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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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Frederick County Agency Updates for May 18, 2020

Frederick, MD – May 18, 2020

Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 1503 residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 92 people have died, and 754 people have been released from isolation. For more information, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.

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

FCHDBusinessInfo@FrederickCountyMD.gov

301-600-6200

Background on PPE

Early in the response to COVID-19, the Frederick County Health Department and Frederick County Emergency Management began ordering Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in addition to the amounts we already had stored in local warehouses. Orders were delayed and we quickly used the supply we had available by supplying or critical areas such as Frederick Health Hospital and the long term care facilities.

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Over the course of the response, we have received PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile, and the orders we placed are slowly coming in. Part of the challenge has been that the supplies are often not what our facilities are used to, and the shipments are still unpredictable. We are working to ensure that we have an adequate supply of PPE for our hospital, long term care facilities, and health care providers for emergency procedures.

We have provided PPE to the hospital, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, urgent care providers, primary care providers, behavioral health providers, cardiologists, dentists, urologists, nephrologists, and many more. We are so fortunate to have health department staff able to help assist in sorting and picking orders, and the help from the Fire Marshall's office making the PPE deliveries!

As of 5/15/2020, we have made 250 deliveries which total:

- 34,300 N95 Respirators
- 133,065 Facemasks (this includes surgical masks, and other face coverings)
- 66,400 Gloves
- 14,290 Gowns
- 7,838 Face Shields

We are continuing to work collaboratively with our county partners to ensure that we have adequate supplies of PPE going forward.



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
- 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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