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Frederick County Sees Jump in New Cases of COVID-19 *County to Take a Pause in Expanding Openings*

FREDERICK, Md. – The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Frederick County rose substantially over the weekend, reaching daily levels not seen for several months. As a result, County Executive Jan Gardner today announced that the County will take a pause from new expanded openings. The capacity increase for indoor dining at food service establishments in Frederick County will not take effect immediately.

“Given how our health metrics have suddenly changed, taking a pause is the right approach,” Executive Gardner said Monday. “We want our economy to reopen fully, and that requires everyone doing their part by wearing face coverings and staying physically distant.”

There have been 3,935 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Frederick County. On Saturday, 45 new cases were confirmed, the largest single-day increase in a month. The County’s seven-day rolling average of new cases stood at 9.85 on Sunday, which puts Frederick County higher than some larger jurisdictions, including Howard and Montgomery Counties..

As a reminder, under Governor Larry Hogan’s Executive Order, face coverings are required outside when physical distancing cannot be maintained, and inside the following:

- Fitness centers and gyms
- Dance studios
- Martial arts centers
- Barbershops and beauty salons
- Personal services
- Farm auctions
- Retail establishments; and
- Restaurants when food and drink are not being consumed.

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