 19.

Questions concerning [Governor Hogan’s most recent Executive Order](#) should be directed to the Governor’s Office of Legal Counsel at 410-974-3901 or online at <http://governor.maryland.gov/contact-the-governor>.



Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 2202 (+24 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and 105 (+0 in 24hrs) people have confirmed COVID-19 as cause of death. For more statistics, please visit <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

The majority of deaths related to COVID-19 in Frederick County residents remains in our older age group of people 60 years and older. However, the majority of Frederick County residents who test positive for COVID-19 are between 20 and 60 years old. Please take personal responsibility to protect yourself and your high risk loved ones.

We are unable to provide people with a return to work letter, so we are asking employers to not require one.

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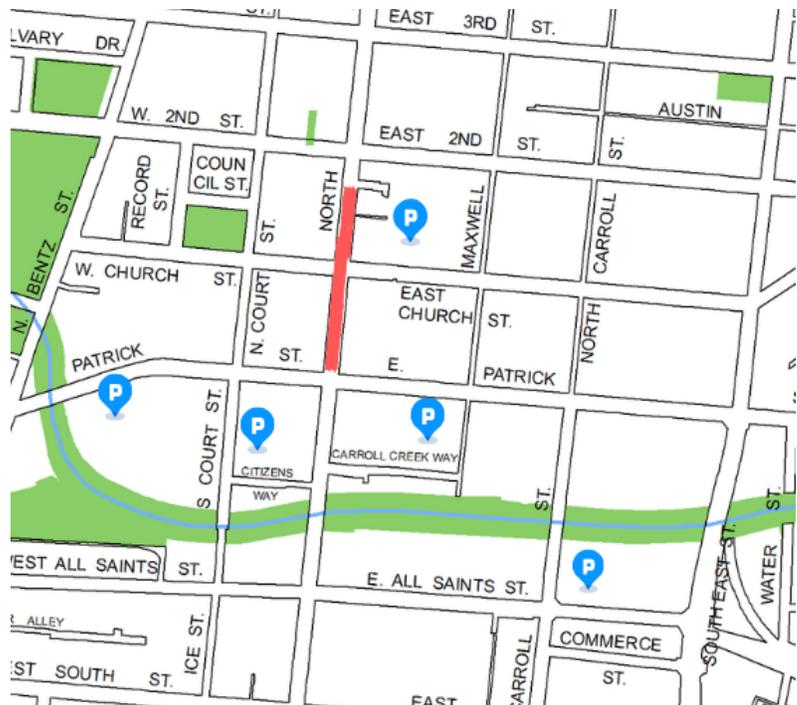


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City of Frederick:

Last week, The City of Frederick [announced the Pop Up Dining program](#) for restaurants throughout the City. Since the announcement, the Department of Economic Development has been working with the restaurateurs to discuss the options, resulting in more than thirty restaurants moving forward with one of the options. New sidewalk cafes are in place. Restaurants throughout the City have expanded safely into parking lots and open spaces.

The pop up dining option that involves the closure of Market Street will begin this Friday, June 12, 2020. The closure has been reduced and will now close Market Street from Patrick Street to Market Space (map image provided below). The closures will occur from 11 AM to 10 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through the end of the State of Emergency or October 31, 2020 (whichever date comes first). As a reminder, all cross streets will remain open.



Additionally, the safety barriers for the parklet/parking lane option are currently being installed in downtown Frederick. The implementation of these options will continue as additional applications are submitted, reviewed, and approved. Parklets are being used throughout the downtown area for restaurants that are not on Market Street within the closure section. You will see these in the areas of Patrick Street, North of 2nd Street on Market Street, and South of Patrick Street on Market Street.

Due to the implementation of the various options in combination with the curbside pick-up zones, visitors to the downtown area are asked to park in the parking garages. The garages are also offering free parking for thirty minutes to support curbside pickup efforts. Those visiting the downtown area should also practice physical distancing and follow the State's guidance on mask-wearing.

To submit your application and/or to learn more about the pop-up dining options, visit cityoffrederickmd.gov/popupdining. Questions regarding this program may be directed to the Department of Economic Development at 301-600-6360.

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Correction

Yesterday's release erroneously listed FCGTV High Definition Channel 1035. The correct channel to watch FCGTV High Definition broadcasting is channel 1085

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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