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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for July 7, 2020

Frederick, MD – July 7, 2020

County Executive:

Frederick County residents who are behind in their rent because of the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for an emergency rental assistance program, Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner announced today. The new program is a partnership between Frederick County, the City of Frederick, and the nonprofit Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, with more than \$3 million being set aside to help renters.

The emergency aid can be applied to rent due for up to three months, dating back to April 2020. Eligibility is based on current income and family size. For example, an individual who earns no more \$55,750 a year may qualify, while the annual income limit for a family of four is \$79,600. A copy of a lease or rental agreement is required, as well as proof of COVID-related financial hardship. Tenants of public housing or other government rental assistance are not eligible.

Applications will be accepted for five days, beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, July 13, until 7 p.m. Friday, July 17. To apply, visit www.RCEHN.org/covid-emergency-rental-assistance. For those without internet access, call 301-631-2670 ext. 127 for information on how to apply. If financial hardship is not COVID-related, renters may contact the Religious Coalition regarding non-COVID rental assistance.

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**COVID-19
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

THE RELIGIOUS COALITION **FREDERICK MARYLAND**

The Religious Coalition, Frederick County, and the City of Frederick, are partnering to provide rental assistance to those directly impacted by COVID-19.

If you have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are behind on your rent, The Religious Coalition may be able to help you with rental assistance. Beginning July 13th, Frederick County residents may begin applying for assistance in paying back rent resulting from the COVID crisis.

TO BE ELIGIBLE:

- ✓ You must be renting in Frederick County
- ✓ You must have lost income or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19
- ✓ You must not have a pending eviction prior to March 31st, 2020

You can apply beginning July 13th, 2020 at 8am.
In order to apply, visit www.rcehn.org/covid-emergency-rental-assistance where you will be directed to an online application portal. The last day to submit an application will be July 17th 2020 at 7pm. For those without access to the web, please call 301-631-2670 Ext. 127 for information on how to apply.

If you are not eligible for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program, you may still contact 301-631-2670 for information regarding non-COVID rental assistance. You may also email info@rcehn.org with any questions about applying for other emergency assistance that is available.

FUNDING IS LIMITED AND EVERY HOUSEHOLD MAY NOT RECEIVE ASSISTANCE.

MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING INCOME GUIDELINES:

FAMILY SIZE	FY 2020 INCOME LIMIT 80% AMI*
1	\$55,750.00
2	\$63,700.00
3	\$71,650.00
4	\$79,600.00
5	\$86,000.00
6	\$92,350.00
7	\$98,700.00
8	\$105,100.00

*Income is based on CURRENT income. Does not apply to previous or future income.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- ✓ Frederick County ID
- ✓ Copy of your current lease or rental agreement signed by your landlord
- ✓ Proof of ALL income in the house (Paystubs, Unemployment benefits, Bank statements showing direct deposits, SSI or SSDI statements)
- ✓ Proof of COVID related hardship
- ✓ Loss of income due to reduction in hours (paystubs)
- ✓ Letter of delinquency or rental ledger which details the month and amounts behind on rent

YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF:

- ✗ Your hardship was not caused directly by COVID
- ✗ You live in public housing
- ✗ You receive other government rental assistance (Section 8, Housing Choice Vouchers, etc.)
- ✗ You received an eviction notice THAT IS STILL UNPAID prior to March 31st, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.rcehn.org | COVIDhelp@rcehn.org | 301-631-2670 Ext. 127



Frederick County Health Department:

Confirmed Cases 2,551 Change in Last 24 Hours: -3	Confirmed Deaths 113 Change in Last 24 Hours: +0	7-Day Positivity Rate 2.2%
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Note: the number of cases went down due to corrections to cases from Carroll County that were initially assigned to Frederick County. Please check our dashboard for daily statistics:

<http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

Upcoming Testing Clinics

The Frederick County Health Department testing clinics are open to the public with no appointment. Face coverings and physical distancing are required, but no documentation, insurance, or doctor's order is needed. Testing is FREE and you don't have to be sick to be tested. Go to health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus for details.

Upcoming testing clinics will be at:

- Thursday, July 9 at 110 W. South Street in Frederick (parking lot of Gary L. Rollins Funeral Home) from 4-6pm
- Thursdays in Brunswick at Railroad Square from 5-7pm
- Fridays in Thurmont in the municipal building parking lot, 615 E. Main Street, from 5-7pm
- Saturdays at 101 West All Saints Street in Frederick (parking lot of the Asbury United Methodist Church) from 1-3pm
- Tuesdays at the Seton Center, 226 Lincoln Ave in Emmitsburg, 12-2pm

Frequently Asked Question:

Q. I went to [name] business and the employees and/or customers weren't wearing face coverings. What should I do?

A. There are two things we ask you to do in this situation. 1) If you have questions or concerns about a business complying with the Governor's orders for face coverings, please email details to FCHDHealthInfo@FrederickCountyMD.gov so that we can follow up on the information.

2) We encourage all our residents to take personal steps to lower your own risk by being aware of what's going on around you. If you see people not wearing face coverings, the best thing you can do is to keep even greater distance between you and them than the normally recommended 6 ft. They may not be able to wear face coverings due to health issues, and keeping your distance helps keep you and them safer. Thank you for your efforts to keep our community healthy! #LoveFrederick

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City of Frederick:

Parks and Recreation Announce Additional 'Return to Recreation' Activities

After consultation with City leaders and the evolving reopening guidance from the State, the Parks and Recreation Department is announcing the following updates to operations, closures, and cancellations:

- Return to Recreation programming will begin Monday, July 13, 2020. Programming will include indoor fitness classes, tennis lessons and camps, pickleball, and other activities. [View the Return to Recreation – Summer 2020 Program Brochure / Register Now](#)
- The Department will be offering six outdoor playground program camp locations which include Greenleaf, Hillcrest, Lake Coventry, Monocacy Village, Overlook, and Willow Brook Parks. The program will operate weekdays July 6, 2020, through August 21, 2020, from 8 AM to 5 PM. [View the Return to Recreation – Summer 2020 Program Brochure / Register Now](#)
- The William R. Diggs pool will open on Monday, July 13, 2020, with safety precautions, limited capacity, physical distancing, and a reservation system in place for city residents only. [View Additional Information / Register Now](#)
- The Edward P. Thomas, Jr. pool will remain closed for the Summer 2020 season. This decision was reached after carefully considering the significant staffing shortages, continued maintenance delays, and restrictive guidelines for safe operations. We appreciate the community's understanding, and we continue to prioritize the life, health, and safety of our community and employees.

All previously announced openings and timelines remain. Residents may call 301-600-6972 for the latest information regarding programs and facilities.

See more details here: <https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=6250>

City Passes Ordinance Prohibiting Rent Increases

In the City's latest efforts to relieve residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting the increase of rent and application of late fees during and after the Governor's State of Emergency. This ordinance, which was brought forward by Alderman Ben MacShane, aims to promote housing stability during the COVID-19 pandemic and to prevent avoidable homelessness.

See more details here: <https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=6249>

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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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**IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN
ABOUT A BUSINESS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

FCHDBusinessInfo@FrederickCountyMD.gov

301-600-6200



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