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## *Coronavirus COVID-19 Update*

### **Frederick County Senior Centers Closed to Public until Further Notice**

FREDERICK, MD – Out of the abundance of caution, [County Executive Jan Gardner today announced](#) that effective immediately, the Frederick County Senior Services Division has temporarily closed all senior centers to the public to prevent and reduce exposure to the coronavirus among those 60 and older. The Maryland Department of Aging requested that all counties close senior centers, and continue to provide the necessary supplies to congregate meal participants.

Frederick County senior centers are located in Brunswick, Emmitsburg, Frederick, and Urbana. All activities, programs and events are cancelled until further notice.

The Meals on Wheels program will continue to deliver two meals a day to homebound adults, Monday through Friday, or adults of any age with a chronic health condition or disability who meet program eligibility guidelines and live in Frederick County.

Senior Services Division offices will remain open and staff are available to answer questions at 301-600-1234. Additional information is available by visiting [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/seniorservices](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/seniorservices).

The Frederick County Health Department is working closely with the Senior Services Division to [prepare the community for the novel coronavirus](#). People who have a higher risk of getting very sick from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) include: older adults (especially 60 years and older), people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes and lung disease.

“What we know about this new virus so far is that older people and people with chronic health conditions seem to be at greater risk of serious complications,” said Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Frederick County Health Officer and director of the Frederick County Health Department. “It’s important for these individuals or anyone who is a caretaker for someone to take steps now to prepare to be affected by COVID-19 in our community. Governor Hogan announced on March 9 that these individuals should stay home as much as possible and avoid large crowds to reduce the chance of getting sick.”

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