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County Executive Gardner Announces Measures to Protect People & Prevent Spread of Coronavirus

Libraries to close, public access limited at county facilities, non-essential meetings canceled

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner announced today that Frederick County Government offices and facilities will remain open, with modifications, to ensure that essential services continue for residents and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic. In response to federal, state, and local decisions to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus, Frederick County will close some operations, limit public access to facilities, cancel large events, and modifying where and how some county employees work.

“Public health and safety is a fundamental role of local government and we are taking steps to slow the spread of the coronavirus,” said Executive Gardner. “We are heeding the recommendations of national, state and local officials. Frederick County is doing our part to ensure public health and help reduce the spread of the virus to our families and our community.”

On Thursday, all county-operated senior centers closed, at the direction of the Maryland Department of Aging. Meals on Wheels delivery will continue. Today’s additional announcements included:

- All county buildings will be open and staffed with limited public access. Meetings will take place by phone or conference call to the extent possible.
- Frederick County Public Libraries will close from March 16 – 27.
- Park and Recreation programs are canceled immediately at school sites, and as of March 16 at nature centers, the Ballenger Creek Community Center and the Browning Building at Pinecliff Park.
 - County parks remain open to public.
- Boards and commission meetings are canceled at least through March 27.
- The Department of Permitting and the Treasurer’s Office remain open for the purchase of TransIT fares and to pay taxes and water and sewer bills. Residents are encouraged to use a drive-through payment window.
- Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living have restricted visitor access.
- Animal Control’s hours will change to 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday.
 - Animal adoption floors will be closed to the public.
 - Adoptions will be temporarily suspended.
 - Volunteers should contact Animal Control for more information.
- The Adult Detention Center has restricted visitor access.
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- The Frederick County Landfill will remain open, although no walk-ins will be accepted for recycling or compost bins.
- The Citizens Services Division is meeting clients by appointment only.
- The Family Partnership and the Scott Key Center will be closed for two weeks.
- TransIT Services will continue to provide all services and routes.
- Telework will be allowed for county employees who are able to do so.
- County employee travel is prohibited.
- The County Executive’s budget public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 23, will take place on Facebook Live, with viewers encouraged to provide feedback online or via e-mail to CountyExecutive@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Information on agency announcements and resources related to the coronavirus or COVID-19 can be found at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/coronavirus. Public health information is available at <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus> or www.cdc.gov.

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