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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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### Frederick County Agency Updates for May 5, 2020

Frederick, MD – May 5, 2020

#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting 1114 positive cases of COVID-19 and 70 deaths. For more information, please visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus).

The Maryland Department of Health has teamed up with National Opinion Research Center (NORC), to conduct contact tracing state-wide. They'll be using a state-of-the-art contact tracing platform called 'COVID Link,' which will assist in collecting information about people who test positive for COVID-19 and any individuals they have come in contact with.

NORC is now recruiting for Contact Tracers in Maryland. Individuals with the following qualifications are invited to apply at this link: <https://careers.norc.org/en-us/job/495613/contact-tracer>

Qualifications for Contact Tracers include:

- We need people who can be empathic and caring while also being able to work quickly and maintain quality standards.
- For those without direct experience in the field, we have found that teachers, real estate agents, and some sales/customer service jobs have skills which translate to data collection positions.

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- This work does offer a chance to work from home, but people will need to be willing to work set shifts (4-6 hours at a time) and have a quiet space in their homes.
- Individuals should have their own computer and access to high speed Internet.

Under this agreement, Maryland will be able to significantly ramp up its case investigation capacity up to 1,000 new cases per day. If you or someone you know is qualified, sign up today.”

### **Frederick County Public Schools:**

Starting Monday, May 11, FCPS will add meals-to-go service at the Centerville Elementary parking lot, 3601 Carriage Hill Drive, Frederick, MD, and discontinue service at the Overlook Park, 501 Coralberry Court, off Himes Avenue (across from Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant), Frederick, MD. For a full listing of meals-to-go locations and hours, visit <https://www.fcps.org/about/news/1680440/fcps-changes-meals-to-go-locations>.

*Please also note that, contrary to reports from some media outlets, FCPS has not required and does not require children to be present in order for an adult to obtain meals for them. The adult needs to provide name(s) of the child(ren) for whom meals are picked up.*

### **Frederick Health Hospital:**

#### **Frederick Health Hospital offers testing for COVID-19 via curbside service.**

To qualify for testing, patients must meet the following criteria (developed using CDC guidelines):

Experiencing two or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

**OR**, the new onset of loss of taste or smell.

Note that these criteria exclude patients with no symptoms. Testing supplies are limited and cannot accommodate testing for all. Those who do not meet criteria for testing will be given instructions for self-monitoring and follow-up as appropriate.

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Results will be available within 4 days of testing, and patients will be notified of their results by phone. The Maryland Department of Health will be notified of any positive COVID-19 results.

Testing will take place at Frederick Health Toll House, located at 501 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Curbside testing will be offered daily from 9am-3pm. Signage and traffic personnel will be on site to assist with the flow of vehicles and local traffic.

Patients arriving at Frederick Health Hospital's Emergency Department for COVID-19 testing, who are not experiencing emergency symptoms, will be directed to our curbside service.

Frederick Health is taking all appropriate safety precautions to protect our healthcare team, as well as the community we serve. Curbside testing will be available based on the availability of testing supplies and test kits. If test kits are not available, curbside service will be discontinued.

Virtual care is available to anyone, for free, by visiting [FrederickHealth.zipnosis.com](https://www.frederickhealth.org/zipnosis.com). For the latest updates on our response to COVID-19, you can visit [FrederickHealth.org/coronavirus](https://www.frederickhealth.org/coronavirus).

### **Parks and Recreation Division:**

#### ***Impacts to Recreation Classes/Camps:***

Spring Season- Due to the situation surrounding COVID-19, all **spring session** recreation programs are cancelled.

Summer Season- Additionally, all **summer session** programs/camps are now cancelled through July 12.

**Customers will be issued credits on account for any classes not held. Please check <https://www.recreator.com/Faq.aspx?QID=76> for further updates or call 301-600-2936.**

### **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](https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus)
- Frederick County Health Department: [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus)
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): [coronavirus.maryland.gov](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov)

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