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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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### Frederick County Agency Updates for June 12, 2020

Frederick, MD – June 12, 2020

#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting that 2225 (+23 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and 107 (+2 in 24hrs) people have confirmed COVID-19 as cause of death. For more statistics, please visit <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

#### **Update on Testing Sites**

Frederick County Health Department is continuing to work with local community partners to identify locations for testing sites. The Health Department's goal is to make testing available to people who cannot access the existing testing options in the community, such as people without cars who cannot use the drive-thru options, and people who live outside of the City of Frederick. We're practicing our process in some small, location-specific testing sites first and then will announce some recurring locations next week.

Another testing option is available now: an at home kit! Labcorp has a test kit that you can [order online](#) for no upfront cost. The kit will be sent to your home with instruction on how to collect your nasal swab sample and how to send the kit back to the lab.

#### **Update on Outdoor Visits at Assisted Living Facilities in Maryland**

Maryland Department of Health announced today that outdoor visitation at assisted living facilities is allowable if:

1. Visitors and residents wear a face covering at all times
2. Visitors and residents maintain proper social distancing at all times.
3. There is NOT an ongoing outbreak at the facility.

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Additionally, it is recommended that there are no more than 2 visitors at a time per resident per visit. Please note that this announcement applies to assisted living facilities and not nursing homes at this time. In order to find out if there is an active outbreak in a specific assisted living facility, go to <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats> and check the table at the bottom. If the facility is listed, that means there is a current outbreak.

COVID-19: Supporting Your Loved One in a Long-Term Care Facility (CDC)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/supporting-loved-one-in-long-term-care-facility.pdf>

### **Circuit Court:**

#### **START-UP PLAN FOLLOWING COVID-19 EMERGENCY CLOSURE**

The primary concern in re-opening the court to the public is to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees, counsel, litigants, and those who enter the courthouse. A substantial case backlog exists, given the length of the court closure. As we work to address this backlog, we must manage the workflow within the courthouse in a manner consistent with any existing Executive Orders, with public health recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and State agencies, and with any restrictions or recommendations by the Frederick County Executive or local health officials in light of health advisories in this area.

The courthouse re-opening will be accomplished in phases, consistent with the directives set forth in Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera's Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, issued on May 22, 2020, and as amended June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Current public health recommendations recognize the continued health risks posed by COVID-19 and the need for ongoing vigilance to reduce the risk of infection and further spread of the disease. Social distancing measures must be enforced within the courthouse to minimize exposure risks. For these reasons, this Start-Up plan will address basic safety and security measures within the courthouse. It will also establish a phased approach to increase gradually the flow of individuals entering the courthouse. At any time, the below protocol may have to be adjusted to address any emergency matters and well as cases which are deemed to have priority

Honorable Julie S. Solt Administrative Judge  
Circuit Court Re-Opening Plan (Public) 6.8.2020

The reopening plan is available in its entirety at  
<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/326471/Circuit-Court-Re-Opening-Plan-Public-Version-Final-002?bidId=>

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**JIC:**

Frederick County is following Maryland in **Stage Two** per the [Governor's Executive Orders](#). **Effective June 12 at 5 pm**, outdoor entertainment and recreational attractions along with indoor dining may reopen to the general public, though specific closures and restrictions are still in place.

Please see [these FAQs](#) regarding community, recreational, leisure, cultural and sporting gatherings and events such as weddings and funerals.

**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](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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