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Frederick County Health Metrics Improve

County Moves to Stage 2 of Recovery Plan

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced key improvements in several key health measures related to COVID-19. The rate of people testing positive for COVID-19 has dropped to 8.4%, below the statewide average. Hospital statistics have significantly improved, with declines in overall hospitalizations, intensive care unit beds, and acute care bed counts. Results from nursing home staff and residents are showing lower infection rates than anticipated, including one that had no positive cases. The number of calls to EMS calls for COVID-positive patients has dropped; six of the last seven days involved zero COVID-patients.

As a result of improving health metrics, Executive Gardner announced that most non-essential businesses may reopen to the general public beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 5. With the signing of [Executive Order 03-2020](#), Frederick County will implement Stage 2 of the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery plan. Some specific closures remain in place, as outlined in the Governor's Executive Order. As of 5 p.m. on June 5, the following will be authorized in Frederick County, with limitations:

- **Non-essential businesses** –Businesses may open at 50% capacity. Face coverings must be used by anyone who interacts with others, including customers, clients, and co-workers. Physical distancing of 6 feet between people is encouraged.
- **Personal services** – Operations may resume at 50% capacity, by appointment only. Additional cleaning and sanitation are required. Face coverings are required for anyone over the age of 2.

Frederick County Government will continue to provide essential services in modified manners. County buildings will not re-open to the public at this time.

“We are not out of the woods yet,” Executive Gardner said. “By wearing masks and physically distancing ourselves, we are protecting our community. Public health remains our shared goal.”

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