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Frederick County Agency Updates for June 16, 2020

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County Executive:

Key health measures substantially improved in the past month, indicating that Frederick County is past its peak in the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall hospitalizations related to the virus have declined 70 percent since May 8. The number of people being treated in intensive care has dropped 93 percent, and acute care beds for COVID patients are down 65 percent.

As a result of these positive health metrics, County Executive Jan Gardner has announced that Frederick County will fully advance the next phase of Governor Hogan's reopening plan, as most neighboring counties are doing. The following businesses and activities can resume in Frederick County effective at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 19, at 50 percent of their capacity with recommended best health and safety practices:

- Indoor recreation, including:
 - Bingo halls, bowling alleys, pool halls
 - Roller and ice skating rinks
- Social and fraternal clubs
- Fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers, and self-defense schools

Executive Gardner reminds residents and business owners to follow health and safety guidelines from the Maryland Department of Health. Face coverings and physical distancing are required in many settings and otherwise strongly encouraged.

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“We have made great progress, thanks to the many people who stayed home and continue to do their part by wearing masks and staying 6 feet or more from others,” Executive Gardner said. “Everyone needs to take personal responsibility to keep others safe, particularly those who are most vulnerable, our elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Together, we can keep the spread of the virus low and avoid a second wave of cases that could shut down businesses and activities again. Show the love by doing your part.” #LoveFrederick

For information on Governor Hogan’s Roadmap to Recovery, visit governor.maryland.gov/recovery.

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 2,308 (+10 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and 108 (+1 in 24hrs) people have confirmed COVID-19 as cause of death. For more statistics, please visit <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

City of Frederick:

All City of Frederick park playgrounds and pavilions are open effective Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Users are encouraged to practice physical distancing, practice proper hand hygiene, and avoid large gatherings. For more City of Frederick updates, go to <https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19>.

Frederick County Parks and Recreation:

Playgrounds maintained by Frederick County Parks and Recreation are now open for use. Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Kortright today announced plans to gradually reopen other facilities and programming, which have been unavailable under Governor Hogan’s Executive Order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the immediate reopening of playgrounds at County-operated parks, Kortright announced the following changes in operations:

- **Shelters and ball field reservations will resume July 1.** For more information on a new process for placing reservations, visit www.recreater.com/covidreturntoplay and www.recreater.com/covidreturntoparks. People with existing reservations will receive an email with information on how to complete the updated process. Reservations require a physical distancing plan and must comply with all health regulations.
- **Summer recreation opportunities will be announced next week.** Details about programs and activities will be posted on www.recreater.com.
- **Catoctin Creek Nature Center’s lobby will open with a modified schedule on July 18.** All visitors will be required to wear a mask while indoors and to maintain physical distancing. Classrooms remain closed.

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All large events and gatherings in County parks are prohibited. Large gatherings continue to present a risk for spread of the virus.

The openings announced today affect Frederick County-operated parks only. All Frederick County Public Schools facilities, including playgrounds and tracks, remain closed. Questions about playgrounds maintained by homeowners associations, municipalities, and the State should be directed to those organizations.



For more information, contact the Division of Parks and Recreation at 301-600-1646, or by emailing ParksAndRecreation@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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
- 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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