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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Frederick County Agency Updates for May 1, 2020

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#### **County Executive's Office:**

County Executive Jan Gardner joined county leaders from across Maryland to request the expedited release of and greater flexibility to use federal CARES funding to 19 counties, including Frederick County. See their letter to Governor Hogan [here](#).

#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting 968 positive cases of COVID-19 and 61 deaths. For more information, please visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus).

#### *May is Mental Health Awareness Month*

Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed since 1949, but now more than ever, taking care of our mental health is vital to our wellbeing. Join us in ending the stigma around mental health and celebrating Mental Health 4 All. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- Download Maryland Department of Health's [toolkit](#) in collaboration with NAMI Maryland
- Learn the [warning signs](#) that someone may be experiencing a mental health crisis
- Share your mental health journey on social media using #MentalHealth4All
- Check in with a loved one and have a conversation about mental health
- Begin your [journey](#) towards recovery by practicing self-care and building connections

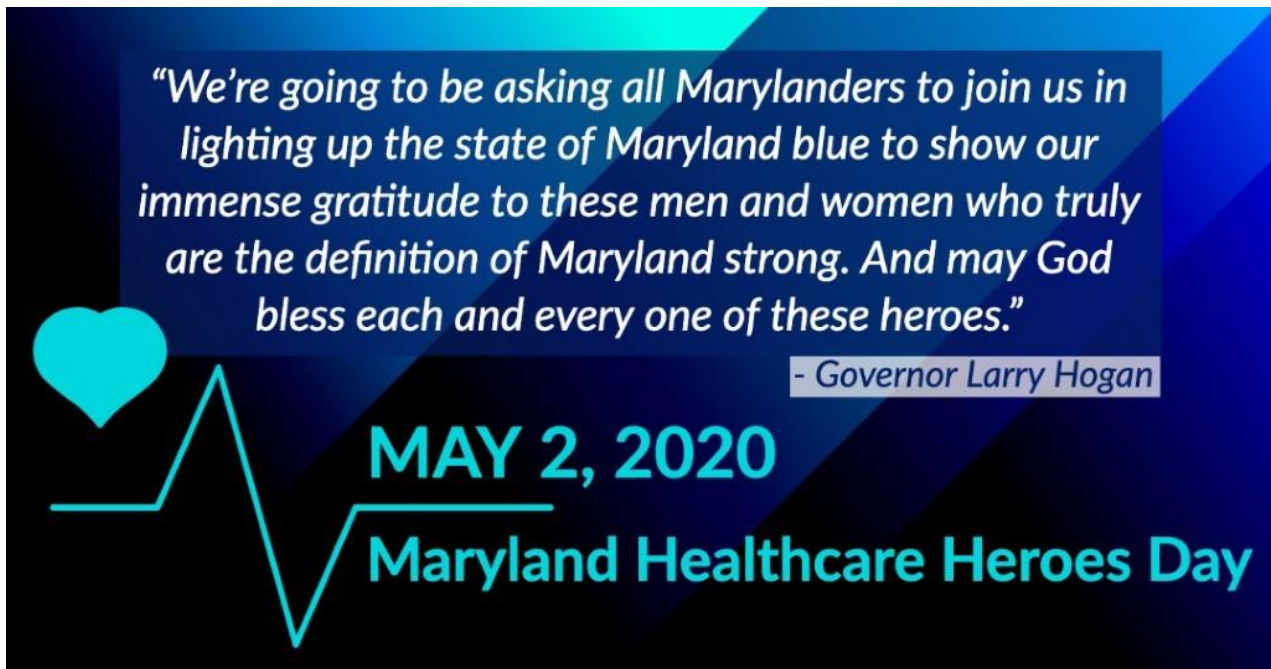
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**JIC:**

Join us on May 2 as we honor Maryland Healthcare Heroes Day, and light up the state blue!



*Update on the U.S. Census*

Frederick County is near the top of Maryland Counties in Census responses, and we can be #1 with your help! Please join in the 2020 Census: Digital Activation Weekend! May 1-3. Help spread the word in our community. Challenge your friends and family to pledge to complete the 2020 Census today by going to <https://2020census.gov/how-to-help> and download one of our challenge images, or create a custom image of your own, to share on social media.

Follow the social media channels, @uscensusbureau, and join the conversation during this weekend's digital activation by using the hashtag #2020Census.



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### **Senior Services Division:**

Today more than 4,600 pounds of fresh produce was packed and distributed to Frederick County seniors who participate in one of the Senior Services Division's food programs. Each recipient also received a bag of shelf-stable food. They were assisted by County employees from TransIt Services of Frederick County, the Scott Key Center, and the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services. Since the first week of March, Senior Services has delivered 19,687 meals.



### **Visit Frederick:**

If this pandemic has shown us one thing, it's that the Frederick community knows how to come together. We support our local businesses, we show our Maryland pride, and we come together to help where help is needed. It's no secret that Frederick is stronger together. That's why Visit Frederick is partnering with local business Custom Imprints to offer a custom tee shirt. 100% of the proceeds will be used to support the local tourism industry and help local businesses. Orders placed by May 10 will ship by May 25. To order visit: <https://www.visitfrederick.org/stronger-together/>



### **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](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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